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Bynette Mote, City of Big Bear Lake
Alton Wang, West San Gabriel Valley
Michael Perry, Big Bear Lake
Alan Flora, City of Clear Lake, Yolo Lake
Jan O'Brien, CD North Coast
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Ralph Burnette,
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Lori Pesante, Central Valley
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Betty Wilson, The Business Council
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Monday, November 17, 2021 3:00 p.m.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome, California. It is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 17th, 2021. And I call this California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Public Map Input Session to order. I hope everyone is well and excited about redistricting and our path towards final maps.

My name is Derek Taylor, and I am the rotating chair for this cycle of meetings, and along with Vice Chair, Pedro Toledo, we will be helping to facilitate today's sessions.

Today we are offering LanguageLines for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have the Spanish interpreters provide our language line number so the public can listen to today -- listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Commissioner. Thank you.

(In Spanish, not translated)

Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Gracias. Thank you very much.

Ravi, can we go to roll call, please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Toledo.
VICE CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.
Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner VAZQUEZ.
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.
Commissioner Sadhwani?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor.
CHAIR TAYLOR: I am present. Thank you very much.

MR. SINGH: Your welcome, Chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Here's a little bit of background about the Commission before we begin. 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 not affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

More information can be found at www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org.

Here's an overview of this group of meetings, or our overview for this week: Today's session, Wednesday, November 17th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., will focus our Congressional District feedback. Tomorrow, November 18th, Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be feedback related to the Assembly Districts. Friday, November 19th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we will
be taking feedback for the Senate Districts. Saturday, November 20th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we'll be accepting feedback for Board of Equalization districts during session one only; and any district feedback for sessions two and three.

On Monday, November 22nd from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. we'll be accepting feedback for any district. And again, on Tuesday, November 23rd, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. any district feedback is requested.

The Draft Map Input Sessions is an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the draft maps that were released on November 10th, 2021.

Participating in these meetings from November 17th to 23rd is not the only way to submit input on the draft maps to the Commission. Please use our Draft Map Feedback form, which provides real-time input to the Commission.

The link is available on the live stream landing page and on our website, www.WeDrawTheLinesca.org. Also, the statewide database has created DrawMyCaDistricts, an online tool for creating district maps, and DrawMyCa, a free-to-use plug in for the open-source GIS platform, the QGIS where you can submit maps to the Commission. You can see more information at DrawMyCalifornia.org.

Now, a few housekeeping rules: The Commission will
be enforcing a two-and-a-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 for so that the mappers can bring up
the map.

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

It is my hope that during these meetings that we are
thoughtful, considerate, and consider all of California
in our deliberations. Session one of today's meeting
will last until approximately 4:30, at which time we will
take a fifteen-minute break. Upon our return, we will
have a thirty-minute dinner break at 6:45 before
returning to complete our evening in taking public
comments.

With that, I pass it over to Katy to go over
directions, and read instructions to start the
appointment session.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
Welcome to the Draft Map, Public Input Meeting,
Session 1. If you have not done so already and your
unique ID number ends in 001 through 037, please use the raise your 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 be promoting you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video, you will be -- which will be located in the lower-left corner of your screen once you are promoted.

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 active timer on the screen for your convenience. When your start time -- when you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you will be providing input on.

And please one more time, use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen if your unique ID number ends in 001 through 037, for session 1.

Up first we will have unique ID number 011. And up next after that will be unique ID number 005.

011, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 011, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you will please let the mappers know what region you will be speaking about. The floor is yours.
MR. ROTHSTEIN: Thank you very much. This comment regards the Yolo Lake Congressional District draft. I'm Matthew Rothstein, deputy county administrative officer and public information officer for the County of Lake.

On behalf of Lake County, thank you, Commissioners, for including our county as a whole in the Yolo Lake draft Congressional District, along with Napa and portions of Sonoma County.

As you have recognized with this draft, all of Lake County shares common interests with our wine county neighbors to the South, and whether it's partnering to advocate for agricultural or agritourism-focused business interests, we're fighting to ensure the costs of global climate change are not disproportionately borne by those already struggling from its immediate effects.

Lake County's federal priorities are frequently most effectively articulated as one voice with Napa and Sonoma Counties. We want to celebrate your Commission for hearing Lake County's leaders and for honoring our concerns with your most recent maps. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have unique ID 005. And up next after that will be 001.

Unique ID 005, I will be promoting you now. Unique
ID 005, 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 region and district plan you will be referencing. The floor is yours.


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

MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Ann O'Connor, and I'm with POSO, part of Sherman Oaks, and we were renamed in -- to Sherman Oaks in 2009.

The Commission's draft maps do not have the correct Northern POSO boundaries. The Northern boundary of POSO is straight along Oxnard Street from the 405 Freeway to Hazeltine. This is the boundary used for our current L.A. City Council District 4, and proposed by the 2021 L.A. City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.

The draft Senate District Northern Coastal boundary may be Oxnard, but we are not sure. The draft Congressional and Assembly District Northern Coastal boundaries are South of Oxnard and have a strange cutout instead of a straight boundary that cuts out 200 homeowners and renters.

We feel all three maps should look alike and the same straight line, Northern coastal boundary along Oxnard Street, yet all three are different. Our Western
boundary is the 405 Freeway and should have no cutouts of businesses along the Sepulveda Boulevard. The businesses also want to be represented by Sherman Oaks office holders.

At your meeting last week, I heard Jamie or Kennedy say there was a debate about the POSO borders. And so I would like to answer any of those questions, if I can now.

CHAIR TAYLOR: The Commission is not taking -- we're not answering any questions. But however, we will take your input.

MS. O'CONNOR: Oh. Okay. So that really completes my remarks. I did have a reservation for tomorrow also to speak on the Assembly and the State map -- Senate map on Friday.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We welcome your -- your comments.

MS. O'CONNOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique 001, and up next after that will be 023. 001, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 001, 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 region and district plan you would be referencing. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners. I am calling today about Congressional District draft map STH 60, and this is in the East San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County. I'm calling today to testify about the growing Asian-American and Pacific Islander community that's identifiable in the East San Gabriel Valley area by many retail plazas with AAPI businesses, churches, temples, and language schools.

In the East San Gabriel Valley the communities of Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar are currently in a district with thirty-three percent AAPI population. In the draft maps they would be put into a district with the Gateway cities and this would reduce the AAPI population down to twenty-one percent, diluting AAPI representation.

These communities need to remain in a district with neighborhoods that reflect similar economic conditions that may cross county lines into North Orange County, West of the 57 Freeway. I'll say that again, specifically crossing county lines into North Orange County to the West of the 57 Freeway, to respect the AAPI populations, and potentially into San Bernardino for population size.

Thank you for the opportunity today to testify, and for all your good work.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have unique ID 023. And up next after that will be 028.

023, I will be promoting you now. And unique ID 023, 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 region and district plan you will be speaking about today. The floor is yours.

MS. MOTE: Thank you very much. I will be speaking towards mapping High Desert SB. Thank you.

Honorable Commissioners, thank you very much for taking public comment, and for all the work you've done so far. My name is Bynette Mote. I'm a City Council Member for the City of Big Bear Lake. In my elected role, I also serve on the Transportation, Communication and Public Works Committee for Cassidy's Desert Mountain Division, the Big Bear Fire Authority, and more. I mentioned this for two reasons.

First, our mountain and desert communities work very well with each other, and with San Bernardino County to address the transit needs of our residents across these very unique rural areas since they all have similar challenges. For this reason, I very much support the draft map Congressional High Desert SB, because it keeps the rural mountain and desert community of our county
together to better advocate for transportation needs.

Additionally, as the director of the Big Bear Fire Authority, I help oversee the fire protection services for all the communities in the Big Bear Valley. Our agency works closely with the National Forest Service, San Bernardino County Fire and Cal Fire to respond to major wildfire incidents.

Our firefighters have an MOU which allows us to aid in fires outside our jurisdiction, and often you'll see our men and women working hand-in-hand with firefighters across national forest to protect rural communities, like Yucaipa, Highland, Lake Arrowhead, and more.

It's vital to keep our community -- it's vital to our community that we have good partnerships with these agencies, which is why I, again, support this draft map, High Desert SB, to keep the rural, mountain, and desert communities tied together to act as one in these vital public safety matters.

I appreciate you continuing to give us a voice as you move forward in the process. I'll be participating in the Assembly map comments as well. The City of Big Bear Lake is also currently undergoing the redistricting process. And I appreciate your time, the dedication, and just for stepping up to serve. Have a great day.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. You as well.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
unique ID 028. And up next after that will be 021.

Unique ID 028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you
can now enable your audio and video. If you'll please
remind the mapper what region and district plan you'll be
referencing. The floor is yours.

MR. WANG: Thank you. I'll be discussing CD210 in
the L.A. County region. Thank you.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for all
the work that you have done so far. My name is Alton
Wang, and I'm a resident of the West San Gabriel Valley
in L.A. County. The existing West San Gabriel Valley 210
Corridor in this region unites the San Gabriel National
Monument with the very communities that help establish
it, and indeed the communities that use it the most.

Recent studies by the National Park Service suggest
that roughly half of the visitors at the San Gabriel
National Monument are Asian-American. This current map
divides the historic West San Gabriel Valley Corridor
from the 210 District that is anchored by Pasadena. And
it is that district that ultimately elects the Federal
Steward of the West San Gabriel National Monument, which
separates the forest from the communities of color that
use it the most in this current draft map, a
disconnection that these communities have long fought to
Additionally, by dividing the West San Gabriel Valley in this fashion, you are breaking up one of the largest Asian-American communities in the country, the fourth such largest in the Continental United States. By breaking up the Asian-American community in the West San Gabriel Valley, you're depriving our communities of being able to elect candidates of choice. And as Asian-American communities remain underrepresented throughout elected government, we cannot move backwards in this fashion.

Keeping Asian-American communities in the West San Gabriel Valley together has not only delivered us the San Gabriel National Monument, but also has brought federal momentum on addressing the rise in hate violence against our communities, and addressing the immense visa backlog that disproportionately impacts Asian immigrant communities, especially in these communities.

We hope that you'll include the entirety of the existing Assembly District 49 to be included in the Congressional district with Pasadena and the West San Gabriel National Monument, much like the way it is today, which includes the heavily Asian-American populated Cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Arcadia, and Temple City unified with the West San
Gabriel National Monument.

Thank you so much for your time today.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now -- right
now we will have Unique ID 021. And up next after that
will be 016.

021, I will be promoting you now. 021, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what
district plan and region you'll be speaking about. The
floor is yours.

MR. PERRY: Thank you. Michael Perry here from Big
Bear Lake, Congressional District, High Desert S Sam B as
in boy. Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for your
dedication and time. I know this is an incredible effort
for you.

I'm a thirty-eight year resident of Big Bear, I work
for our Visitors Bureau, and I wanted to comment on
Congressional map High Desert SB. Our community is
extremely rural and working class, and we really thank
you for listening to us, and keeping us connected to our
brother rural communities in the desert, in the High
Desert and San Bernardino County here.

Being also in the National Forest, we are greatly
affected by the Federal Government policies, and we need
a representative that will advocate for us, just like our
desert brothers, our desert communities in San Diego
County, in the High Desert that is surrounded by
government land, a lot of BLM land out there, and they
also need a strong voice in Washington to fight for their
needs, just like ours up in the forest.

Our communities also, both in the Desert and in Big
Bear deal with a lot of rural, transit, and
infrastructure issues, and the High Desert SB District
gives us a strong voice to advocate for these issues,
both in Washington, and then the Assembly map, VVHD (ph.)
also helps us, you know, in Sacramento.

So please keep us included with the High Desert, as
you have, and as is recommended. And thank you for
listening to us, and letting -- letting our voices be
heard. Have a great day.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. You as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 016. And up next after that will be 003.

016, I will be promoting you now. 016, 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'll be speaking about.
The floor is yours.

MR. FLORA: Good afternoon, this is in reference to
the Yolo Lake District. So good afternoon, Chair Taylor
and Commissioners. I'm Alan Flora. I'm city manager for
the City of Clear Lake in Lake County.

The City Council has submitted a comment at various
stages through this process. We have had concerns about
each version of the visualization maps that have been
shared. But the draft maps which are in place now before
you we believe place Clear Lake and Lake County right
where we belong, not only in the Congressional District,
but also the Assembly and Senate Districts.

Lake County has been split over the last ten years,
Congressionally, and we believe our representation has
suffered as a result of that. So I just want to say
thank you for listening to our concerns, and the
community's concerns. We fully support the draft maps
that are in place now, and Lake County's placement in
them. We request you adopt them with no further changes
for Lake County.

So with that, thank you for your work on this
difficult but very important task.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we'll have 003.
And up next after that will be 018.

003, I will be promoting you now. 003, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. And the floor is yours.

MS. O'BRIEN: Good afternoon. My name is Jan
O'Brien, and I'm responding to the CD North Coast draft.
I'm an architect, and the mother of two children that we
raised in Marin, attending public schools. My husband
and I have lived here for over twenty-five years. I'm
also an active Methodist and serve as trustee in the Mill
Valley Church. My husband and I purchased a beautiful
rural property in Sonoma County fifteen years ago for our
retirement.

We built our dream house there three years ago, but
nearly lost it in the Painted Cave Fire. That fire raced
from the Russian River through our Oakwood winds with
over 70-mile-per-hour winds torching everything in its
path. Fortunately, the firefighters who drove up
declared our house defensible and saved it.

We are forever grateful for their efforts on our
behalf. We also credit its defense to the fact our house
was built to current fire codes, and that the evacuation
was very well handled.

Good government provides this leadership in high
risk areas. I think that governments that face these
dangers together can coordinate their efforts and be most
effective. Back in Marin, it's clear to me that aspects
of the North coast that we love, such as plentiful open
space, and dramatic mountain terrain, are part of the ever-growing fire mitigation challenge.

   We need Marin to learn from Sonoma, and vice versa. I also know that having Highway 101 and the SMART Train improved to serve for evacuations is vital since fire can start anywhere. In your work to configure communities of interest within electoral districts, I would like to ask for my family and the thousands of people harmed by wildfire -- wildfire that you keep high-risk areas together.

   I thank you for grounding your work and listening to community. The draft maps are excellent. As you approach drawing final maps, I urge you to double down on your solutions-oriented approach.

   One area that could need attention is Santa Rosa, which may need to be split for population purposes, in order to keep the highest fire-risk area together, please consider splitting Santa Rosa along the Northern and Eastern portions of the city, which have been repeatedly devastated by wildfire in the past few years.

   These Northeast portions along and above Highway 12 will be best represented in the North Coast District. This is because our neighbors to the North share our great wildfire risk. Lake and Mendocino Counties are actively working with Sonoma County on innovative
mitigations and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. O'BRIEN: -- receiving grants to do so. Thank you so much for your work. Thank you especially for ensuring effective representation by keeping these coastal communities that are so deeply impacted by fire together. Thanks.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have 018. And up next after will be 017.

018, I will be promoting you now; 018, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what district plan and region you'll be speaking about. The floor is yours.

MR. NORTON: Good evening, Commissioners. I would like to speak about the Cupertino of Central Santa Clara, San Benito District. My name is -- my name is Wayne Norton. Thanks for bringing that up. My name is Wayne Norton, and I live in San Benito County.

And first of all, I want to thank you, the Commissioners, for all the work that you've done. I know this has been a difficult task and -- and hard work. And -- and I truly appreciate your -- your work.

My particular concern is the Southern portion of
that district, of the Cupertino District, because it --
it actually -- it separates a very important community of
interest. You know, the San Benito County and the
Salinas Valley are actually more -- are considered to be
part of the Monterey Bay area. That's where we get all
of our regional planning, the water, the traffic, all
the -- the housing considerations. It all comes from the
Monterey and not from Santa Clara County.

And I'm particularly concerned about how this
district has the potential to split Latino votes,
especially when you go South in that district down
towards King City, and it splits the -- it splits our
district away from Salinas. And Salinas is one of the
largest agricultural markets in the -- in the world, and
this area South of the Santa Clara County line is very
much -- the district is called Cupertino.

I know the mappers are having a little -- a
difficult time finding it. But ironically, because
Cupertino is not in that district, I don't believe. But
I mean, it splits our very agricultural-based communities
away from the major market. And in our part of the
world, Salinas is more than just an AG center, it's also
the place of a lot of cultural interest, religious
interest, there's a lot of communities of interest
that -- that revolve around there.
And so Salinas, and the Salinas Valley, and San Benito County ought to be connected no matter how you draw that district they ought to be connected.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. NORTON: And one point I want to make is, there is no media outlet, print or -- or on the air that covers San Benito County or Salinas -- in Santa Clara County that covers us as their main area. All of our news coverage, all the information --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. NORTON: -- we get, comes from -- from Salinas print and electronic media. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 017. And up next after that will be 008.

017, I will be promoting you now. 017, it appears that there may be a slight connectivity with promoting you to the audio and video option. I will be attempting the audio-only option at this time with the -- allowed to talk, please unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name's Alyssa (ph.), I will be speaking toward the Fresno/Tulare Congressional District. I am calling to make a comment on communities of interest as a resident of rural Kings
County I feel the City of Fresno does not belong with the current draft for a Fresno/Tulare Congressional District, because its urban population doesn't reflect the overarching communities of interest within this district. I believe the City of Fresno would be better incorporated by a neighboring district such as the STANFRESNO draft district, which shared communities as locally represented by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and Fresno City Council. The Fresno/Tulare Congressional should, instead, include a larger portion of Kings County, which would preserve the rural roots of the district's communities of interest. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 008. And up next after that will be 033.

008, if you will please -- or no -- I will -- I will be promoting you now; and 008, similar to our previous caller, there appears to be a slight connectivity issue with promoting you to the audio and video option. I will be doing the audio-only option at this time, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen.

008, you should be able to unmute at this time. And one more time, unique ID 008 there should be a big prompt in the middle of your screen that says, please unmute at this time. I do apologize for the issues, 008. I will
come back to you. You can also leave and rejoin, that
may help with the connectivity. And reraise your hand.
At this time I'll be going to 033. And up next
after that will be 024.
033, I will be promoting you now. 033, 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 will be speaking
about. The floor is yours.

MR. PAINTER: Good afternoon, Chair and
Commissioners. I'm going to be talking about CD
Sacramento -- Sacramento CD map. My name is Noah Painter
and I am a resident of the City of Sacramento, and a
member of the Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association.
It's a neighborhood organization in the Southwest area of
the City of Sacramento.

I'd like to thank the Commissioners for your
recognition that the City of Sacramento should be kept
together before you made and issued the latest draft
maps. But I do express some deep disappointment that the
draft Congressional map, as presented, cuts Sacramento
right down the middle of Downtown and Midtown Sacramento.
The City of Sacramento shares common cultural and
economic interests, values, and priorities. These draft
maps split Sacramento's LG -- LGBTQ and African-American
communities, which should be kept together. From Natomas, which is at the Northern boundary of the City of Sacramento to East Sacramento along the American River, to the Pocket area where I live, our neighborhoods share much in common.

We're located along two great rivers. And many of us have spent a better part of our last two decades pushing for federal funding to protect our communities levees. It's critical that our communities not be split as currently designed, because this will dilute the collective voice and reduce our ability to advocate when -- when trying to mitigate the impact of flood risk in the City of Sacramento.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise the draft map, to make adjustments to CD Sacramento to include all of Downtown and Midtown, and keep Sacramento whole. This can be accomplished by moving the Northern portion of downtown and midtown Sacramento up to the American River in the CD Sacramento map. Thank you for taking my comment.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 024. And up next after that will be 026.

024, I will be promoting you now. 024, 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 will be speaking about. The floor is yours.

MR. BURNETTE: Good afternoon. I'll be speaking to the Kings, Tulare, Kern VRA district, and the Fresno/Kern District, and specifically, if you could zoom in on the Stockdale Highway region of Bakersfield, that would be helpful.

I'm asking that the Commission please take Stockdale Estates, Stockdale Country Club, Sunningdale Country Club, and Seven Oaks Country Club out of the Kings/Tulare VRA District. These are predominantly White, affluent communities that do not have any connection to the rural Latino communities of Delano, Wasco, or Arvin, or Kings County.

Most of these areas are well over sixty percent White CVAP, and many of them are more than seventy-five percent White CVAP. Given the current population makeup and the rapid ongoing development of these areas, keeping them in the Kings, Tulare, VRA District will virtually guarantee that Latino voters will not be able to elect the candidate of their choice for more than one or two election cycles.

The Commission has already recognized that Stockdale States did not belong in the Kings/Tulare VRA district
and removed it from the corresponding Assembly district last week, and I'm asking that you make the same changes to the Congressional maps.

In addition, last week, Commissioner Fornaciari pointed out that the current Congressional Districts in Bakersfield are separated by Highway 99 to the East, and Taft Highway to the South; the Gingles VRA maps that were provided by Mr. Becker showed the same boundaries, and those submissions matched the Dolores Huerta Foundation's recommendations. Those boundaries do make sense for this community. They protect the voting power of these Bakersfield, Delano, Wasco, and Arvin Latino communities.

The ripple effects of this change will be limited because the Commission can simply take the City of Visalia and put it in the Kings/Tulare VRA district. There is a higher Latino CVAP in that area, and they would be removing a lot of White -- White CVAP as a result.

Additionally, I'd like to point out to the Commission that the existing Congressional District that covers West Bakersfield and East Kern currently covers part of Lancaster. If the Commission opts to decouple Fresno and Bakersfield in these maps, expanding the districts that we're --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. BURNETTE: -- into Lancaster makes a lot of sense because we are connected through Edwards Air Force Base and China Lake Naval Weapons Lab, that connection between West-Southwest, Bakersfield, East Kern, and Lancaster had existed in these Congressional Districts for at least the last twenty years, I believe, and it's worked out quite well. So something to consider. I really appreciate you taking the time. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have a unique ID 026. And up next after that will be 002.

026, I will be promoting you now. 026, 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 region and district plan you'll be referencing. The floor is yours.

MR. BERNSTEIN: Thanks very much. I will be referencing the North Coast District. My name is Richard Bernstein, and I've lived in Marin County, North of San Francisco for the past forty-five years.

I have a long history of volunteer involvement directed towards kids and community. I've managed three overnight camps for children with disabilities, was a court-appointed special advocate working with foster
children for fourteen years. And I'm currently the vice
chair of the Board for the Federation of San Rafael
Neighborhoods in Marin.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for
listening to the communities of interest in the North Bay
and our -- and our North Coast neighbors. I truly want
to commend you, as a group, for your ability to balance
the competing interests that are -- that are appealing to
you. This is no easy feat.

Your thoughtfulness, attention to detail, and
service to all Californians is appreciated. Your maps
reflect the needs of a wide array of individuals and
communities. You have managed to keep the North Coast
whole while also respecting the request from tribal
communities in the farther North to ensure that their
lands were not divided.

Your maps also reflect how we in the North Bay
recognize and value our natural separations. For
example, the integrity of our coast, though the Highway
101 and smart train, and Freeway Transportation
Corridors, and recognizing the Golden Gate Bridge as our
logical Southern boundary.

Keeping Marin County whole and extending into
Southern Sonoma County just makes good sense. Thank you
so much for recognizing that. I appreciate your effort.
And I appreciate the opportunity to offer these comments. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will have 002. And up next after that will be 029.

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'll please remind the mapper of what region and district plan you'll be referencing. The floor is yours.

MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon. My name is Belia Ramos, and I am referring to CD Yolo Lake District. I'm a supervisor for the County of Napa, which includes the City of American Canyon. I'm incredibly grateful of the Commission's efforts in redrawing districts with communities of interest at the forefront of all decision making process.

The Yolo Lake District map is mindful of the importance of keeping Napa County whole, and likewise our neighbor Lake County whole. I thank you for recognizing the importance of having an agriculturally based wine growing region represented at the Congressional level. These values are shared with our neighbor wine growing regions of Sonoma and Lake Counties.

I also want to thank you, as the prior caller
stated, for listening to us by placing Marin and Napa counties in separate Congressional Districts, the agricultural regions are different from coastal regions. And I thank you for that recognition.

Last week during a visualizations public hearing, the Commission discussed moving -- potentially moving the City of American Canyon into the North Coast District draft. As the second largest city in Napa County, American Canyon's population of 21,800, its industries, and geographical placement are an integral part of Napa County's agricultural, and agritourism industry.

The County of Napa and its respective jurisdictions work collaboratively to advocate for the unique standing of our county as the preeminent wine region in California and the United States. Since 2017, fifty percent of Napa County has burned and we have been the unfortunate recipient of seven federally declared disasters during that time.

We have learned through these disasters that we are better together. Our resiliency and our advocacy is effective at the state and federal level because we, the county and its jurisdiction, speak with one voice. Our county being wholly contained within one Congressional District is vital to our weathering the storms of the past, and what is coming our way.
Thank you in advance for not using American Canyon as a way to make other districts work, the Southern portion of Napa County the City --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RAMOS: -- of American Canyon is worthy of remaining within our greater community of interest, in keeping Napa County whole in the CD Yolo Lake District. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now you'll have 029. And up next after that will be 022. I would like to invite those that have a unique idea between 001 and 037, to please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen, as you have an appointment during this session. That is 001 through 037 -- oops, I apologize, through 038. Right now we will have 029. And up next will be 022.

029, I will be promoting you now. 029, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'll be speaking about. The floor is yours.

MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. The San Fernando Valley -- close enough. Thank you. Stuart Waldman from VICA. I want to thank you so much for all you've done. And as
I've said before, if these are the maps, we're happy. We
would accept these. You've done a great job. You've
listened. It's been tremendous.

However, things are going to change, minds are going
to shift, and things may happen. So there is a small
suggestion that we'd like to make that would make some
changes. I know that Santa Monica somehow ended up in a
San Fernando Valley District, they don't want to be with
us, we don't really want to be with them. But if we have
to, we'll take it.

So one of the solutions that we came up with is a
four-district swap, we wanted to make it easy, and we'll
send this information, that will connect Santa Monica
with the coast to the South in the appropriately named
Shoreline District. The SFDC would give its part of
Northridge to the Malibu SFDC, and would gain to Tujunga
from Glendale to VA (ph.) Glendale to VA would give
Studio City, Toluka Lake, North Hollywood to the Malibu
SFDC, and would gain the previously divided West
Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Westwood, West Side
Neighborhood Council from the Shoreline seat.

The Shoreline seat would gain Santa Monica, and
Southern Brentwood, and Palisades from Malibu SFB. This
benefit, it would have more than ninety-two percent of
the Malibu SFBC population would be North of Mulholland
Drive, which us, and quite a few people have said we're hoping for, it would protect valley communities, Northridge would be unified in one district. Tujunga would no longer be with West Hollywood, would rather be in a valley seat, along with Rural Valley neighborhoods --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WALDMAN: -- Studio City would be in a pure in a pure valley seat. And then another benefit is West Hollywood would be unified and connected with neighboring West Side communities, like Beverly Hills, and the other West Side areas, which are all part of the --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. WALDMAN: -- West Side Council of Governments. So I know that was a little confusing. I'll submit it with the shape file. And as I said before, thank you, and we're happy with what you've done so far.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we will have 022. And up next after that will be 012.

022, I will be promoting you now. 022, 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'll be speaking about. The floor is yours.
MS. PESANTE: Good afternoon. I would like to look at the Congressional Districts in the Central Valley, specifically Kern -- Kings, Tulare, Kern and Fresno.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

MS. PESANTE: My name is Lori Pesante. And I have been directing the redistricting efforts at all levels of government for the Dolores Huerta Foundation. We have consolidated a Central Valley Equitable Maps Coalition consisting of individuals and organizations that are extremely interested in ensuring that Voting Rights Act communities are prioritized in this process.

It has been very difficult for underserved VRA populations in our valley to participate at the state level. We have submitted proposed maps for Kern, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare counties prioritizing these VRA communities. And as Central Valley residents we know that CVAP and other metrics have to be very high for VRA districts to actually be effective. It's not packing.

There's very little White-crossover voting. And indeed there have been Proud Boys at every one of the redistricting hearings I've been participating in at the local level. And there simply isn't enough coalition voting to justify lowering the thresholds.

Please use our Central Valley Equitable Maps Coalition submissions as examples of what these
thresholds should look like in the Central Valley. We believe that since we are looking at the Latino population, in particular, in most cases, that the population should be at least sixty-five percent, CVAP at least fifty-five percent, voting registration at least hitting the fifty percent mark.

Therefore, Central Valley Latino effectiveness metrics must be very high to not be perpetually outvoted by Non-Voting Rights Act communities. Your current draft maps at all levels do not meet these effectiveness metrics, and we fear that you are creating districts that will completely disenfranchise our Latino populations and other communities of color for the next ten years.

Please note that the following, in particular under Congressional maps, should not be in a VRA district. Here, in the City of Bakersfield, the following census tracts should not be in a VRA district: 32.21, 32.12, 28.11, 28.22, 28.23, 28.18 --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. PESANTE: -- 28.07, and 28.04. These are in the Bakersfield area, and should in no way, shape or form be included in a VRA district. Making this adjustment at all levels will be tremendously --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. PESANTE: -- beneficial for your effectiveness
thresholds. Thank you very much for the opportunity, and
for listening to Central Valley residents.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now you will
012. And up next after that will be 004.

012, I will be promoting you now. 012, 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'll be discussing. The
floor is yours.

MS. LUBIN: I will be addressing concerns in the
25th District map.

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

MS. LUBIN: Thank you. Good afternoon,
Commissioners. My name is Kathleen Lubin. And it's
great to speak with you today and address some concerns
over the 25th District Map, primarily because Simi Valley
is leaving us in exchange for the San Fernando Valley,
which is part of the City of Los Angeles.

I've lived in Santa Clarita for a long time, and I
can tell you that the San Fernando Valley is very, very
different than Santa Clarita, and does not share the same
issues that we face. Both Simi Valley and Santa Clarita
are very prone to wildfires, and every summer and fall we
have to worry about the dangers that these catastrophic
wildfires do to our communities.

   Personally, in 2000 -- in 2019, theTick Fire burned right through our neighborhood and it was terrifying.
Moreover, the City of Los Angeles, which is part -- which the San Fernando Valley is part of, uses the Department of Water and Power while we run on Southern California Edison. A totally different utility company that our representatives should be fighting to regulate to prevent any kind of public safety power shutoff like the one Santa Clarita and Simi Valley have to endure.

   They can't get entangled with a totally different department, like that of the water and power, while shaping public policy that helps our community, and the San Fernando Valley doesn't have to endure.

   So I urge you, Commissioners, please, keep the San Fernando Valley with its respective districts, and Santa Clarita and Simi Valley together when making the next map. Thank you for listening. Have a good day.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have 004. And up next after that will be 025.

004, I will be promoting you now. 004, 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 will be addressing.
The floor is yours.

MR. ANDALON: Hi. Yes, I will be using the audio option only. Then I will be addressing CDNELA (sic), or N-E-L-A.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

MR. ANDALON: Good evening, everyone. My name is Daniel Andalon. I am cofounder and president of Neighborhoods Rise Coalition. We're a coalition that came together during the pandemic to work hand-in-hand, to engage hearts to reach communities about COVID-19 vaccines and mutual aid opportunities. We have grown to expand our engagement to other community issues currently redistricting.

We have followed, commented, and submitted feedback to the Commission, the Commission's visualizations, and we are happy to say that CDNELA (sic) is very, very to what we have been advocating for. We believe that although there have been changes in demographics in the Northern portion of this geographic area, communities like Eagle Rock that's part of the City of Los Angeles must remain with this district when final lines are drawn, as it offers a balance of diversity to the greater East side, not to mention the historical connections.

Further, Eagle Rock shares municipal services, utilities, school districts, as well as municipal, and
even natural boundaries with its Los Angeles neighborhoods. Let's make our district whole.

Finally, we ask that you use similar logic and philosophy to keep these communities together for the state boundaries as you move ahead. Thank you again for your work, and look forward to speaking with you again soon.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 025. And up next after that will be 031.

025, I will be promoting you now. 025, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you please remind the mapper which district plan and region you'll be addressing. The floor is yours.

MR. TRAN: I will be addressing the San Diego region. So hi Commissioners. My name is Jean-Huy Tran, and I am the president of the nonprofit, Home Viet Vote, we focusing on voting education for the AAPI community and now specifically the Vietnamese community here in San Diego.

I am involved in a lot of redistricting organizing in the San Diego County, and the CD Commission processes that are going on right now. And I want to share my thoughts about how that work can assist in what you're
doing at the State and Congressional levels.
The AAPI community had come together to advocate for
community of interest within San Diego that was -- that
should be reflected in all the maps at every level of the
government. This community of interest includes Mira
Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, University City,
and the UCSB Campus, Linda Vista, and the Convoy Business
District.

Mira Mesa had been a long time Filipino's community,
as well as a Vietnamese community there. Rancho
Penasquitos and Carmel Valley have been around a long
time, they have grown very fast since the 56th Freeway
was completed. The Northern part of the University City
is called, UTC, and has been basically an extension of
the UCSB Campus.

So please don't try to divide this community with
the 5 Freeway, the way some of the City Commissioner
have. We have a lot of students who have been mobilizing
around this area that I would really appreciate it, if
you can listen to their advocacy at that point.

Also when it basically because it's come to the
situation of student housing at UCSB, many of the
students actually live in Mira Mesa because it's more
affordable, and La Jolla is not affordable for the
student. And the Convoy Business District right off the
Freeway 52, between the 163 and the 805 at the center of the AAPI --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. TRAN: -- group and (audio interference). Every one (audio interference) communities collaborates and map, and we organized for at the city level, and the draft map --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. TRAN: -- (indiscernible) our community has adopted where we in the San Diego County we deserve respect. Please keep it together for the Congress, Assembly, and Senate. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 031. And up next after that will be 030.

031, I will be promoting you now. 031, 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'll be addressing. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a resident of Yorba Linda, and I wanted to comment on the lines of North Orange County district. I notice that the recent draft maps have split North Orange County into three different Congressional Districts, but if you live in Yorba Linda,
Brea, Anaheim Hills, you will know how similar these cities are.

If the goal is to keep the similar communities together, then any map should have these cities in one Congressional district, we deserve one representative that can fight for improved highways, affordable housing, and our economic priorities. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you'll have 030. And up next after that will be 009.

030, I will be promoting you now. 030, 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 today.

The floor is yours.

030, it would appear that you are either still on mute on your phone, or your speaker -- your microphone is -- is not selected correctly. We are not hearing you. But you are unmuted in the meeting. It would be a microphone selection on your device, in your audio settings, the little caret next to the microphone.

We see you connecting the audio. Are you talking?

030, I do apologize for the audio issues. It appears that your microphone is not coming through in the meeting. I would suggest calling -- oh, wait. There you
are. We'll try one more time. I would suggest calling in. We do have your phone number and we will be able to identify you. We are not hearing you here. It appears there's some connectivity issues as well.

All right; one moment, one moment, all right. Right now we have 009. And up next after that it will be 019. 009, I will be promoting you now. 009, 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 today. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you very much. I am joining you today to address San Benito County -- San Benito County and the Monterey County region. And specifically, it's titled VCD Cupertino, and VCD Midcoast.

Thanks so much. I know that this must be very difficult work. So thank you for this. I've been tuning in and it's both fascinating and exhausting. I have been a lifelong resident of San Benito County. I care deeply about our community, which is why I sought this appointment. I also serve on the California Coastal Commission.

My family immigrated to San Benito County from Mexico in search of a better life in the 1960s. They
joined tens of thousands of other Latinos, similar to them, who moved to this area in search of opportunity for themselves and for their children. It's an incredible region.

The communities in the San Benito and Monterey County region have opened the door to opportunity to hundreds of thousands of immigrants. We're all really proud to call this area home. Immigrants like my family that have really benefited from being represented by the same member of Congress. For decades our representatives have heard our unified voice, and have acted in the best interests of our region, where our rural towns and cities have so much in common.

Not only do we share one of the largest populations of farm workers in the United States, but we also share so much more. Our rural communities are linked by critical rail, by roads, by waterways. We have joint government authority that oversees our transportation infrastructure. We have so many -- so many interests, I can spend the entire day telling you why it makes sense for these communities to be joined together.

The current district lines do not take into consideration the fact that these communities are communities of interest and share so much in common. You dilute our voice by splitting San Benito County away from
Salinas and into a district with San Jose.

San Diego County should not be nested with Silicon Valley and the City of San Jose. While we love our neighbors -- neighbors to the North, we believe we share more in common with our own agricultural region. That's the Salinas Valley. So I ask you to consider --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- unifying Salinas and the San Benito County, which is Hollister and San Juan Bautista, with their natural neighbors just a few miles away from them. The Salinas -- the City of Salinas and the Salinas Valley, in a previous visualization --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that you published on November 2nd did just that. So I ask you to go back to that. It just makes sense to unite those two communities. It's what I know many people in our communities are talking to you about today. It's really meaningful to us. So thank you very much for your service, and for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And you described the process on the notes. Thanks again.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 019. And up next, after that will be 035.

019, I'll be promoting you now. 019, 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'll be addressing. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, yes. Good afternoon, Commissioners. I hope you're all having a beautiful day. I'm calling from Santa Clarita, which is CA-25 District. And it's regarding the most recent map, adding the San Fernando Valley with our district and removing Simi Valley from it; not a good idea. Simi Valley has always been attached to our community due to the fact that we are both suburban cities outside of Los Angeles, and we want -- like outside of Los Angeles, and a lot of the workers working in the Antelope Valley's awesome aerospace industry. So I understand, some people think the San Fernando Valley wants to be in the district because sometimes people drive on the freeway there. But ultimately, the San Fernando Valley is so vast, and it's very unique since it is part of the City of Los Angeles. Adding them to the 25th District instead of Simi Valley does not allow for the San Fernando Valley to be properly represented, especially when the North part of the district, like Lancaster, is an hour away. Many more Simi Valley residents pass through Santa
Clarita and work in Santa Clarita or in the Antelope Valley than in San Fernando. So I'm really asking to keep Simi Valley with Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley in order to properly have the representatives who -- who'll fight for our issues, just like we want the San Fernando Valley, they deserve someone who will fight to represent them and their communities in Washington, D.C. Thank you all so much for your time. Really appreciate it.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have 035. And up next after that will be 036.

And caller with the last four 6271, which would be unique ID 030, if you will, please press star nine, this will raise your hand, and I will be coming to you shortly.

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

MR. GARCIA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Leon Garcia. I'm the Mayor of the City of American Canyon, located in South Napa County. I appreciate your
interest and discussion on keeping communities of
interest together.

We are an integral part and an essential part of the
wine industry. American Canon is the logistics center
for warehousing and distribution. Warehouses as large as
650,000 square feet, that's about eleven football fields
I'm told, are located in America Canyon to take advantage
of our proximity to major highways, and railroad access
to markets as far away as the East Coast.

With our neighboring Cities of Vallejo and Benicia,
Solano County, we share transportation infrastructure
needs for moving goods and workforce to essential and
local regional economic vitality. I'm requesting that
you keep us together in the same Congressional district
that includes these boundaries. This would best serve
the needs of our communities of interest, and with
respect to assuring economic vitality. I thank you for
your appreciation and consideration of this matter.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have
unique ID 036 (sic). And up next, after that will be
unique ID 030, as caller 6721, I believe. Right now we
will have -- I will promote 036. 038, 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 what region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Yes, I'm 038. And I'm from Mono County in the little Town of Bridgeport, which is the county seat, and I had spoken previously at the earlier time when you were doing the redistricting. And I really appreciate that you -- of all the work you've done. And also that you have taken us out of the High Desert region, which really doesn't have the same communities of interest as we do.

And I did want to note that the biggest division in our district should be the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the top of the mountains, and we are on the Eastern side. And everything of -- of concern in our community of interests is the wilderness, and the federal lands, and tourism, and small business, and better health care, and also the broadband.

And I notice everything is great, except you have dipped into Modesto, which is not contiguous at all to us in the winter, because all the passes are closed and so you can't get there. So we travel North as much as possible in the winter to get health care and other -- other services.

So I know that population numbers are important to you, so we would really appreciate if we would be
included North to Placerville -- Placer County, rather, a little bit to Roseville, or include us in Nevada County, because that continues to be on the Eastern side of the Sierra Nevada. And that's our main concern because we really do have the same communities of interest. But that's kind of what I'd like to say. And I really appreciate all the hard work. I can't imagine all the work you do. So thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be going to unique ID 030. And up next after that we will do 036; it looks like their hand actually got lowered right -- as they've been promoted before.

Unique ID 030, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star six.

MS. PRATT: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MS. PRATT: Hello, hello. Hello, can you hear me this time?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. PRATT: Great. Thank you. Sorry for the technical difficulties. I'm out in the field. My name is Beth Pratt, and I am the regional executive director for the National Wildlife Federation. And I am speaking today on behalf of the Ventura map.
We, as the National Wildlife Federation, work on a number of conservation issues for both wildlife and people nationwide with about six million supporters. My role is to manage California, but the biggest project we work on is within the Santa Monica Mountains to facilitate wildlife movements across landscapes, and putting in wildlife crossings, and improving connectivity.

The Santa Monica Mountains is one such area that we look at from a very regional perspective. And the City of Agoura Hills, which is under the proposed mapping, taken out of the Santa Monica Mountains ecologically would create a number of issues, especially for the various land management agencies here about this ecological connectivity.

Just a bit about the Santa Monica Mountains; it is a unique ecosystem, it is one of -- located in one of just two biodiversity worldwide hotspots within the United States. It's home to almost fifty mammal species, nearly 400 species of birds, 35 species of reptiles and amphibians, and over 1,000 plant species, and within those, more than 50 species are threatened and endangered. And that's among the highest concentrations of such in the country.

So managing this ecosystem and the totality, and
having it split among Congressional districts would be
tough from a conservation and biological perspective. So
we thank you for listening. We do have, again, species
who are threatened, like the mountain lion within this
region, and we really urge you to reconnect the City of
Agoura and others to the Santa Monica Mountains, which is
not being reflected in the Ventura County map.

Thank you for your time in allowing us to give
public comment.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 036. And up next after that will be 008.

036, I will be promoting you now. 036, 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. KURDIAN: Well, good morning, ladies and
gentlemen of the Commission. Thank you so much. My name
is Armen Kurdian. I'm a Navy veteran, a Vista resident
for over five years, and I'm calling regarding North San
Diego County map, SOCTACNSD (ph.), which encompasses the
North Saint -- North -- cities up here in the North
County.

I want to thank the Commission for listening to
public's input on this matter, and unifying the cities --
the Tri-City community of Oceanside, Vista, and Carlsbad
into one Congressional district in your draft map.

And my call today is to basically continue to
reinforce that -- that unification; because these are
draft maps and things can change. We three cities, we
share the same hospital district. They're all served by
the Tri-City health care district, which --which is in
Oceanside, the hospital. It provides essential medical
care, community emergency services for residents all over
the Tri-City area, including my home City of Vista which
we rely on when we all need the help.

Also, our local School District of Vista Unified,
ties North County communities, District 1 has Vista and
Oceanside, we're all kind of tied together. District 2
can cover Vista and San Marcos residents, and parts of
the San Marcos unified the School District include
Carlsbad neighborhoods.

And I can tell you, as a member of the Vista Chamber
of Commerce, the number of business owners who either
reside in San Marcos and have a business here in Vista,
or reside in Vista and have a business in San Marcos, or
Carlsbad are -- are quite numerous. We all share a lot
of common bonds, including a common transit corridor out
of 78, which cuts across -- cuts across all of our
cities.

So I want to thank you for keeping it all together, but by extension, I would like this same consideration to be given to, and I'll also try to call in again tomorrow or in the near future, regarding the draft Assembly maps, which have our cities divided; because our cities -- our four cities share much more in common than -- than, say, our North County cities do with, say, Laguna Niguel, or Vista does with the City of Bonsall, or the City of Carlsbad does with -- with Coronado.

So I would like to again, thank you for keeping the cities together. Please consider keeping our three cities or even four cities --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. KURDIAN: -- together in a -- in a single, unified district. Continue your good -- good work. And wish you all the best. Thanks for your time and consideration.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 008. And up next after that it'll be 032.

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floor is yours.

MS. BUBSER: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I would like to address CDECA (ph.) draft this afternoon.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

MS. BUBSER: Good afternoon. My name is Chris Bubser, and I'm a resident of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County in the Eastern Sierra. Citizens across the Sierra Nevada have attended multiple meetings and we gave oral and written comments about why we need a Sierra District.

Visualizations we saw throughout the process seemed to be heading in the right direction. So when the draft maps were released we were shocked when we learned that a few Commissioners redrew the maps with significant impacts on our area. On the day the draft maps were approved, it felt like it had no regard for all the effort we put in.

While this had an impact beyond our area, we can only speak of what we know. We know that our part of California is literally caught between a rock and a hard place. The rock is the ridge of the Sierra Nevada which has no road across it. The hard place is the Nevada State border. There's no option for our district except to go North or South because we have physical boundaries. And the only reasonable community of interest is the rest of the Sierra Nevada heading North.
In order to comply with the five criteria for redistricting, maps simply cannot be drawn by starting with one county in the center of the state and thereby letting the ripple effects make districts that don't comply with the regulations for redistricting. This will result in endless lawsuits, and we'll make the 2020 Election untenable.

So hastily redrawing the maps broke the principle of contiguity. CDECA as a draft as it stands is untenable. A small example of why is that a trip from Mammoth Lakes to Fresno County which is seventy-nine miles as the crow flies, is a 379-mile greater than five-hour trip by car. So in no way can Fresno and Mono Counties be considered contiguous.

We've said this repeatedly and it seemed like -- like everyone had heard us. You also added the City of Modesto, something that has never been contemplated in any prior visualization throughout this entire process.

One of the Commissioners said it best: Modesto is a total Central Valley city. We've also discussed the fact that each travel --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BUBSER: -- we travel North on 395 to routes 350 and 80 (ph.) to access the rest of California. We understand that achieving the population target for
Sierra District presents a challenge, but it can be achieved by going East in Placer County towards Roseville.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. BUSBER: Please hear what we are saying. Thank you for your time. We'll be so grateful.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have unique ID 032, I will be promoting you now. 032, 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. FAIRBANKS: Hi. My name is Nancy Fairbanks, and I am referring to Santa Clarita CDAVSCD (ph.). The City of San -- Santa Clarita is an independent city with a population of almost 220,000. Your current draft map shows it connected with San Fernando, which is a part of the City of Los Angeles, which is the -- which is connected to the second-largest city in America with a population of almost four million.

Santa Clarita Valley is similar to Simi Valley in regards to its community. The original for the last many years, we've always been attached to the Simi Valley.

Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are both (indiscernible)
communities for people that work in Los Angeles, particularly public sector workers like police, fire fighters and teachers.

San Fernando Valley is a denser population, and if it is merged with Santa Clarita Valley, then we cannot be properly represented because we are so different. The safety of Santa Clarita is served by the County of Los Angeles Sheriff and Fire. San Fernando Valley is served by their own municipality, the Los Angeles Police Department, and Fire Department.

With the increase of crime, a representative would have to understand both ordinances of the L.A. County and City of Los Angeles. A representative would naturally focus to San Fernando Valley since it is part of such a large city. Again, almost four million, while Santa Clarita Valley is only a smaller population of 220,000 and our voices will be diluted.

Santa Clarita's power is fueled by -- we're powered by Southern California Edison. We rely on the public safety power shutoffs to prevent wildfires, which we battled multiple times a year, especially during the summer. Santa Clarita has its own water system, the Santa Clarita Valley Water, the San Fernando Valley uses Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in the municipality. Santa Clarita, again, is more prone to
wildfires, and we need a representative --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. FAIRBANKS: -- that can focus on wildfire
preventions without having to worry about LADWP's
regulations. It's important San Fernando remains with
the -- its own sister city, Van Nuys, Pacoima, Arleta,
Panorama City --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. FAIRBANKS: -- Sylmar, part of the Sun Valley
and North Hollywood, again with the City of Los Angeles,
and allow Santa Clarita to remain in the Simi Valley.

Thank you so much for all you do.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Katy, with that, we
will go into our break. We will return at 4:45 p.m.

Callers, don't hang up. We are eagerly awaiting
your -- your comments. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:31 p.m.
until 4:45 p.m.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back, California, to today's
Congressional Map Feedback Session.

Before we proceed, I need to correct times that were
given for the following sessions: Saturday the 20th
session will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday and
Tuesday of next week, the 22nd and 23rd, those meetings
will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 -- to 2:30 p.m.
So perhaps it was my desire to sleep in a little bit later. But we have an earlier start for those meetings.

I now give you back to the capable hands of Katy, our comment moderator.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Welcome to the Congressional Map Feedback Session. If you have not done so already, please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen, if your unique ID ends in 039 through 081, for session two.

You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number received in your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video which will be located in the lower left corner of your screen once you have been promoted.

Public in the -- 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 please one more time, use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen if your unique ID ends in 039 through 081.

And it looks like 034 -- are you still here? It
appears they have left, unfortunately.

Right now we will have 039 -- oops, I apologize.

Wait, hold on, I'm getting assistance. 034, ah, I see you. 034, you will be going first. And up next after that will be 039.

034, I will be promoting you now. 034, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind mapper of what region -- district plan and what region you will be addressing. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can everyone hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Sarah (ph.) and I am representing the Central Valley region. I just want to start off by saying, I'm from Bakersfield, and that I'm sure that you've heard our comments and testimony for my community over the past weeks and months. And I just wanted to say that I'm sure balancing the needs of the entire state must be incredibly complicated, but that I appreciate the fact that you're listening to my community in Kern, and the Central Valley more broadly.

Anyways, I just want to appreciate and uplift you guys because you're hearing the concerns of my community.
The Central Valley is a special place with the special needs that are different from the rest of California. And it seems like the Commission is doing a great job of balancing our needs with the needs of the rest of the state.

Thank you for your time and keep up the good work. I appreciate everything you guys have done, and hearing -- hearing our voices.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 039. And up next after that will be 066.

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MS. DEW: Thank you. I am addressing North Contra Costa, Solano County map. Thank you, Commissioners, for your time and participation on this effort. My name is Pippin Dew, I'm Council Member for the City of Vallejo. And I just wanted to reshare a letter that the City sent to the Commission prior to this current draft, Congressional district map being released, as it does still pertain today.
And dated August 5th, and the letter states, "On July 27, 2021, the City of Vallejo adopted a resolution articulating the City's position on California redistricting efforts. The City Council of the City of Vallejo strongly encourages and respectfully requests that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep the City of Vallejo in the State Senate district, Congressional district, and State Assembly district that includes other Solano County cities in order for the city to be represented effectively.

"The current district profiles of State Senate District 3 and Congressional District 5, represents the city's communities of interest, as it includes other Solano County cities, and the neighboring City of American Canyon. However, the Council feels the current State Assembly district does not accurately represent the city's interests. State Assembly District 3 includes the Cities of Vallejo and Benicia, in addition to Contra Costa County.

"The City of Vallejo is separated from Contra Costa County by a bridge and represents a population different than that of Vallejo, because of the physical boundary and difference in communities of interest, the City of Vallejo respectfully requests that we be kept within the same State Assembly districts as neighboring cities in
Solano and Napa County. Please feel free to contact the city if there are any other questions."

And I would also, from a personal voice, say that in addition to the body of water and the bridges that separate us, there are bridge tolls on both of the bridges that separate us as well. So there is a financial burden present --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. DEW: -- in that separation. That's all today.

Thank you so much. Appreciate your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 066. And up next after that will be 063.

066, 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'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'll be addressing? The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'll be addressing the Mid Coast Maps, specifically San Luis Obispo. To be blunt, I'm not really thrilled with the draft maps. You've split our county in all three plans, sometimes in ways that don't even make sense. And clearly San Luis Obispo is getting the short end of the stick in this redistricting.
Well, that being said, that being the case, we do have some requests to serve our community better. And I will be speaking about the Assembly Senate because I don't have time to address on the other day. So at least with the Assembly and the Senate, if you do continue to split our county, please do so using the same lines. That way, at least everyone will know who is going North and who is going South.

And being stuck in no man's land is between going in different directions for state legislative representation can leave people effectively with no representation. With regards to the Congressional it's always, of course, preferable to us not to split us. But if you're going to be splitting us, at least make the lines similar to the -- to the other districts. And continue to keep us out of the inland area, doesn't make any sense to put us in with Kern County we have -- we share nothing with them whatsoever.

So the only thing that I can say that's good about these maps right now is that you at least keep us along the coastal lines with Monterey or -- and/or Santa Barbara. And I do continue to see these maps from other groups and other individuals who have nothing connected with San Luis Obispo, and they keep trying to draw us into Kern County. So please stay away from that.
And with that, I thank you. And conclude my remarks.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 063. And up next after that will be 053.

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MR. PERRY: Thank you for the promotion. I get to tell my wife about it. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. And you sure can.

MR. PERRY: Great. I am talking about the San Bernardino or High Desert -- I'm sorry, San Bernardino area. I live in Big Bear. That's it. Thank you guys very much for the input, and taking all the time to hear everybody speak, it's very appreciated, as everybody else has said.

My name is Mason Perry. I'm a thirty-seven year resident of Big Bear. And I wanted to provide my perspective as a business owner and a member of the Big
Bear Chamber of Commerce on the draft maps that are affecting us. One of the unique things about our community is how isolated we appear. However, our businesses are very closely tied to other rural communities. Our transit corridors are able to link us to those communities.

And the three routes to get off the mountain from Big Bear, which is similar to other mountain communities, can become -- can become congested during the winter season. So the fastest route and the best way off of the mountain is by taking Highway 18 down into the desert through Lucerne. Oftentimes Highway 330 will be blocked due to snow or even landslides, depending on weather, this also means that supplies and travel is often directed through Highway 38, that's on the East end of the Valley into Yucaipa, or Highway 18 from the High Desert.

In times of crisis, these transit corridors also allow -- vital to our safety and of our community, to let us get off the hill if we need to egress. During wildfires we need these transit corridors open for evacuations or to bring other resources up to the community, this one thing that we have in common with businesses and communities throughout the rural parts of San Bernardino County.
And what I want to say is this is why I support the
draft Congressional map, High Desert SD the way that it's
drawn, because my community and other rural communities
like it, are connected --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PERRY: -- to this map. And you can see the
Commission has really taken the time to address our
concerns, and make sure that they have taken them
seriously. And we really appreciate that. I want to
encourage you to keep this map similar as you move
forward with your amendments.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. PERRY: And I know that you cannot make
everybody happy, but we really appreciate the ability to
give input, and that you guys have listened to us so far.
And I get to tell my wife that I got a promotion. So
thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Congratulations. And thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now we will
have a unique ID 053. And up next after that will be
078. Unique ID 053, as you have called in, if you'll
please follow the prompts to unmuted by pressing star
six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to
reference the Fresno/Tulare Congressional District.
Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for your time and for all the work you've been doing with Congressional maps. I'd like to comment on the Fresno/Tulare Congressional draft.

It is my belief that the City of Fresno should be removed from the Fresno/Tulare draft Congressional district because the district's communities of interest are overwhelmingly rural, and Fresno is not. Fresno's urban population should be included in a district that shares local representation on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and Fresno City Council, such as STANFRESNO.

As a resident of rural Tulare County and the proposed Fresno/Tulare Congressional district, I feel the Fresno/Tulare District should rather incorporate more of rural Tulare County to maintain the rural nature of the district. Please take this into consideration. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 078. And up next after that will be 051.

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 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam Chair, and
Commissioners. Tonight I want to discuss the
redistricting efforts in Orange County, particularly
around the Coast of Orange County. But first I want to
express my gratitude to each of you for taking on the
mission of listening to all residents of Orange County
and California. You have been challenged with the
difficult task, and your willingness to step up and take
it on demonstrates a true commitment to your communities.

Living in Huntington Beach, California. I want to
achieve two things with my comments this evening. First,
I would like to argue that that the lines, as they are
currently drafted, do not provide satisfactory
representation to the different communities along the
Coast of Orange County. And I do mean "communities"
plural, as the Orange County coast is not a singular
being.

Each city has its own feel, its own vibe, and its
own community of interests that penetrate inland. There
are lively and unique differences among coastal
communities that make it difficult to incorporate it into
one district, and expect an elected official to provide
adequate constituency services.

I can tell you that Huntington Beach shares much
more in common with surrounding inland areas such as
Westminster and Fountain Valley than it does really with Laguna Beach. For instance, the Huntington Beach Union High School District covers the Cities of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster.

This School District goes inland, not along the coast, because it recognizes that the need of the coast differ, but Ocean View School District, Fountain Valley School District, and the Huntington Beach City School District are three more examples of Huntington Beach being grouped with inland areas and communities, not the coastal community.

At the beginning of my comments I thanked you for being -- for taking on this role to provide representation to all Californians and all residents of Orange County; the fact of the matter is that the current maps do not fulfill your responsibilities to make sure everyone has a representative who represents their interests.

I want to close on this message. Please do not place the entire Orange County coastline under one district. I know it's easy to do, but it's not what is right. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 051. And up next after that will be 074.
051, I'll be promoting you now. 051, 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. MULLER: Thank you very much. I'm actually calling about Orange County as well as the South County District from Dana Point. My name is Joe Muller.

And Commissioners, I would like to draw your attention to public comment number 24650, which is distressing to our community, as it shows up out-of-town partisan interests are attempting to gerrymander OC, and split our communities of interest for their own personal political gains.

And the comment: It is clear that the -- that the attempts to divide the OC Coast are specifically engineered to protect the political power of San Diego area of political interests. You have heard overwhelming testimony that the OC Coast should be kept together. Yet it seems that the Commission is more interested in listening to a small minority of public testimony that has come explicitly from partisan sources.

Respectfully, it would do great damage to the integrity of the California Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission if these partisan political
interests were able to prevail over the needs of the overwhelming majority of the community members you receive.

Dana Point shares very little in common with Oceanside. We have an entire marine base, the largest marine base in the world, separating our city from the next -- the next contiguous city in our district. We share far more in common with Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and even Huntington Beach, regardless of what the previous speaker said. And I do understand that the issue that they -- it does need to reach inland as well, because we do have communities of interest that are as important to us inland as our coastal partners.

However, if you split Orange County into multiple districts and add Southern Orange County into San Diego, you're doing a great disservice to the constituency in North or South Orange County.

I appreciate your time. And I respect the tough -- the tough work you have in front of you. It's hard to help everybody reach their -- their goals. And I respect all the work you're doing. And I hope you can take this into consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 074. And up next after that would be 049.
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MS. WARNER: great. Thank you so much. Commission, My name is Karen Warner, and I live in Modesto in Stanislaus County. I'm calling today about the Central Valley Congressional and Senate draft maps.

I strongly urge you to return to the November 2nd visualizations for both the Senate and Congress in Stanislaus and Merced Counties. I was born and raised in Stanislaus County, and I'm now raising my family here. As you have heard from many other Valley residents, we do not share common interests with Sierra Mountain County. It is completely illogical to put these two deeply distinct regions in any districts together.

Your November 2nd visualizations showed that this Commission understood and respected that dynamic. But the most recent draft maps split Stanislaus in both the Senate and Congressional plans. You have drawn a majority of my community out of the valley and thrown us in with an enormous mountain region that we do not identify with.

Our interests and our voices in the Modesto area
have been gutted in these new maps. We have become
collateral damage to keep San Joaquin County whole,
despite sharing far deeper connections with the Cities of
Tracy and Manteca than with far-flung regions like Tahoe
and Death Valley.

    Stanislaus and Merced Counties should not be treated
as an afterthought. Our families and our communities, as
you know, should not be treated as collateral damage.
Stanislaus and Merced have next to nothing in common with
mountain counties and cities. We are valley people,
richly diverse communities grounded in an agricultural
economy.

    Our local economy, our commuter dynamics, and
infrastructure needs are water interests, and the day-to-
day routines of where we socialize, shop, and get medical
care, and live our lives, is concentrated very squarely
in Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties. We are
not part of the mountains. As a Modesto resident whose
family lives and works here, I also want to encourage you
to keep the deeply interconnected Tracy, Manteca, and
Modesto communities united as you did in the November 2nd
visualizations.

    Again, your November 2nd maps for Congress and
Senate were far better for the hundreds of one thousands
of residents of the Northern San Joaquin Valley. We are
unique, and cohesive, economic, and social regions --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. WARNER: -- San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced counties. I really urge the Commission as you balance the many priorities you face, especially the two Central Valley Commissioners, to stand up for our communities and do better for the Northern San Joaquin --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. WARNER: -- Valley. Thank you so much for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 049. And up next after that will be 055.

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

MR. KOSMICKI: Hi. My name is Kollin Kosmicki, I'm addressing the Cupertino and Mid coast Regions. I'm the District 2 supervisor on the San Benito County Board, and I'm speaking in opposition of placing San Benito County into the Cupertino map for a variety of important reasons.

First off, I must say there's a widespread opposition to this change in San Benito County, which
historically has been a mainstay as part of the Central Coast Congressional District.

Currently District 20, represented by Jimmy Panetta, and formerly under representation of former Congressmen Sam Farr and Leon Panetta. Frankly, I've heard numerous concerns about this dramatic shift, and have not heard one person locally who is in favor of such a radical move.

I also want to note that I supported a letter of opposition against this dramatic change as a member of the County Board. And today I'm speaking as an individual and representative of District 2, largely comprised of the Western portion of our county, which is largely agricultural.

And here's why I oppose the change. We've historically been associated with this Central Coast region that fits in line with our demographics. I can tell you, firsthand, San Bernardino County residents absolutely don't want to be lumped in as an afterthought as part of the Silicon Valley region.

Many people, in fact, moved to San Benito County to escape from Silicon Valley culture. And we're really proud of our agricultural heritage, and agricultural identity. We truly are an agricultural community, or a blue-collar community with a largely Latino population.
We're not part of Silicon Valley in any way other than the fact that we border this region. Additionally, San Benito is strongly tied to other Central Coast communities in countless other ways, and this move would greatly diminished generations of relationships and associations, and would lead to a cultural and political identity crisis for our community. In other words, San Benito County residents tend to think of Monterey and Santa Cruz as true neighbors and partners. The same cannot be said, necessarily, of Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley.

That said, I strongly believe our county is a community of interest in its own right. When you consider our largely Hispanic population, our demographics in general, our geography, and other areas of interest as they relate to the Central Coast, and we're a community of interest whose influence in Washington, D.C. would be vastly degraded under the proposed changes.

Mind you, we already face significant disadvantages as a small rural community that must scrap every bit of political clout we can muster, which tends to be very little. Please don't quell our voice --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. KOSMICKI: -- any further by lumping us in with
a much more urbanized and big-city culture. Please keep
San Benito County as part of the Central Coast
Congressional District so we can maintain some semblance
of a voice in national politics. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
055. And up next after that would be 042.

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enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of
what area -- what district map -- what district plan you
will be discussing, and region. The floor is yours.

MS. HASLETT: Thank you very much, Commissioners,
for listening to me. My name is Marjorie Haslett. I've
lived in the Antelope Valley for forty years. I am a
strong supporter of veterans. We do much business with
the Antelope Valley, which includes Santa Clarita and
Simi Valley.

I do want to thank you all for -- I do thank you all
for extending the border up to the Kern County line,
because there was a little section of the Antelope Valley
that was in the other district. Thank you for doing
that, but then we've also lost some of Simi Valley.
Would you please include that again into this district?

The Antelope Valley, as I learned last week at a
Veterans Day event, when the county people were speaking, that they thought the veterans were well served throughout the county. And they said, no, the Antelope Valley is the most supportive community. I know Simi Valley also has a strong veteran community, veterans cross all socioeconomic and ethnic boundaries. I would like to see Simi Valley brought back into this district. And what was put into San Fernando Valley District, please remove us from that section because we really do not -- we do not have that much in common with San Fernando. It is more with Simi Valley. I would like to see that reinstated into this district. And again, thank you for the extension of the little section of the Antelope Valley that was in the other district.

With that, thank you. Please support our veterans by making this a stronger veteran district. It wasn't -- it was before and now with this draft it is not. I would like to see that again. Thank you so much. Have a great day.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 042. And up next after that will be 062.

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MS. DIRKS: Hello. I'm going to be talking about San Bernardino County and Monterey County, and specifically the map that was published on November 7th.

Thank you, Commissioners. It's an honor to join you to share my perspective, and the perspective of the many — many of my constituents that call San Benito County home. My name is Betsy Dirks, and I currently serve as a member of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. I've never engaged in the redistricting process, but after receiving many calls from my constituents, regarding the most recent Congressional maps, I felt compelled to speak today.

We support the Congressional maps released on November 2nd, which keep Eastern Monterey County, Salinas, the Salinas Valley, Watsonville, and San Benito County in the same Congressional district. These are all similar communities that face similar issues. We do not, however, support the current maps, which tear us apart from our neighbors, which we have much in common with.

We share similar government agencies, county alliances, transportation corridors, media markets, and a large Latino community; which has benefited from being represented by similar officials at the state and federal
level.

In fact, San Benito County and Monterey County are home to one of the largest farmworker communities in the country. And these communities should be kept whole. The maps introduced November 7th removes San Benito County from our rural neighbors in Monterey County and add us into a Congressional district that includes Silicon Valley, and the City of San Jose, an area which we do not have anything in common with.

We are strongly against the current lines as proposed. The current lines will do a tremendous disservice to our community and would dilute our voice at all levels of government.

I have seen firsthand the direct benefit of working with our neighbors in Salinas, Watsonville, and the Salinas Valley. I ask you to please reconsider these lines and join San Benito County and Monterey County in the same Congressional district. This is the right thing to do, and will ensure that our local residents receive the best possible representation.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. DIRKS: I appreciate your time and your service to our state. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
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have 062, and up next after that will be 080.

062, I will be promoting you now. 062, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please remind the macro of what district, plan, and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. CREFFIELD: Good evening, Commissioners. This is Mark Creffield, president and CEO of the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce. I wanted to say that I served on our San Bernadino County Redistricting Commission, and I have a great deal of respect for your work. I wanted to comment on the draft Congressional maps, San Bernadino High Desert. Our organization sent a letter last week, and I felt it was essential to follow up. While this is not the map we presented to the Commission, we feel this does do an excellent job of keeping San Bernadino County high desert whole and connected. We think this is very important for several reasons.

Still, one that doesn't get talked about much is how rural communities in the San Bernadino County high desert and mountains depend on federal lands. Over 80 percent of the San Bernadino County high desert lands are owned by the military, national parks, or the Bureau of Land Management. From the Morongo Basin to Phelan, our local
The economy is directly affected by the preservation and protection of these lands to help bring tourism and livable wage jobs to the desert. This is not true of communities around us in Los Angeles or the valley. That is why we support congressional map San Bernadino high desert because it gives rural communities affected by federal lands in the mountains and desert a direct say in who represents them and will be a voice to advocate for those communities.

Also, the map combines several rural communities that have critical infrastructural needs. Whether you are in the mountains or high desert, storms, flashfloods, or wildfires can shut down small, rural transit arteries like highway 18. From Big Bear, Apple Valley, highway 247 from Yucca Valley to Kern Valley, or highway 38 from Big Bear to Yucaipa, that connects our rural communities.

We need a voice in insuring we have the infrastructure community unity need, which is why we support both the San Bernardino County high desert congressional map, and the Victor Valley high desert assembly map.

The only suggested change we have is to include Wrightwood, with the rest of the tri-communities of Leland and Pinon Hills. This also balances both congressional map San Bernadino High Desert as well CD
Thank you, and please see our letter for more information. Have a great evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 080, and up next after that will be 048.

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MS. YAP: Hi. I'm looking to address the San Gabriel Valley around CD-210.

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

MS. YAP: Great. My name is Nancy Yap, and I'm the executive direction of the Center for Asian-Americans United for Self-Empowerment. I represent over a hundred community leaders and 34 organizations serving the San Gabriel Valley today, a community that is both iconically LA and iconically Asian-American. From social media influencers to foodie blogs, San Gabriel Valley is known for the businesses and neighborhoods that are home to one of the largest Asian-American populations in the United States.

Gathering community input, we heard passionate
stories about the cities on these maps. Stories about
churches, nonprofit services, family homes, and
businesses, all within a few steps of each other and
across multiple city lines. Stories about Asian-American
elected officials who came from these communities, some
of the first Asian-Americans to represent us locally and
nationally. Yet here we are, still fighting for the
right to be recognized. We may not be 50 percent of the
population in our district, but as a minority community
we should also be protected as we grow, build coalitions,
amplify our voice, and bring leadership that has brought
our positive impact.

In West San Gabriel Valley, the cities of Monterey
Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple
City, and Arcadia, have Asian-American and Pacific
Islander majority, and should be in the same
Congressional district. All but San Marino are in the
same Assembly and state Senate districts in the draft
maps, yet the cities are split at the Congressional level
in a way that dilutes the political power of the Asian-
American community. The Asian-American community in the
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.

We ask the Commission to take these Asian-American communities into consideration, moving forward. They are both niche communities that are growing, and diluting the community in either area will set back organizing efforts by decades.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. YAP: Thank you. Thank you, all, for your time and your service.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 048, and up next after that will be 040.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I need to get to my speech -- okay. Dear Commissioners, thank you, all, for your thoughtful work. I'm from Joshua Tree, and I am a teacher, wife, and a mom to an eleven year old. For weeks, the visualizations you created -- I'm sorry. I'm doing MORCOA. Yes. In the Eastern San Bernardino. For weeks, the visualizations you created appropriately placed the Morongo Basin the Banning Pass in Western
Coachella region. Hence the name, VCD_MORCOA. However, on November 10th, the draft was drastically changed from the November 7th map, to place the Morongo Basin back into a Congressional district with the Victor Valley area. I strongly disagree with this, and asking you to please return to the November 7th maps, connecting the Morongo Basin with Coachella Valley.

The Morongo Basin, of about 60,000, represents the Northern border of the Joshua Tree National Park gateway communities, including Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, and the Morongo Valley. An area where, incidentally, Commissioner Ray Kennedy lives, and I'm sure understands firsthand how closely the Morongo Basin's economic, organizational, and social structures are tied to the Palm Springs, Coachella Valley region. We don't even have a movie theatre for the general public or an animal hospital. We work, use the hospitals, nursing facilities, schools, restaurants, and stores in the Coachella Valley Banning pass. We also have a shared LGBTQ community that will be disenfranchised. We share an Assembly district with the Coachella Valley. And gratefully, I appreciate the new state Senate drafts that finally bring the Morongo Basin into a district not based in Bakersfield.

To my knowledge, the Morongo Basin has few links to
the Victor Valley area in terms of shared needs,
organizing, demography, or resources at the federal
level. Though the Morongo Basin and the Joshua Tree
National Park bring in millions to the federal parks
system, we often do not get representation at the federal
level for issues related to the park, as demonstrated
with the recent disastrous park closures and attempts at
privatizing our waters and lands. Additionally, Joshua
Tree has lost almost ten percent of its CVAP in the last
year, due to Air B&B and other short term rentals. I ask
the Commission to please consider giving the Morongo
Basin --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. YAP: -- and the Joshua Tree National Park
proper representation for the next ten years. Please
change the CD_MORCOA draft to return the Morongo Basin to
at least the Western cities in the Coachella Valley, if
not the entire gateway city community. Too address
population and VRA issues, I'm sure ones with higher
pay --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. YAP: -- can figure it out. But I suggest
either adding more Colton population to the VICVAL high
desert map, or returning to the VICVAL MORCOA maps of
November 7th.
Thank you, again, for your thoughtful (audio interference) --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 040, and up next after that will be 064.

040, I will be promoting you now. 040, 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. DIAZ: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. I'm going to be focusing on SEALBREA. The -- in Orange County. And later I'll be shifting to ABSCV. So again, good evening, Commissioners. My name's Karen Diaz, and I'm the electoral fill manager for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA, for 35 years. It's been our mission at CHIRLA to achieve a just society, fully inclusive, for immigrants. CHIRLA has been one of the largest and most effective advocates for immigrants, organizing and educating different immigrant refugees in the streets, and in the courts, and in the house of power.

Today I'm providing feedback on draft maps SEALBREA for Orange County and Los Angeles County draft map ABSCV. I want to start by saying that we appreciate the
Commission that has drawn in adjacent district North and West of the VRAC that allows for the important immigrant communities of interest remain whole. Including the Garden Brook, Westminster, COI. (Indiscernible) COI is spanning to South Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress, in Orange County; and Cerritos, and Artesia in Los Angeles County. And the Korean-American COI in North Buena Park and North Fullerton.

In particular, the districts at Los Stamens COI to be held in Orange County based districts. Something that we consistently heard that was important to community leaders.

Now shifting away from Orange County and then North Los Angeles County, in the region of the Antelope Valley. The region where I lived ever since I moved to the United States from El Salvador in 2006. It's something that's really important to me, so I want to uplift the configuration draft APSAP. This draft map does a really good job in including both Lancaster, which is something that's been really important to my community. And it does great by removing the portions of Scenic Valley, which belong in Ventura County, and Porta Ranch, which does not have anything in common with our community. It has more in common with the more wealthier communities in West San Bernardino valley.
One problem that we have identified in this draft map is it includes the City of Selma, which does not belong with our community, but is more part of the lower income immigrant communities in the East San Bernardino Valley. We suggest a configuration that can be extended instead --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. DIAZ: -- to California City. Antelope Valley is a community of interest that shares a lot in common with the school district, transportation system, freeways, and a lot of commute times as well as the need for access to healthcare for immigrant communities.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. DIAZ: And while we don't have any non-private hospitals. Again, thank you so much for the process. We have been working with a lot of community members. Engaging them in the census, regardless of their immigration status. And now we continue to (indiscernible) redistricting process by uplifting the testimonies of (audio interference) --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 064, and up next after that will be 050.

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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:  Hello. Yes. I am talking on the Sacramento region.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Well, hello. As a resident from Natomas and North Sacramento County, I wanted to call and thank the Commission for the work last week in the Sacramento region, to keep our Congressional district within Sacramento and not Placer County. Previous maps have combined Sac County with Placer, and we are concerned, because Sacramento is one of the most diverse cities in the state. And Placer does not really share that, or celebrate that, the way that Sacramento does.

My family and I spend most of our time in Sacramento. My children go to the school in the Natomas Unified school district. We go to South Sac for restaurants to eat out on the weekends. Downtown and West Sac area for entertainment like the Kings and Rivercats. Sacramento welcomes culture and it's reflected in our communities here. Sacramento is very different from those rural foothill towns and suburbs in Placer and El Dorado Counties. I hope you can prevent Roseville and Placer from being put into Sacramento --
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It would appear that she lost her connectivity. I will keep an eye out for her unique idea.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katie.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be going to 050, and up next after that will be 041. 050, I will be promoting you now.

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MR. JOINER: All right. Thank you, so much. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. JOINER: Great. My name is Paul Joiner. I'm a city councilman in the City of Lincoln. I'm the chair of the Placer County transportation planning agency, and I serve on the boards of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and the California Councill of Governments. I'd like to address the Congressional district map for PLACERSAC. And even though we've lost our last commenter, I think that I will probably have the flipside of the coin on her comments. I do want to say, however, before I get started. While waiting in the queue and listening to the comments, it's become really clear what
a herculean effort all of you have agreed to take on. So on behalf of all of us, thank you, and -- and good luck.

I'd also like to thank you for listening to Placer County and the many citizens who spoke up about keeping Placer largely whole with its neighboring counties of Nevada and El Dorado. We should be kept out of any Sacramento County map entirely. We are an entirely different county with very different needs. Western Placer's a rapidly growing area with the needs of a growing community that are not similar to those of a well-established Sacramento County.

One area, however, that does need to be addressed, I think, is the Tahoe Basin. It should be kept together in any district, and I believe that includes the town of Truckee. Also taking a look at CD_NORCA map, I think Lassen may be better suited with Plumas and Placer County map, and more of Yuba could go with the central district. And looking at the Northern -- looking at Northern California, I think there are three distinct areas. The coast; the North valley, meaning Siskiyou to Yuba Stutter; and then the mountain counties along Nevada.

The Assembly map needs the most work of any of these, and the Senate is largely correct. Placer and El Dorado Counties should make up an entire Assembly district. Having this weird East/West district doesn't
make a lot of sense. I think you -- you need to have the three counties, Nevada, Placer, and El Dorado together. They are so similar. Yuba and Sutter need to be together with the other farming communities, as well, in the North valley. So again, thank you for being willing to take on this task, and thank you for listening.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have the unique ID, 064, rejoin us. I will be re-promoting you. And up next after that will be 041. 064, I will be promoting you again. 064, you can now enable your audio and video again. And please continue.

MR. JOINER: I apologize for my service, but I'm almost done.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay.

MR. JOINER: Sacramento is very different from those rural hill towns and suburbs in Placer and El Dorado Counties. I hope you can prevent Roseville and Placer from being put into Sacramento's Assembly and Senate district as well. If you have to connect them, I believe that Folsom is the closest, but the rest of Sacramento should stay together so that we can have good representatives that appreciate our diversity and our values. And thank you again for taking my call today.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you for calling back.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 041, and up next after that we will have 075. 041, I'll be promoting you now. 041, 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'll be addressing, the floor is yours.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will be providing feedback on Congressional draft maps for Orange County. My name is Soila Rodriguez, and I work with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights CHIRLA. Our mission is to achieve a just society fully inclusive to immigrants. We have been working with the immigrant community in Orange County since 1997, and in 2019 we opened our office in San Juan Capistrano.

In addition, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance. A coalition of sixteen community based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County. CHIRLA has engaged and empowered immigrant communities' voices through our redistricting campaign called Ponnos En El Mapa (ph.) or Put Us On The Map.
Since March of 2021, we have posted nineteen redistricting workshops and virtual in-person communities of interest presentations. We've had 388 attendees from CHIRLA's high school component, (indiscernible) the California Dream Network, and immigrant families and workers. A total of sixteen community members delivered their COI testimony statewide. Additionally, during the summer of 2021, CHIRLA launched a multi-pronged effort to capture testimonials and mapping submissions across various communities of interest for the redistricting process. Over 1,000 residents of various communities across LA County and Orange County had their say about what defines their community. The results create a vivid pictures of residents in this area, their experiences, and what they share in common in the communities they call home.

We truly appreciate the Commission's recent shift to maintaining a federal born in rights ACT district, for the Latino communities in the draft cities, Santa Ana, the draft the South Fullerton and West Anaheim communities of interest together with the allying Santa Ana communities of interest. We'll be proposing minor tweaks to the district by bringing the South Fullerton West of Richmond Avenue. But I'm really happy with the direction you are taking.
The one major problem we have identified is in the
draft maps City NOC coast, and City NMOC, with the
division of Arvin, Costa Mesa, and Tusen COI. You've
heard from alliance members about the importance of
keeping this proportionally immigrant communities
whole --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- and together. Especially as one
of the fastest growing major cities in the state is
coming on its own. We are exploring alternatives to keep
the COI together in a district, but recognize that
keeping these communities whole may require more drawing
into coastal districts.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: We want to emphasize that any
changes to the Arvin area should be made without major
changes to either of the City Santa Ana and City
(indiscernible) drafts you've drawn so far.

Thank you, again, for your hard work on these
districts. It's paying off.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 075, and up next after that will be 081.

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your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what district, plan, and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm addressing Orange County. My name is Jill, and I've been a resident for 11 years. Do you want me to start?

MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead, please.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you, to the Commissioners for continuing to listen to New Park Beach, Orange County, and California residents. I'm also here to thank you for resisting the commenters who have insisted that you, the Orange County coast, is one-sided and must be in a single Assembly Senate and Congressional district. The Orange -- the OC coast is an important consideration, but it's important to note that our coastal interests expand beyond Orange County to Long Beach and the San Diego County. The Orange County coast is also incredibly large. For example, the recent oil spill sent tar balls from Huntington Beach as far down the coast as Encinitas. We must also look at ties within Orange County. For example, my home in New Port Beach is in the same school district as our inland neighbors of Costa Mesa. Irvine and Laguna Beach have several community of interest ties with each other, through the Laguna Canyon corridor, a major natural resource and fire
hazard for both communities. Whether it is Little Saigon
extending into Huntington Beach, or Irvine down to
Laguna, we have an incredible -- we have incredible ties
between our coastal and inland communities. Orange
County is not divided by our coast and our inland
communities. Levels of our government, including our
board of supervisor districts, and school districts,
stretch from the coast to inland communities. The
Huntington Beach, Union High School District stretches
from the coast to Westminster and Ponton Valley, for
example. I mentioned New Port Mesa Unified School
District, earlier, which goes from inland from the coast,
crossing the 405 freeway.

The current lines are not perfect, but we must
recognize our communities of interest that divide Orange
County -- that divide Orange County up.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Not by the coast, or not the coast,
but rather by our North, West, central, and South
regions. As you fix current maps, please do not draw
monolithic Orange County coast. Please look at how we
live in --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- Orange County. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thanks to you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 081, and up next after that will be 059.

081, I'll be promoting you now. Unique ID 081, there appears to be some connectivity issues with promoting you to the audio and video option. I will be doing the audio only option at this time, and asking you to unmute.

MS. MARTIN: Oh. Sorry. Sorry for that. I didn't realize it was my ID. Hi. My name is Allison Martin, and I'll be talking about North Orange County.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. The floor is yours.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. I have lived in North Orange County for over thirty years, and everyone knows that it's an interconnected community. Particularly, I've lived in the City of Orange for over thirty years, and the other surrounding areas like Anaheim Hills, Brea, and Yorba Linda face really similar issues. The traffic that we have, and we have major infrastructures concerns. We live in Orange, but we go to Brea, Anaheim Hills, Yorba Linda, to dine, shop, see our friends and family. North Orange County shares a similar economy based on small businesses, retail, and I believe it makes our area a community of interest. And North Orange County should have one member of Congress that tackles all of our
issues, especially our major infrastructure issue where
the 55 and the 91 meet. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 059, and up next after that will be 065. 059, I'll
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and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
you will please remind the mapper of what district, plan,
and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. MALDONADO: Thank you. I'm looking at the
Antelope Valley, Santa Credo Valley map.

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

MR. MALDONADO: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name
is Tony Maldonado and I live in Santa Clarita. Thank you
for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinions at
such an important juncture. I'm certain that this has
been quite an arduous event. Regarding the map for Santa
Clarita, I recognize the difficulty in balancing the
boundaries based on populations, as both L.A. and Ventura
County suffer population losses. However, I'm
recommending changes to our map to include with Simi
Valley and to remove the San Fernando Valley due to the
following: one, the Santa Clarita, Simi, and Antelope
Valleys, which I shall refer to as the Tri-Valley, share
infrastructure, housing, transportation, education
allocation, fire hazard, water resources, and a joint
aerospace industry.

Together, the Tri-Valley has dealt with the pandemic
similarly, has combined resources effectively in order to
address natural disasters and the wild -- wildfire
threats in our shared national forests, and is serviced
by Southern California Edison for its electricity needs,
whereas the City of Los Angeles San Fernando Valley, is
serviced by the Los Angeles Department of Water and
Power.

Two, the Tri-Valley are suburbs, exurban and rural
communities that complement one another and have
integrated relationships due to the shared geography,
demographics, culture, and community. Whilst the San
Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los Angeles, they
have nothing in common with us. Therefore, the balance
that has existed historically would be quickly unraveled
and create large dissatisfaction.

Three, further, the San Fernando Valley shares
different concerns and issues than the Tri-Valley. It's
extremely important to highlight the fact that the area
of the San Fernando Valley placed on our map has, one, a
large, lower-income Latino community that would be
totally divorced from the City of Los Angeles Greater
San Fernando Valley, which has a historically strong,
well-connected Latino community that have worked
tirelessly to having their needs and issues, including
that of immigration, addressed for quite a long time.

And two, a large homeless population equal to other
parts of the City of Los Angeles who have specific needs
that differ greatly from the more affluent Tri-Valley who
have experienced very little homelessness.

In conclusion, I believe that it would be completely
unjustified and a large disservice to the residents of
the San Fernando Valley --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MALDONADO: -- to tie it with Santa Clarita
Valley as that will create large disparities of wealth as
this area of the San Fernando Valley would not be able to
effectively compete for federal resources if included
with Santa Clarita Valley. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 065. And up next after that will be 057.

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your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
screen, and you'll please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. VILLANOSA: Hi. I'm going to be addressing the
Senate map in the Central Valley. This is the only time I was able to get an appointment, so sorry for the overlap.

My name is Virginia Villanosa (ph.), and I live in Fresno. I grew up in East Bakersfield, and I currently work in Fresno, and I went to UC Merced, so I know the valley. In the South Valley, from Merced to Fresno to Bakersfield, I encourage you to follow the law and draw strong and effective Latino VAR (sic) districts for the Assembly, Senate, and Congress.

You have and will continue to hear a lot of conflicting public comment, especially here in the Valley, but your number one obligation must be creating strong and effective Latino VAR (sic) districts. I urge you to do so without hesitation and with full confidence that you're doing right by the overwhelming Latino majority in the Valley.

You also have an obligation to keep communities of interest together, but the draft maps miss the mark. In the Senate draft map, you have moved -- removed Merced County from a strong Latino VRA district and even removed the county from the Valley, throwing it into a district with the Sierra region counties of Inyo, Mono, Calaveras, and Tuolumne.

As a UC Merced alum, I was pretty shocked to see
that, and I would urge you to bring Merced County back into the Valley district. UC Merced is a Hispanic-serving institution and the Valley fought so hard to secure a UC campus. UC Merced and Merced County need to be in a district with fellow Valley communities and not the Sierras.

I strongly urge the Commission, in particular the two Valley commissioners, to work towards creating stronger Latino VAR (sic) districts and keep our Valley communities out of district with the Sierras. Look back at your November 2nd visualizations as better options for the Valley. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 057. And up next after that is 068.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I'm representing the 25th District, Santa Clarita.

Good evening, Commissioners. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to speak today to all of you on the issue of the 25th Congressional District losing Simi
Valley and being replaced with the San Fernando Valley instead. Our sister City of Simi Valley has lots of people living in their retirement due to the lower cost of living and suburban city instead of the higher density of the San Fernando Valley where millions of people live.

What makes the 25th Congressional District unique is the fact that we are a district on the outskirts of Los Angeles with beautiful suburban cities like Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Lancaster, and Palmdale. We want to remain away from the large hustle and bustle that Los Angeles represents, so it does not make sense for our district to be lumped into Los Angeles.

Additionally, we need a representative who will fight to keep our communities safe from the threat of wildfires and prevent any further public safety power shutoffs that the San Fernando Valley doesn't face. I ask you all to please keep Simi Valley with Santa Clarita in the next district map and keep San Fernando with the rest of the San Fernando Valley. It makes sense for them, and it makes sense for us. Thank you all so much for listening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have 068. And up next after that will be 047.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Please show Central Valley. Good evening. I assume most Commissioners are familiar with the movie Transformers. The Transformers are robots in disguise, and your Central Valley lines are getting hijacked by Congressional Republicans in disguise.

Some of those attempts to manipulate are less than subtle. I hope Commissioners could see through this suddenly deluge of testimony from the South Valley that was radically different from anything you've heard before, that it was about -- that it was less about communities and more about incumbents realizing what was happening to districts they -- they consider their personal property.

But please don't ignore the more subtle and longer planned attempts to manipulate your process. They are no less corruptive. On June 8th, Chair of the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors Tom Patti pushed a $380,000 consulting contract to hire the "San Joaquin Redistricting Coalition" to provide "expertise Congressional redistricting." In July, that contract was
scraped after it was revealed that the Coalition had hired a campaign consultant for both Patti — both the supervisor campaigns to lead the effort.

Regrouping, Patti joined other supervisors in voting to create their own advisory group to prepare submissions for Congress, Senate, and Assembly. When asked about a conflict of interest based on rumors of Congressional run, Patti responded, "It really is interesting to me that through line that everyone says I'm running for Congress when I don't know any of these people. There is no public announcement that I'm running. I don't have a plan to run." However, by October 2nd, Patti was holding an exploratory Congressional fundraiser with boxer Mike Tyson.

The rumor now open fact didn't stop Patti. On October 7th, he not only voted on the San Joaquin Assembly, Senate, and Congressional map submissions you are familiar with, he chaired the meeting. Nor did it stop him from personally submitting written testimony on November 3rd and the Commission --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty second.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and judge, the Commission, itself, you voted on the maps on December 10th, and yesterday Tom Patti formally announced his run for Congress. Thank you.
CHAIR TAYLOR:  Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  All right. Now we will have 047. And up next after that will be 071.

047, I'll be promoting you now. 047, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:  Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to see the Fresno-Tulare map. The City of Fresno does not belong in the Fresno-Tulare Congressional District draft. As a resident of rural Fresno County, I understand how different the city's urban population is from the rest of the district's rural communities.

The City of Fresno should be included in a district like STANFRESNO where it will share representation from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno City Council and not disrupt the Fresno-Tulare district's rural communities of interest. Instead, the Fresno-Tulare district include -- instead, the Fresno-Tulare district should include more of rural Kings or Tulare Counties, which are far more similar to the rural communities in Fresno like mine. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR:  Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR:  All right. Now we will
have 071. And 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. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'd like to address NELA, please. So Northeast Los Angeles. Okay.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. So good evening, Commissioners. I wanted to give you two pieces of credit and one strong critique.

First, in the recent weeks, I want to thank you for recognizing that despite -- despite any recent trends, communities like Eagle Rock, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, and El Sereno is an historic and important foundations to Los Angeles' Latino community.

Second, I want to congratulate you on the Senate district that -- excuse me, Senate district that recognized -- the recognition that led you to create the current district. While there are steps you can take to further strengthen the seat, your -- your SD_NELA preserves an existing opportunity for Latinos to elect the candidate of their choice.

Which leads me to my criticism. In an area where
you drew a forty per -- a forty-seven percent Latino CDOT Senate district you should at least be able to draw one Latino majority district and a Latino opportunity district. It's not two Latino majority districts. But instead, you have drawn a sixty-two percent Latino Assembly seat and nothing. Two neighboring Assembly districts to the North and West have twenty-four percent, thirty-three percent, and forty-one percent Latino CVAP.

This is a textbook cracking drawing one Latino district where you can and should draw two. If your justification is Council's conclusion that all three Gingles tests are not met, Commissioners should take control of their Commission and refuse to vote for a plan until the foundation of that conclusion is laid bare for public scrutiny.

Otherwise, you need to go back and revisit your plans. You need to break up your N-10 district where you are inextricably drawing a new opportunity district for white voters. I will be submitting a map using QGIS, but as just one example of how this could be done if you give Koreatown to NELA while giving the remaining areas North of Olympic to GLEN_LA and South to 110_LA you would free up areas like Eagle Rock to the North and Central Alameda to NELA. This would then --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- give you enough people to draw two Latino majority districts while still drawing your Glendale and African-American districts. You can restore a Latino majority district in Los Angeles using your existing architecture. Please, please don't let this go by. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have 046. And up next after that is 052. I'd like to invite unique ID 056, 069, 071, 077 to please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen as you have a slot during this session, number 2.

All right. Now 046, I'll be promoting you. 046, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you please remind the member of what district and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. GONZALES: Good evening. I'll be addressing the Cupertino draft as well as the mid-coast draft. Dear members of the redistricting commission. I wanted to voice my discontent of the boundaries as drawn in the Cupertino draft -- Congressional district for the Cupertino map as pertaining to San Benito County.

My name is Bea Gonzales, and I'm a resident of Hollister San Benito County. I am also a supervisor for
the Board of Supervisors for San Benito County District

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I want to echo my concerns of speaker 049 and 042. I thank you for your diligent work, but I ask that you go back to the drawing board and protect the communities of interest as required by law. These new boundaries fail to keep the communities of interest intact, thereby creating a bias and unfairness to the region South, namely San Benito County.

These newly drawn maps ignore the historic nature of our rural and agricultural community that we have in common with Monterey County. The new map places us dead center with an urban community of Santa Clara County, a region that we have very little in common. These new boundaries will create undue bias against San Benito County, and it will dilute our voice and our concern from our rural communities.

It must be noted that we are predominantly agricultural base. I feel like you -- like you have not listened to our community and you are not looking at the totality of circumstances. We are connected to Monterey County by associations like AMBAG, RCRC, and the 3c Power. We have historic relationships that will be jeopardized if you -- if they are -- if these newly drawn maps are allowed to remain.
Though we share a transportation corridor of U.S. Highway 101 with Santa Clara County, we are an agricultural-based community and we are more akin to Monterey County than we can ever be with Santa Clara. Please continue to keep our rural communities of Monterey County and San Benito County intact where our political, cultural, rural, and legal voice has been protected in the past. I urge you to go back to the drawing board and protect our communities of interest.

Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have 052. And up next after that will be 079.

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I live in the San Fernando Valley community. I attend college there. And I was wanting to talk to you guys about the District 25 and District 30. Thanks for letting me speak my community -- for my community, and I'm working to help
you guys work so hard throughout this process. I know this must be a really long process for you guys and -- and great job for listening.

I know you guys have to balance out all the populations correctly and draw lines, but those lines have to be drawn correctly because, after all, they're not just lines. They're also communities and connections that people have and certain priorities that people have.

So I live in the San Fernando Valley, and I saw the recent Congressional map where the 25th District would replace Simi Valley with the rest of my community. My community is currently split between the 30th District and I think the 27th District, and they better serve our community because we are -- share similar values such as home -- trying to solve the problem of homelessness and crime that we share within our community and putting -- lumping us together with the rest of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, and Lancaster would not serve our priorities correctly.

They are more -- they are less densely packed. They share different values than us. And I would prefer that we be kept in the San Fernale (sic) -- San Fernando Valley as a whole. And the -- I think Palmdale is about an hour away from me, and the only value I share with them is maybe they're Dodger fans. So I don't think that
we would be very well-served keeping my community in the
25th District.

So I please plead with you guys that you guys keep
Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, Antelope Valley all together
and keep the San Fernando Valley in our own district.

Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will
have 079. And up next after that will be 069. 079, I'll
be promoting you now. 079, it would appear there'd be a
connectivity issue for the audio and video option. We
will be doing the audio only option at this time. If
you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. Sorry.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It's okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. If you'll
please remind the mapper of what district --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- plan and region you'd
like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so
much. I apologize for that.

Hello, Commission. I'm going to speak on the
Assembly drafts for the Central Valley. My name is
Jessica, and I live in the City of Fresno. The Assembly drafts splits the City of Fresno into three districts in a way that does not make sense for our community. Merced-Fresno draft separates a piece of Northwest Fresno on the other side of Highway 99 away from the rest of the city. This area already feels neglected by the city and putting them in another district only furthers that sentiment.

The CALAINYO draft has a population base in North Fresno in Clovis, but the name of the district doesn't even reference Fresno or Clovis because it is so big and sprawling. In this draft, you put us in the huge mountain districts with Alpine, Tuolumne, Inyo, and Mono. I assure you that Fresno has little in common with Inyo and Mono Counties -- Mono Counties.

The Fresno draft is actually the biggest problem, and if you fix it, this will be the key to fixing other districts. This draft takes in too many competing communities of interest, and it also includes the wealthy county islands of Old Fig Garden and Sunnyside. Take a harder and larger look at these demographics and the median home prices of Old Fig Garden and Sunnyside. You will see that they do not belong in a South district with working class and rural residents. I strongly encourage you to go back to the November 2nd
visualizations because -- because they did a much better job of creating strong and cohesive districts for the Fresno area and the Valley overall.

The South Fresno District from November 2nd had a strong fifty-five percent Latino VRA with diverse urban and rural communities. You must prioritize the Latino VRA and work to get the fifty-three percent back to fifty-five. To do this, it means you're going to have to exclude some communities of interest from the district.

It's time for hard choices.

The East Fresno District from November 2nd has compact and cohesive -- was cohesive in putting North Fresno and Clovis in --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the district with the Eastern parts of Fresno County stopping at our county border. This makes sense because North Fresno and Clovis share a school district, and many families in the area have second homes in Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake areas. Thank you --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for your work and I urge you to do better for the Central Valley. Please go back to the November 2nd visualizations and make it your number one priority to create a strong Latino VRA
district because the Latino community is the majority in Fresno. Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now will be zero -- it looks like unique ID 077 and unique ID 079, if you didn't mean to lower your hand. Or I'm sorry. 077, if you did not mean to lower your hand, if you will please use the raise your hand button again. There we are.

All right. Now we will have 077. And up next will be 069. Unique ID 077, 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. Hello, Commissioners. I would like to talk about Modesto today. The Commission is proposing separating Modesto from the Valley in both the Congressional and Senate maps, and I really hope you fix it. It's even more disappointing that Modesto, a disadvantaged community, was split in half so there's a part in the district that goes all the way to the Nevada border with Tahoe, inclusive of Death Valley.

Modesto is a disadvantaged community, and it needs a stronger voice to get the services we need. Ideally, we
would be part of a district with other disadvantaged
cities that need investment in critical services like
childcare, drug intervention, juvenile justice, and child
welfare.

I'm a social worker residing in San Joaquin County,
but I work and have many years in Stanislaus County. I
don't think we're going to get attention when half of our
city is put -- half of Modesto is put into a district
that goes all the way to the Sierras.

Those are small towns. Modesto is like a big city
compared to them. We have different priorities, and
frankly, we're going to be ignored if that happens.
Please keep Modesto with other cities in the Central
Valley on the Valley floor and take us out of the Sierras
District. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have unique ID 069. I'll be promoting you now. 069, you
can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to
address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. San Diego County,
please. I'm a community organizer in San Diego County,
and I'd like to talk about the communities of color that
I've worked with as an organizer for about a decade and a half and how the draft maps -- your draft maps -- draft Congressional maps could best reflect these.

Locally, the AAPI community has come together to advocate for communities of interest within San Diego that should be reflected in all the maps at every level of government. The communities -- the community of interest includes Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Valley, University City, UCSD campus, and the Convoy Business District.

Two important pieces that I'd like to lift up are the UCSD campus and Convoy. First, please don't try to divide the UCSB community with the 5 freeway the way some Commissioners did in the city's redistricting plan.

Also, when it comes to the student housing at UCSD, many live in Mira Mesa and UTC because they are more affordable than, like, the La Hoyas and the surrounding area -- some of the surrounding areas.

And the Convoy Business District right off the 52 between the 163 and the 805 is the center of AAPI culture, food, entertainment, heritage. So basically everyone from these other communities North of the 52 rely on Convoy for this.

And the next issue I would like to address is the SESDC district, which dilutes the communities of color in
City Heights, La Mesa, and Rancho Penasquitos. The rural East county areas from SESDC should be put back into the SWRIVNSD district. They're more rural, contain tribal lands and mountains, deserts, very different than City Heights.

SESDC washes out City Heights' voice when it should be in an urban district with other San Diego and South Bay communities. So please connect the AAPI community along the 56 corridor like in the city's Communities Collaboration Plan, and please combine the very rural parts of SESDC and SWRIVNSD to power tribal lands while not drowning out City Heights. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to invite unique ID 056 to please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. I will be promoting you now. 056, 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 region and -- region you'd like to address, and district plan, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Audio interference) - -

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 056, if you could get a little closer to your microphone.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. I'm
trying to start my video, but it's not letting me (audio interference). So my comments had to do with statewide, and I was trying to show you a map that I had printed out that but I'll just keep talking until I run out of time because I have a lot to say.

So I had the pleasure of presenting to you October 23rd. And the first thing I wanted to say is that because the district regions on your draft plan are so large that when we tried to guide them to zero, you're going to encounter a lot of issues. So I want to highlight a couple of things that you're going to run into.

The first is that I know there's a desire not to split Sacramento County into more than three districts. However, if you don't, then I think you're going to find that you'll be forced into very strange and inappropriate community of interest pairings, so please keep that in mind.

I have tried to fix up your draft to draw in some of the Northern California and Central Valley districts to zero and to come up with some better pairings in accordance with the COI testimony that you've received. I tried to fix up some of the bad city splits, which I'll be submitting more details and written testimony, so please look for that.
This is Margaret (audio interference) speaking. And one thing to be aware of is that there are various hard county lines (audio interference) that you seem to have in your plan, but I think you'll be -- what you'll find is that you're going to need to cross over from Kern County into Northern L.A. County. Most likely, you'll -- you'll need to do that. Otherwise -- because there's a population of about forty -- 37,000 people that you'll -- at the end of the day, you'll up with, or possibly more, depending on which (audio interference) boundary you decide to maintain.

And then Modesto, I -- I -- I do a district that pairs --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Modesto (audio interference) Merced. You see very compelling testimony, I thought, calling for Modesto and Merced to be paired together. So I drew a district that did that. The one thing I'm not sure about is that --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- it does not have a majority Latino CVAP. So if that is a requirement, then you're going to need to figure -- refigure those lines a bit. But I hope you will look for my written testimony which I will be submitting hopefully later tonight.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are up against our dinner break.

CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. If we're at time and none of our registered callers are there, then we will take a thirty-minute lunch break and return at 6:45. Thank you for everyone that's called in so far. Hope to see you when we return.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:16 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California, and welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting -- Redistricting Commission public map input session regarding our Congressional draft maps. We are going to return to receiving comments from our registered callers. And when that's completed, we will take public input -- we'll take public comments. So I will return you to Katy, our comment moderate.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Welcome to the Congressional map feedback session. If you've not done so already, please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your screen.

If your unique ID ends anywhere from 001 through 104 -- again, that is 001 through 104 -- please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by the assigned unique ID number received
in your invite for this session.

When it is your turn to speak, I will be prompting you -- I will be promoting you to have the ability to enable your own video and/or audio which will be located in the lower left corner of your screen once you are promoted. 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 your hand button for those with the unique ID ending from 001 through 104.

We'll be starting with 070. And up next after that will be 099. 070, I'm promoting you now. 070, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you will be addressing, the floor is yours.

MS. TOWNSEND: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. TOWNSEND: All right. I'm addressing the North coast to North Bay intact for the Assembly draft map.

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Leanne
Townsend, and I was born and raised in San Francisco. My husband and I moved to Marin in 1999 and still reside here. We raised our children in Mill Valley in public schools, and we now live in San Rafael.

I grew up in low income housing in the city. I identify as multiracial. Currently I'm employed as a library aide and a book clerk. All three of my children work as public front-facing employees. I'm calling to thank you for keeping the North Coast and North Bay intact for the Assembly draft map. Thank you for not dividing our community by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco.

This important choice you made ensures our communities of interest are kept together and respected. One issue about which I'm passionate is housing. Based on the brief history I outlined, I am very concerned about the future my own grown children have here as residents.

Marin and Sonoma are closely linked in terms of housing needs and the effort to address the housing needs for those who work here but cannot afford to live here. Working together, we can gain traction in addressing this. Many in our communities have already collaborated to make the area affordable, safer, and vital.

We understand the unique balance necessary to
keeping an intact coastline, a vital tourist economy, humane agriculture, all while trying to house those who work here. It's an ongoing and important battle which requires communication and understanding of our shared history and respect for all the work that has already been done.

This crisis looks very different in Marin and Sonoma counties and those same issues in dense, urban, and heavily populated areas like San Francisco. Keeping these areas separate in legislative districts will ensure that our representatives can grasp our specific needs and make real change with the work that has already been done not have been wasted.

In looking at your maps, another thing I noticed was how you were able to keep our neighboring Napa and Solano counties whole. I'm sure those communities are also pleased by this cohesion. And as a matter of fact, I have relatives who live in Solano and Napa counties as they also have similar housing, wildfire, and water needs.

I understand that California's public and transparent redistricting process requires that the maps evolve based upon --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. TOWNSEND: -- public input, but I want to assure
you that you have already heard from our countless
stakeholders in North Bay, and these maps reflect their
needs. Thus, you have reached a very good point in the
map evolution for Marin, Sonoma, Solano, and Napa
counties. Thanks for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will
have unique ID 103. And up next after that will be 095.
103, I'll be promoting you now. 103, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
your screen.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, guys. Can you hear
me all right?

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

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Good evening,
Commissioners. My name is Isaac, and I'm calling from
Long Beach. First of all, I just want to thank the
Commission for keeping our city intact during these draft
maps. I know you've all been very busy over the last few
months and you've been hearing comments from all over the
state, but I really appreciate you taking the time to
listen to our concerns and -- and taking them to heart.

For the past ten years, Long Beach has been largely
kept whole and are very -- in our -- in our different
districts, and it's allowed us to elect strong representatives from our community that look out for our -- our interests and our needs in both Sacramento and in Washington, D.C.

We want to continue this kind of representation and stay together as much as possible and conti -- as you continue to draw these lines as you continue to have meetings in the -- the Commission. Thank you again for all the work you're doing, and please keep Long Beach as united as possible in the Congressional draft maps.

Thank you very much and have a good evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will be going to 099. And up next after that will be 094.

099, I'll be promoting you now. 099, 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'll be addressing, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to speak about the Congressional District 25, Santa Clarita, Antelope Valleys.

Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on the 25th Congressional District map which no longer has Simi Valley in it. Instead, it
has the City of Los Angeles. The San Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los Angeles, the second most populated city in the United States while Simi Valley, Santa Clarita and the cities in the Santa -- in the Antelope Valley in the 25th District are all small urban areas away from metropolitan Los Angeles.

I understand that some people say that the San Fernando Valley should be part of the district because people sometimes drive there from our area. The fact of the matter is that our aerospace industry in the Antelope Valley is an economic powerhouse to our district all the way to Simi Valley, and it wouldn't be fair to exclude them from the 25th district in favor of the City of Los Angeles.

So I ask you that you please keep our suburban communities away from the City of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. They need their own representation just like we need ours here in Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, and the Antelope Valley.

Santa Clarita and Simi Valley have similar demographics in terms of home ownership, home prices, education both at the high school and college levels, the numbers of the population in the -- in the workforce, median income, crime rates, and I could go on. In each of these areas, both Santa Clarita and Simi Valley are
very different from the San Fernando Valley.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I ask you again, please keep
the cities of Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, and all the
cities in the Antelope Valley together because they are
very similar and very different from those in the Los
Angeles --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- city, including the San
Fernando Valley. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be
going to 094. And up next after that will be 090.

094, I'll be promoting you now. 094, 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'd like to address, the
floor is yours.

MR. GARDNER: Thank you. My name is Bob Gardner.
I'm the -- I'm on the Mono County Board of Supervisors.
The map would be CDECA draft, the Eastern Sierra area.
Yes, that's it.

Over a series of meetings this summer and fall, our
Sierra Nevada citizens attended multiple meetings and
gave comments that said we needed a mountain district.
The Commission themselves, as I understand, spent time
talking about how special the Sierra Nevada region is.

We've explained that our recreation-based economy
from Inyo County to Sierra County is unique and that
across the Sierra we face the same challenges of being
stewards of wilderness and public federal lands, often
without adequate funding to care for properly. And we
also face the rural challenges of inadequate access to
broadband and other infrastructure.

We discussed the fact that we travel North on
Highway 395 to reach Routes 50 and 80 to access the rest
of California, and there is literally no other route. So
a trip to Fresno, which is seventy-nine miles as the crow
flies, is a 379 mile trip by car. A trip to Modesto is
278 miles. In no way can those areas be considered
contiguous. We also travel to Reno for airport access
and healthcare because we don't have it in our small
communities.

We understand certainly that achieving the
population target presents a challenge, so we've shown
with the maps we've submitted that we can achieve this by
going further into either Placer County towards Roseville
or into Nevada County. Both of these would best achieve
the goal of maintaining the Sierra character of the
district above all the other options you've considered.
Therefore, we were surprised and shocked when we learned that the maps were redrawn essentially from scratch with no regard for all the effort we had put in. We know that our part of California is literally caught between a rock and a hard place. The rock is the ridge of the Sierra Nevada which has no road across it, and the hard place is Nevada state border.

There's no option for us in our district except to go North or South, and the only reasonable community of interest is the rest of the Sierra. My colleagues have submitted another map of the district that is tenable and would be fair for the Sierra Nevada. I hope that the Commission will reconsider the current maps that we have seen and go back to --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. GARDNER: EDECA 1102 and VADECA 1107. I appreciate your thoughtful work and certainly look forward to seeing the results. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 090. And up next after that will be 083.

090, I'll be promoting you now. 090, 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'd like to address, the floor
is yours.

MR. WALKER: Hello. I'd like to address Congressional district NORCA, in particular Siskiyou County. Thank you.

Hello. My name is Ryan Walker. I am the President of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau and Chairman of the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. I'd like to thank the Commission for keeping Siskiyou County unified in one inner mountain district in the new draft.

Agriculture represents the largest single industry in Siskiyou County. An earlier draft put the Congressional redistricting of Siskiyou County to be split along Interstate 5, separating two primary agricultural regions, Shasta Valley and Scott Valley. Such a split would dilute the voice of Siskiyou County agriculture and prevent Siskiyou County voters from speaking with a single voice.

Under the earlier proposed split, Scott Valley alfalfa and grass producers would no longer be able to aggregate their voices with similar growers in Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties. Instead, they'd be placed in a district with virtually no other commercial forge agricultural ground.

Furthermore, the primary issues of concern in Western Siskiyou County fit better with the concerns of
the inner mountain region of California. Most notably, Western Siskiyou County has been the location of multiple large wildfires in the past decade. To place Western Siskiyou County in a coastal Congressional district with little wildfire risk would severely limit our county's ability to advocate for wildfire-related public policy.

In addition, we are geographically and economically tied to the Northern Sacramento Valley. Our alfalfa travels to dairies and compressors in Chico and Woodland. Our livestock sells in Orland. Many of our medical providers are located in Redding. The traveling time from our Yreka to Arcata exceeds four hours each way by a two-line -- lane winding highway that often closes for landslides. Such a traveling distance would make in-person access to our elected representative unreasonably difficult. It is unlikely that a field office would be placed in Yreka to service what would be less than two percent of the district's voters.

Finally, any split along Interstate 5 is particularly egregious because it would split between two Congressional districts, the communities of Hornbrook, Yreka, Grenada, Gizelle, Weed, Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir. That represents over half the towns --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WALKER: -- in Siskiyou County. Splitting a
rural county as well as most of its municipalities clearly violates the basic tenets of fair redistricting. I would also note that there appears to be virtually no other rural county that is split down the middle on the draft maps between districts and certainly no other small rural --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. WALKER: -- communities. I request that the commission keep Siskiyou County and its communities unified and connected to the inner mountain region.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 083. And up next after that will be 100.

083, I'll be promoting you now. 083, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. STRESSER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you very much. I'm speaking on behalf of Sutter, Butte, and Yuba Counties. My name is Andrew Stresser. I'm the general manager of Levee District 1 in Sutter County.

Levee District 1 is the oldest operating, publicly funded levee district in California, beginning in 1868.
For more than 150 years, Levee District 1 is providing flood protection for Sutter counties by operating and maintaining levees along the Feather River West levee.

I want to talk to you how deeply integrated Sutter County levee system is with Butte and Yuba counties where we share the same river system, the Feather River, and work together on flood control issues. As many of you know, Yuba and Sutter counties were devastated by floods during the levee failures of 1955, 1986, and 1997, and our most recent scare in 2017 when the Oroville Dam spillway broke apart.

This event forced an evacuation of nearly 200,000 people from Butte, Yuba, and Sutter Counties. The Oroville Dam crisis tested the strength of our levees and once again had flood managers in the three counties coordinating efforts to manage the high water. The coordination between our local communities has proven to be a successful model for flood fights.

After the passage of Prop 1E funds in 2006, Sutter and Butte County's flood experts got together to form the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, a JPA. The flood agency worked together to pass an assessment in 2010 where residents in Butte and Sutter Counties pay into a fund to rehabilitate forty-four miles of levees along the two counties which is adjacent to the Feather River West...
levee.

This cross-county collaboration was essential in maximizing construction dollars and ensuring that the entire region is protected from future flood events. Moving forward, the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency continue to operate and is now collaborating on ways to further enhance flood protection in the area.

I believe it is imperative that we have representatives that will prioritize flood control issues and who understand the inner workings of how Yuba, Sutter, and Butte Counties' water system works together. There's so much at stake and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. STRESSER: -- and we need advocates who will -- who will be focused on these valley and river issues. Unnecessarily placing our rural ag communities in areas like Granite Bay and the mountain communities will not bring much effort to our area. I sincerely hope --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. STRESSER: -- you take this into your consideration. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have 100. And up next after that will be 095. 100, I will be promoting you now. 100, 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'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening. My name is Andy, and I'm calling today about my community of Long Beach. I know this Commission has heard a lot of input from my area, and I want to thank you not just for all of your hard work but for giving residents like myself a meaningful chance to participate in the process. I'm grateful that you have each heard our concerns and done your best to incorporate them into these draft maps.

Long Beach has spoken with one voice, and I think you can see that unity reflected in these proposed districts. My neighborhood and I have asked that as much of our city as possible be kept in the same district and that we share representation with similar communities, and I'd like to reiterate these priorities this evening.

All three of the draft maps for our area accomplish this, and I want to echo some of the commissioners who have spoken about crossing the Orange County border in our district to help keep coastal cities and other communities on our border with similar neighborhoods in Long Beach.
To face the challenges ahead of us, we need representatives that understand the issues we face from housing affordability to environmental protection and the health of our coastline. We also need leaders that know what it takes to be a part of the solutions for Long Beach residents and our surrounding community.

I think these maps give us the power to do that, and I want to respectfully ask the Commission to keep supporting our needs by uniting as much of Long Beach as possible in your final drafts. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to present to you, and please continue to keep communities like Long Beach as together as possible. And thank you for all of your hard work as a Commission.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have unique ID 095. And up next after that will be unique ID 082. I'd also like to invite unique ID 013 and 098 to please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen if you wish to give comment.

095, I'll be promoting you now. 095, 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. And one more time, unique ID 095, the floor is
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, my God.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, wonderful. So sorry. My name is Deborah, and I'm going to be talking today about South Orange County and North San Diego County.

Good evening, Commissioners. I find it extremely difficult to understand why the Commission has drastically changed the current Congressional district. What should be a minor tweaking of Congressional borders has morphed into changes that appear to be gerrymandered. Please consider the intersexuality (sic) of these cities in each of the districts. There seems to be more of an emphasis on keeping the total population equal rather than make sure the cities in each district have commonalities.

Chino Hills, Yorba Linda, Placentia share very little interest with Mission Viejo, part of Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, and Lake Forest. It's like comparing apples and oranges. But the cities of Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, Lake Forest, it's like comparing apples and oranges. Laguna -- Laguna Hills, and Laguna
Woods do share many of the same commonalities. We attend the same school districts. CIF teams are -- are with these cities. Youth sports like Little League and AYSO regions. We go to the same hospital. And the most overlooked factor is the impact of the fifty-five and older communities: Laguna Woods, Palmilla, and Costa del Sol should be together. We shop at the same malls. We deal with the same amount of traffic.

While the focus on mapping out this district, it is essential to consider the collective interest and commonalities. Coastal cities of Laguna Beach to UC San Diego and the Scripps Institute should also round out the parts of San Juan Capistrano all the way down to Del Mar and more. Fallbrook should not be part of this district. The final report in the 2010 Citizens Redistricting Commission recommended that San Onofre, Camp Pendleton be with the Northern county beaches. There's a lot of concern about the nuclear waste, erosion of the beaches. They all understand the importance of tourism.

Commissioner Sinay, not -- not long ago stated that the inland cities of Encinitas and Fallbrook should not be part of the same district. I concur with Commissioner Sinay that the uniqueness of these coastal --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- cities would be best served if they stayed together. Thank you for your service and your efforts to do what's right for all fifty-two Congressional districts.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have unique ID 082. And up next after that will be 084. 082, I'll be promoting you now. 082, 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'll be addressing, the floor is yours.

MR. SEDGLEY: Hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. SEDGLEY: Thank you very much. My name is Scott Sedgley. I'm the mayor of Napa. And this is in reference to the 5th Congressional District on the 11/10/21 maps: Napa Lake, Yolo, and Eastern Sonoma County.

As mayor, I've been involved with two districting exercises. We had to go from at-large elections in our City of Napa to districts. We did that prior to the 2020 census. And so now here we find ourselves after the 2020 census doing a similar exercise.

But a big part of that is communities of interest.
And so, you know, what we did in our -- in our city is obviously the neighborhoods and those areas that have those communities of interest are important as this population. I look at Congressional District 5 the same way. Napa, Sonoma, Lake, we have a lot in common -- and Yolo, Eastern Sonoma -- with agriculture, and you know, that's what keeps our communities, our economic engine strong and going and healthy.

And I want to thank you for the recent map that -- that kept us whole as part of our neighboring counties that we have so much in common together. So I'm supporting that -- the -- the latest visualization of 11/10/21. And I want to thank you very much for considering those communities of interest in keeping us whole. That's my comments. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 084. And up next after that will be 093.

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 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'll be addressing. The floor is yours.

MR. TIFFANY: Thank you and good evening. I'm speaking this evening in regards to the Congressional
Districts of Midcoast and Cupertino. My name is Bob Tiffany (ph.), and I'm a San Benito County supervisor. With the November 10th release of the proposed maps, I'm extremely concerned with your placement of San Benito County within the Cupertino Congressional district. I'm calling to strongly urge you to move San Benito County back into the Midcoast Congressional District.

Historically, going back generations, San Benito County has always been aligned with and in the same Congressional District as Monterey County and the Central Coast. In fact, prior to 1874, when it became its own county, San Benito was part of Monterey County. Instead, the proposed maps disregard the many overlapping areas and communities of interest that San Benito and Monterey County share.

First and foremost, it starts with our economic and cultural base of agriculture. The prime ag areas of the Salinas Valley, San Juan Valley, and Hollister grow the same crops and are home to thousands of farm workers. We have shared regional issues of equity, transportation, housing, water, and other natural resources. Both counties are largely rural in character and nature. Furthermore, our counties and cities work closely together in the tri-county areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito on joint agency planning issues and
projects through regional organizations such as the
Association of Monterey Area Group, or AMBAG, the
Monterey Bay Air Resources District, the Central Coast
Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Monterey
Bay Economic Partnership.

And most importantly, in regards to a Congressional
District, we coordinate our efforts to receive critical
federal assistance. Placing San Benito -- placing San
Benito, a small rural county of roughly sixty-five
thousand, in the Cupertino Congressional District would
not only sever these extremely important and historical
ties to the Central Coast, but it would mean that we
would lose our voice, a shared community interest --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. TIFFANY: -- drowned out by a much more densely
populated and urban area. It will have a devastating
impact on our entire county.

Once again, I strongly urge that San Benito County
be moved back into the Midcoast Congressional District.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 093, and up next after that will be 101.

093, I'll be promoting you now. 093, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. SOOMAR: Hi, my name is Naheed Soomar (ph.), and I am calling about the region in North L.A. County and Eastern Ventura County. Okay.

Good evening, and thank you so much for taking this difficult task of redistricting. It's not easy to balance the needs of various diverse communities that call California home. Wanted to make the general comment about the area that's AVSCV and FV and Malibu SFV.

This is a very diverse area where you have a variety of community interests at play. What I noticed in your maps in comparing to our current Congressional Districts is the current one is much better aligned with the common interests that these communities have. For example, Porter Ranch in -- in Northwestern San Fernando Valley has very little in common with the coastal community of Malibu. They have different climates, different demographics, housing prices. One has a coastal concern. One has an inland fire concern and -- and traffic issues. So it's going to drown things out.

Similarly, what we noticed is Santa Clarita is now lumped in with Northern San Fernando Valley, Sylmar area
and Sylmar, which naturally fits in well and is currently
in the San Fernando Valley Congressional District, is now
lumped in with Santa Clarita. And so you literally could
be walking across the street and be in a different
Congressional District in a highly dense area.

I would urge you to keep Santa Clarita and Simi
Valley together. They are both demographically very
similar. They have similar income levels. They are
further in, and they're not as densely populated as the
rest of L.A. County that they're being lumped in with.
And -- and -- and it'll ensure that those communities are
not drowned out by more densely populated areas.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. SOOMAR: Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have unique I.D. 101, and up next after that will be 102.
101, I'll be promoting you now. 101, 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 what region you'll be addressing. The
floor is yours.$

MR. TAYLOR: Good evening. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. TAYLOR: Excellent. My name is Mark (ph.), and
I'm calling about the Long Beach Congressional District or LB North draft in the most current map. Just want to start off by thanking the Commission for all your hard work in this unenviable task, and for -- and for respecting the wishes of Long Beach community and keeping our city together for the most part through this redistricting process. I really appreciate that you've reunited more of -- reunited more of Long Beach in these draft Congressional maps. Appreciate that you're listening to the residents of Long Beach.

And I especially want to thank Commissioner Kennedy in this process.

I'm hoping you'll please continue to work with the residents of our city and keep Long Beach together as much as possible, especially keeping, you know, our critical assets, the airport, our ports, our coast, downtown together with key residential areas.

My understanding that this is still -- these maps are still under development, and so as you refine them over the next few weeks, please also note that Long Beach has been well served in the past. In the -- in the current -- the current maps, which keep Long Beach together and -- and link it with Northern coastal Orange County, we share coastal erosion -- coastal erosion challenges, sea level rise concerns, and a strong
interest in preserving wetlands that extend from Bolsa Chica through Seal Beach and into Long Beach. Especially since wetlands preservation, coastal erosion, and flooding, all things under the authority of the Federal Army Corps of Engineers, it would be great for us to have a connected representation through Congress as well.

So again, I just want to stress that we appreciate everything that you're doing in working to keep Long Beach together, and if you do need to shift maps, I just want to say that we've been well served by the current arrangement that links Long Beach -- keeps Long Beach together, but links us with Seal Beach and the Northern Orange County coastal cities. So thanks again, and have a good evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 102, and up next after that will be 096.

102, I will be promoting you now. 102, you can 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 and the region. The floor is yours.

MR. WATSON: The region would be Long Beach. My name is Nevan Watson (ph.), and I'm calling in to represent Long Beach City College. We'd like to thank
the Commission for putting both of our community college campuses back into a single Congressional District. It means a lot to us and our 24,000 students.

    Commissioner -- Commissioners Kennedy, Turner, and Sadhwani, we want to especially thank you for taking our feedback into account. We understand all of you have a lot of decisions to make in the next few weeks. The Long Beach Community College District respectfully requests that you keep our college campuses in the same Congressional District. We depend on a lot of grant funding, and our students depend on financial aid, and much of that work is done at the Congressional level of government, which is why it is important for us to have a Congressional District that is connected in a way that makes sense for our students.

    Thank you for everything that you are doing. We appreciate each of you, and thank you so much for your decisions in the upcoming weeks.

    CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique I.D. 096, and up next after that will be 086. Oh. Give me one moment.

    096, I will be promoting you now. 096, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you would please remind the mapper of
what district plan or region you would like to address.

The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. I am interested in addressing Congressional District CA1 in Northern California, also known as Siskiyou County. Very top of the state. Yes. So I am a member of the Shasta Indian Nation, and Siskiyou County, what's presently known as Siskiyou County, has been the aboriginal territory and homelands to Shasta people since time immemorial. We have multiple bands of Shasta-speaking Indians that live throughout the county. Our culture is connected. We're all connected through our culture, through our spiritual practices, and through our language. We support the current map that was drafted, I believe it was November 10th. It keeps the county intact. There was a prior -- a prior version that had split the county in half, pretty much along the I-5. And that would cause a significant disruption to -- to our tribal people. And so I just want to throw that out there.

We are a community that has a lot in common. We're also a river community. We're also a community from the valleys. We're not actually a coastal community. A prior map had moved us to a coastal Congressional District, and we would -- we would find that really
disruptive to our tribal people.

So that's really all that I need to say this evening. Thank you so much for your time, and thank you again for all the work that you're doing.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be going to 086. I will be promoting you now. 086, 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 what region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes. The region I would like to talk about is the Fresno-Tulare Congressional District. Hello, Commissioners. My name's Aleeta (ph.), and it is my belief that the City of Fresno should be removed from the Fresno-Tulare draft Congressional District because of the district's communities of interest are overwhelmingly rural, and Fresno is not. Fresno's urban population should be included in a district that shares local representation of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Fresno City Council, such as Stan Fresno. As a resident of rural Tulare County and the proposal Fresno-Tulare Congressional District, I feel the Fresno-Tulare district should rather incorporate more of the rural Tulare County
to maintain the rural nature of the district. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And at this time, we have completed all of our unique I.D.s, and I will be reading our general public comment instructions.

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 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream feed, it is 87225431522 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

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

Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Whoops. I just lost my place. Please make sure
to mute your -- once you are waiting in the queue, be
alert for when is your turn to speak, and again, please
turn down the livestream volume. I apologize.

We will be starting with caller 9907.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Can you hang on for a
second?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I have the Spanish
interpreter read the site translation full call-in
instructions, please?

THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish
interpreter, Margarita (ph.), to read the full call-in
instructions in Spanish.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is correct.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay. (In Spanish, not
translated). Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Gracias. Thank you very
much.

Katy, we are back in your hands.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Thank you so much.

I apologize. I had forgotten.

Right now, we have caller 9907, and up next after
that will be caller 0209.

Caller 9907, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller
with the last four digits 9907, if you'll please follow
the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do
apologize, caller 9907. There appears to be some type of
connectivity issue for you at this moment. I do have a
note to retry.

Right now, we will be going to caller 0209, and up
next after that will be caller 2902.

Caller 0209, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. One more time, caller with
the last four digits 0209, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 0209, you
are unmuted. You may want to double-check and make sure
your phone is not on mute.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hello, hi.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good. Good evening,
ladies and gentlemen. My name is David (ph.). I am a
Vietnamese voter and senior citizen. I ask that you keep
Huntington Beach with the cities of Westminster, Garden
Grove, and Fountain Valley in one Congressional District.
Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 2902, and up next after that will be caller 3480.

   Caller 2902, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good evening. Am I on?

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Good evening. I am a resident in Westminster, and I want to have to consider my input that I need to have -- to have Little Saigon to include the current cities, not the far away North, like Fullerton. In other words, it should be the way they are right now, but in to include Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley when you consider the redistricting. Thank you.

   CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be going to caller 3480, and up next after that will be caller 0670.

   Caller 3480, if you will, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

   MR. LEE: Hello. My name is Richie Lee (ph.). I'm currently -- currently a resident here. I'd like to address the Huntington Beach -- Huntington Beach to Little Saigon District. The Commission has heard
consistent and lengthy testimony about keeping Little Saigon with Huntington Beach, yet we do not see that happen with these maps. And the Seal Beach/Brea District, the Commission made, is just, like, all over the place. I watched as you (audio interference), and every move was so arbitrary, focusing on compactness rather than any actual similarities to the communities, and this district really needs to be revisited. And it should start with keeping Little Saigon with Huntington Beach. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 0670, and up next after that will be caller 3166.

Caller 0670, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 0670, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Good evening. My name is Eric Anderson (ph.). I live in El Cajon, part of San Diego County. I've lived here in East County for the past 33 years, and two sons were born and raised here and now reside here with their families.

I want to thank this commission for the thankless
job they have. Volunteer work doesn't pay well, so thank you tonight for your time.

I'm concerned about the new maps for State Senate District 38. The new map undermines that which makes East County unique in San Diego, our values. We vote differently than those in Chula Vista, and North Park, and Mission Beach. And we can take a look at the values of the candidates who represent those communities versus those who represent Santee, Lakeside, and El Cajon in East County. East County is the last place in San Diego where we find the majority of families who still hold traditional values, ethics that were constituted in our founding documents, self-evident truths, all men created equal, limited government, individual liberty, property rights, free speech.

I'm afraid that what this new map does in the East County of San Diego is destroy the last remnant of traditional values in our city, and I just want to encourage you to please not allow this new version for Senate District 38 to continue. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3166, and up next after that will be caller 2211.
Caller 3166, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. SUAREZ: Hello. My name is Griselda Suarez, and I am a resident of Long Beach, and I'm also the executive director for the Arts Council for Long Beach.

I just want to thank the Commissioners for all you are doing to ensure our communities are represented and kept as intact as possible. The Arts Council from Long Beach has partnered with many other organizations, racial justice groups, and nonprofits in Long Beach on this redistricting process. Our coalition of organizations represents thousands of our supporters across the city. On behalf of them, thank you. Thank you for hearing and respecting our voices. As you know, Long Beach is a unique and tight -- tight-knit city that always puts community first. We have been proud to be actively engaged in this redistricting process throughout the year, and we appreciate being heard from the -- by the Commissioners, especially Commissioners Kennedy, Yee, and Sadhwani. Thank you all for that you're doing, and please continue to represent us as intact as possible and support our city. Thank you very much. Good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 2211, and up next after that will be caller
And I'd again like to invite those that have called in this evening to please press star nine, as it helps us in our job in managing the queue for our staff and myself. Please press star nine if you wish to give comment this evening. It will raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

Right now we will go to caller 2211. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

The floor is yours.

MR. BREZNOV: Good evening. Thanks for taking my call. My name's Daniel Breznov (ph.), and I'm a resident of the Alamitos Beach neighborhood here in Long Beach. I wanted to give public testimony tonight in support of maps that keep my community as together as possible. Here in Long Beach, we're one of the State's largest cities, and I really believe that to build the future I want for my kids and our community, we need a strong, unified voice at the state and federal level. I want to be represented by leaders who come from my community and know what we need to address our particular challenges.

As a practical matter, that means keeping as much of Long Beach intact and in a single district as is possible. For a city of our size, almost 475,000 people, maybe a little bit more at this point, I think that's a
really reasonable request that makes the best sense for us in the Assembly, in the Senate, and in the House of Representatives as well. I know especially for Senate and Congress, we're going to be part of a larger district. That just needs to be because the numbers, and I think the Commission has done a really good job of looking at ways to consolidate the greater Long Beach area. It definitely makes sense to put us with Lakewood and Signal Hill. They're a very important part of the greater Long Beach community. But I've also heard Commissioners talking about including parts of Orange County, like Seal Beach as well.

Now, this commission has a lot of things to consider, and I think that crossing the county line --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. BREZNOV: -- to our East might be a good fit -- crossing the county line to our East might be a good fit if it helps put together a map that best serves more communities. We do share vital resources like our coastline with our OC neighbors, and there are a lot of East Long Beach --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. BREZNOV: -- neighborhoods that interact with those communities regularly, but most importantly, thank you for overwhelmingly looking to keep our city unified,
and I hope you'll continue to do so through this process. Thanks so much. Have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3981, and up next after that will be caller 6725.

Caller 3981, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

MS. LEE: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MS. LEE: Okay. Hello. My name is Jacqueline Lee (ph.). I'm a Vietnamese American voter. I appreciate the Commission for recognizing the vibrant Vietnamese community in Little Saigon and the importance of keeping this together in one Congressional district number 48. I feel like you overlook the fact that this community really bleeds into Huntington Beach, though, rather than more inland communities. I think the Commission needs to rectify that mistake and put Little Saigon with the coastal community. Thank you, and good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 6725, and up next after that will be caller 7618.

Caller 6725, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
MS. HUGGINS: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners.

Thanks for taking comments. My name's Gina Huggins, G-I-N-A, Huggins, H-U-G-G-I-N-S. I'm from Yucaipa, and I wanted to thank you for your great work for my community. On the draft Congressional map, the High Desert SC, Yucaipa is linked to important communities around us. We stay with Calimesa, which makes sense because we share a School District, and we're also tied to Big Bear, which is important because both Big Bear and Yucaipa touch national forests and have environmental and public safety concerns with that forest.

Please keep up the good work, and thank you for listening to the needs of the community. Thanks.

MR. MANOFF: Thank (audio interference).

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be going to caller 7618, and up next after that will be caller 8800.

Caller 7618, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Phung (ph.). I'm a resident in Westminster, and a second generation Vietnamese American. I'm calling to urge you to keep the community of Little Saigon attached to the City of Huntington Beach in our Congressional District. Huntington Beach is next door to Little Saigon. From my
house to Huntington Beach is only a five-minute drive.
It takes me over forty-five minutes to drive from
Westchester to Fullerton. It makes no sense for Little
Saigon to be in the same district as cities so far North
of us like Fullerton. Thank you. Have a good night.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 8800, and up next after that will be caller
5755.
Caller 8800, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
MR. CHAVARIN: Hello. My name is Victor Chavarin
(ph.), and I'm calling regarding the Fresno-Tulare map,
and Kings County as a whole.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.
MR. CHAVARIN: Sorry. My name is Victor Chavarin.
I am a resident of Armona, within Kings County. I'm
calling to make comment on the communities of interest.
The City of Fresno does not belong in the Fresno-Tulare
Congressional District draft. As a -- as a resident of
Kings County, I understand how different the city's urban
population is with the rest of the district's rural
communities. The City of Fresno should be included in a
district like STANFRESNO, where it will share
representation from Fresno County Board of Supervisors,
and the City of Clovis, and not (audio interference) the Fresno-Tulare District rural communities of interest, especially Kings County. With Kings County being divided, it -- it lowers the ability to -- for the county and its local communities to advocate for each other's needs. The Kings County has multiple small districts with the -- community service districts that usually work together to advocate for special needs that we need at the federal and state level. By splitting us up, we -- we lose our power and we lose our voice due to the unincorporated status of a lot of our communities within the county, and same with Tulare. If we are to be in the same Congressional District, our voice will only be increased. So I ask that you remove the City of Fresno from the Fresno-Tulare district and make Kings County whole. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 5755, and up next after that will be caller 0046.

Caller 5755, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. WALKER: Hi. This is Catherine Walker (ph.). I live in Santa Clarita. I'm calling to comment about two of the draft maps, CAVAVCV draft, and this SDSVS -- SCSFV draft. That's a mouthful. In regards to the
Congressional map, I think the Commission got this one right. Exactly right. So well done. The map respects county lines, our communities of interest, and is geographically compact. And I understand that there are callers who want Simi Valley back in the District, but I just don't think that's a good idea. There's no reason to add Simi and make this district that big again. We don't share interests with Simi, and we do with the North San Fernando Valley, including transit and water infrastructure.

And then, regarding the Senate District map, it's pretty good, too. I would just suggest to make it look a little bit more like the Congressional districts, a little more. Add more of the North San Fernando Valley like Northridge and Granada Hills, and less of Van Nuys and North Hollywood. That would make the District more compact.

Thank you so much for volunteering and doing all of this hard work. And thank you for taking my call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 0046, and up next after that, we will have unique I.D. 013.

Caller 0046, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. LETNER: Good evening. My name is Brad Letner,
B-R-A-D, L-E-T-N-E-R, and I'm calling about the draft map, High Desert SB. I'd like to commend the Commission for its work in this draft map because I currently work as a civilian on Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base in the Morongo Basin in the High Desert, and I retired from active duty at Fort Irwin, California. And this map keeps the military bases in the High Desert together, including the Veteran's Home in Barstow. These bases and the Veteran's Home provide jobs and are a big resource to all the communities around them. And it's a major part of our identity. This map even connects us to the VA Clinic in Victorville and the VA Hospital in Loma Linda. And that's important to give veterans an opportunity to advocate for the resources we need from local agencies.

The San Bernardino County, the High Desert is rural and blue collar, but has a high population of veterans like myself. We served at Fort Irwin Army Base, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, Barstow Marine Corps Logistics Base, and several Air Force veterans from the old George Air Force Base in Victorville. There's a huge concentration of veterans in our community, and I really appreciate the Commission's efforts to recognize the military community and to keep us together and give us a voice.

So please continue your great work, and I'd just
like to add, please keep our rural communities of the
High Desert from being mixed in with large urban areas
like Los Angeles County. Thanks very much. Have a good
night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have unique I.D. 013, and up next
after that, we will retry caller 9907.

Unique I.D. 013, I will be promoting you now. 013,
you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
corner of your screen, and if you would please let the
mapper know what district plan and region you'd like to
address. The floor is yours.

MR. MADRIGAL: Hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MADRIGAL: Oh, okay. My name is Tony Madrigal.
I'm a city council member in Modesto. I'm calling about
Congressional map -- proposed map EASTEA regarding
Stanislas County. I really want to urge the Commission,
with all due respect, to please not divide up our City of
Modesto. Your current proposed map literally cuts our
city of 220,000 -- approximately 220,00 people, cuts it
in half. We are currently in Congressional District 10.
Our entire city is the county seat and our entire city is
a community of interest. You are dividing our voice in
half. Please don't do that. Please keep us intact with
the current configuration the way it is, and with our
neighboring cities of Manteca, Tracy as well. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have caller 9412, and up next after
that will be caller 8499.

Caller 9412, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Excellent. All right.

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is (audio
interference), a resident of Pollock Pines, El Dorado
County, and I will addressing the Congressional District
PLACERSAC draft.

Firstly, I want to commend the commission for
including Nevada County, Sierra County, and Northern Yuba
County without that of Placer and El Dorado County. My
main concern, however, is that in the latest draft, the
voice of the Gold Country cultural and economic region of
the Northern and central Sierra Nevadas would be drowned
out by that of the Northeast Sacramento suburbs, such as
Lincoln, Rosedale, Folsom, and El Dorado Hills. My
suggestion would be instead that the Sierras -- whoops,
my bad -- the Sierra Congressional District be formed
with that -- with the rest of Gold Country, largely
following the communities along Highway 49, consisting of
the rest of El Dorado County, Amador County, Calaveras
County, the Tuolumne County, and Mariposa County in order
to cohesively represent the needs of this region in
Congress. And if need be, for population purposes,
Eastern Butte County, Plymouth County, Alpine County,
Eastern Madera County, and Eastern Fresno County could
also be included with the rest of Gold Country because
they share similar bonds to the rest of the central
Sierras.

Personally, I am especially concerned about El
Dorado County being split as it is in this proposal, as
I, and Pollock Pines would be divided from most of my
family, friends and community, merely located nine miles
away in Placerville, which would be put into the ECA
Congressional District. Once again, I will urge the
Commission to please consider keeping Gold Country united
and its federal representation. Thank you, and good
night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And to our listening
public and community members, if your intention is to
provide community public comment tonight, you must do
so -- you must call in before 8:00 p.m., as that's when
our phone lines will close. Again, if your intention is
to provide public comment tonight, please call in prior
to 8:00 p.m.

Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
And right now, we will have caller 8499, and up next after that will be caller 6659.
Caller 8499, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners, and thank you for giving this additional window to speak. I think you guys have done a good job at listening to all voices and not showing preference toward one community over the other. I'm from Kern County, and I know that I certainly feel recognized by the Commission as a whole and by many of the individual Commissioners. I am in awe of the task that you guys are doing, and I think it's important that you all hear from some happy callers so it's not all too negative. Please continue listening to this perspective of Kern County as you make the final decisions that you have to make as we move forward towards our final decision. Thanks, and have a great rest of your evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 6777, and up next after that will be caller 3783.
Caller 6777, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. PILCH: Thank you. Hello. My name's Nick
Pilch. I'm a resident of, and former mayor of, and
speaking tonight about the City of Albany, currently
drawn at the bottom of CDNORTHCONT. I'll be speaking of
this district as well as CDOAKLANDMORI, directly to the
South. Thank you for all you do and your good work.
Your process is good and impressive, and I appreciate
your difficult task.

My request is to move the City of Albany back into
the CDOAKLANDMORI. Albany is the Northernmost city in
Alameda County, and very much identified with Alameda
County cities and interests. The map has moved Albany
into a district solely made up of Contra Costa County
cities. Albany is small, with about 20,000 residents.
Our interests are not well aligned with these other
cities in this other county, and we're so small as to
perhaps lose our ability to impact our representation
under this scenario. Albany has a much greater affinity
for, and a community of interest with, Berkeley in
Oakland and Piedmont in Emeryville. Albany belongs in CD
OAKLANDMORI. If you're able to zoom in, you'll see that
it looks like a missing puzzle piece from CDOAKLANDMORI
at the -- on the North rather than a part of CDNORTHCONT.
Albany and Berkeley are closely knit communities sharing a major retail corridor that goes through both cities, Solano Avenue, and we celebrate our combined community through an annual community events such as the Solano Street -- Solano Stroll Street Fair, and which is hosted by both Albany and Berkeley. There you can see the Albany there -- there showing on the map. We're closely tied to UC Berkeley as well. Many workers and students live -- live here in Albany --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PILCH: -- from UC Berkeley. UC Village -- UC Village, marriage and family housing for UC Berkeley, resides in Albany. The top of Alameda County also marks the top of the Peralta Community College District, which has schools in Alameda, Oakland, and Berkeley. Note that this district --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. PILCH: -- does not include San Leandro.

Finally, Albany is united with Berkeley in our State Assembly and State Senate Districts. And once again, the request is to move the City of Albany back into CDOAKLANDMORI. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have caller 3783, and up next after that will be caller 7699.
Caller 3783, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Irene (ph.). Last week, I listened intensely as dozens of callers from the Asian American community called in to express support for keeping Little Saigon with Huntington Beach. With such a strong emphasis on communities of interest, I don't understand the Commission decided to ignore this request. Little Saigon is a part of Huntington Beach, and is just a five-minute drive from the beach. They should be kept together on both the federal and state level. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 7699 and up next after that will be caller 3888.

Caller 7699, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. FONG: Good evening. My name's Miley Fong (ph.), and I live in the City of Garden Grove. I would like the Commissioners to consider to keep the Little Saigon area together with Huntington Beach. I live in Garden Grove for most of my life, and all of my activity, everything, it's related to Little Saigon area with the Huntington Beach area. It's very close to, you know, my
location. And I surprised why, you know, Fullerton is 30 minutes away, and it's really far, and I'm not sure why, you know, we combine -- the suggestion to combine Fullerton with the Little Saigon. So if you can, I really appreciate if you can keep, you know, the Little Saigon area together with Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley area. Thank you so much for your support. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll go to caller 3888, and up next after that will be caller 1740.

Caller 3888, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. NGUYEN: Oh. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. NGUYEN: Yes. My name is Tim Nguyen (ph.). I am a Vietnamese American voter. Little Saigon should be in a Congressional District with Huntington Beach. The city expansion of Little Saigon and thousands of Vietnamese residents live here in this neighboring city while they are still a part of vibrant Little Saigon community. It was an arbitrary decision to separate the two, and the Commission needs to revisit it. Thank you for your attention. Good night.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll be retrying caller 9907 at this time, as I said earlier, and I forgot. And the next after that will be caller 1740.

Caller 9907, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. FONG: Hello? Hello, my name is Li Fong (ph.). Please put Little Saigon with Huntington Beach (audio interference), no Fullerton. It's too far away. Vietnamese in Westminster, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach. Thank you. Good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we're going to caller 1740, and up next after that will be caller 3746.

Caller 1740, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller -- oh. The floor is yours.

MR. LEE: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

MR. LEE: Oh. My name is Gung Lee (ph.). (Indiscernible) sleep and work in Westminster, Garden Grove, and Huntington Beach. Fullerton is too far. Please don't put Little Saigon together with Fullerton.

Thank you. Good night.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we're going to caller 3746, and up next after that will be caller 7082.

Caller 3746, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. TONG: Hello. My name is Daisy Tong (ph.), and I live in Garden Grove. Actually, I grew up -- this is where my first home is in Garden Grove. And as we grow older, you know, my parents, they live in Garden Grove, and we start expanding and doing our business in Westminster, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley. We -- now, I take my kids to Huntington Beach almost every night, so we see the beach, our city, our business, and we extend towards the coastal area. We don't go towards Fullerton. So by submissions (sic) drawing the line toward Fullerton, it really actually kind of divides our community instead of uniting together, as is intention.

So with that having said, I do appreciate the hard work the Commission is trying to put in, but please consider that if you have a chance, go visit Little Saigon and drive from Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster, Garden Grove, you will see how similar it is. As you drive into Fullerton, it's kind of different. Our work there is different and we hardly go do anything
there. So please keep us together to the coastal.

Thank you so much. I appreciate your work. I appreciate your time, and I hope you'll really consider keeping our demographic, our voice together. Thank you. Have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will go to caller 7082, and up next after that will be caller 7644.

Caller 7082, if you will please follow the prompts to a unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours,

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Dear Commissioners,

thank you for taking this call. I'm speaking about the Northern California districts, to some extent, like NORCOAST -- NORCOAST and SIERRA. First, I feel like this Commission has not paid much attention to Northern California during this process. NORCAV was drawn in about five minutes around 1:30 p.m. -- 11:30 p.m. on Monday. There was no discussion on community of interest, no discussion of natural boundaries, and no reference to any commentary submitted by the public. I understand that -- that none of you are from the area, but it -- it was clear that people who live in the North State were just numbers on a map to you, and any public comment we had made had been largely ignored. I don't
mean to come across as insulting, but if you wanted to
make the people that live here feel ignored, you could
not have picked a better way to do it.

Anyway, I live here, so I've tracked the comments.
There are basically four groups, and I'll summarize.
There's the group of comments asking for an ag district
along I-5. Ag community of interest basically means
Republican in this context. There's another group of
comments asking that the Northwest Coast, Trinity, Del
Norte, and Humboldt should be in a coastal community of
interest. Coastal community really means Democrat in
this context. There's literally nothing similar about
Marin and Humboldt except that Humboldt Democrats want to
vote for Bay Area Democratic candidates.

I mean, one of the commissioners on Monday night
said that Richmond was too blue collar to be looped with
Marin. You clearly have never been to the North Coast if
you think Humboldt is less blue collar than Richmond.

Anyway, there are also two other groups. A third
group wants a rural district that goes from Humboldt to
Plumas, and focuses on tying together forests, state
parks, and the three national parks --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- North of Sacramento.

Group four wants the Karuk and Yurok Tribes of Siskiyou,
Humboldt, and Del Norte to be hooked -- kept together.
The Dems from the coast and the Republicans in the valley
love the current maps. You could build a fourth district
by adding Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity to NORCAF --
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- balancing NORCOAST by
adding the rest of Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park, and then
adding Yuba City and Marysville to Yolo Lake.
You're the Commission. You draw the districts as
you like. I just ask that you engage with the rural
districts across the state, which seem to be treated as
population sinks because they don't have a commissioner
to --
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 7644, and up next after that will be caller
0073.
Caller 7644, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
MR. PAYNE: All right. Good evening, Commissioners.
My name is Eric Payne. I'm the executive director of the
Central Valley Urban Institute, and I will be referencing
a few different Congressional maps this evening relative
to Black families here in the Central Valley who have
largely continued to be split and paired with unfavorable
communities within their respective jurisdiction.

Again, I'd like to reference the California Black redistricting hub maps to -- so -- to show in how you can balance and pair our communities here in the Central Valley. I'll point first to the Tulare County map, where you've segmented the second largest populous African American community in Tulare County and the City of Visalia into Kern County. And -- and so our request was that you keep both Tulare -- the City of Tulare and the City of Visalia whole.

Next, I'll point to the Fresno maps. Communities West of 99, those communities include West Park, Southwest Fresno, and emerging Black communities --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PAYNE: - as do Herndon, continue to be segmented and divided in a separate Congressional District outside of the urban core district, just simply across the street --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. PAYNE: -- that -- that divides Elm. So please keep those community -- communities whole and together.

And then finally, I'll close with maintaining the integrity of Atwater and Chowchilla. You --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 0073. If you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. AI: I'm calling about the Coachella Valley.

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai. I am
calling on behalf of Equality California. I want to
reiterate our deep appreciation for the Commission's
commitment to uniting and empowering LGBTQ+ communities
throughout the state, including in the Coachella Valley.
And while we appreciate the Commission's action to unite
our Coachella LGBTQ+ community in the draft Senate maps,
I want to express our deep concern that the draft
Congressional maps would divide the Coachella Valley
LGBTQ+ community in half by separating the City of Palm
Springs from Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and
Thousand Palms. Our Coachella Valley LGBTQ+ community
runs across these cities, which have a long history of
electing candidates of choice. This is important,
especially as so many Coachella LGBTQ+ residents face
unique challenges and needs, especially LGBTQ+ elders and
people living with HIV. In addition to sharing a
geographically connected and united LGBTQ+ community,
Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and
Thousand Palms are all part of the Palm Springs Unified
School District. Please keep our Coachella Valley LGBTQ+
community united, as you have done in the Senate draft
maps, and -- and as you have done in the draft Senate
maps. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

And Katy, I think we have time for one more caller
before break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I agree. Right now, we
have caller 9131. If you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller
9131, you are unmuted. You may want to double-check your
phone, make sure it is not muted.

MS. MENECKER: Thank you for that reminder. Okay.
Perfect. My name is Emily Menecker (ph.), and I'm a
resident of Fullerton. And I think what I'm hearing, or
what I feel, is what a lot of different people are saying
tonight. And basically under the Voting Rights Act, city
boundaries are supposed to be respected, and the maps
that have drawn dilute the power of our city by dividing
us. It splits Fullerton into different counties, which
puts us at risk for not getting fair representative by
someone who knows Fullerton and respects the needs and
the demand of the Fullerton community. I'm asking for
you to keep Fullerton together, so that it gets the
representation and funding it needs and deserves.

Thank you so much for your work and your
consideration.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And with that last caller, we're going to take a fifteen-minute break. We will return at 8:30. If you've called in, please do not disconnect, as the phone lines are closed and you will not be able to call back in. So I will see everyone back at 8:30. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California, and welcome back to the public comment portion of our meeting. We will pick up right where we left off, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We'll start with caller 5719. Up next after that will be caller 5000.

Caller 5719, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. ROSARIO: Thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission, and thank you guys for working late on a Wednesday night. I wanted to address the maps in the Santa Clarita Valley area for Congress and Assembly, especially. Specifically, the -- the need to -- to move further North on those maps. The -- the issue is, is that the Santa Clarita Valley -- oh, and I'm sorry. I didn't introduce myself. My name is Karen Rosario (ph.), I'm a resident of the Antelope Valley. And I've done quite a bit of work in the Santa
Clarita Valley over the years as well. And those two areas are -- are just very much linked with one another.

In regards to the Congressional District map for the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, one of the issues, though, is the fact that it just doesn't go far enough North. Right now, it -- it cuts off at the L.A. County line, and I know that there's a desire to remain within counties when possible, but we -- we do see on some of the other maps that it -- it does move outside of L.A. County, and -- and that's as it should be, because it leads into those more rural areas, some of the Rosemont area, the California City area, the Mohave area, all of that is essentially one community, and keeping that area whole because of just the especially economic interests, and there's military interests, and just the fact that the residents consider themselves all one community within those areas.

In terms of the Assembly District map, also that needs to continue to go further North rather than moving South into the -- the San Fernando Valley --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ROSARIO: -- which is what's happening with that (audio interference) map. So again, moving -- moving North, we have the communities of like interest. We have communities that have a much greater tendency to commute
into one another and -- and share those -- those common interests as well.

Appreciate your time. Appreciate the --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- opportunity for you to hear the constituents' views. And I hope you have a good rest of your night. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, will be caller 5000. Up next after that will be caller 2887, Caller 5000, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. JOHNSON: Good evening. My name is Gary Johnson, G-A-R-Y J-O-H-N-S-O-N. I've been a resident of Orange County for the last twenty-eight years, living near the coast, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed redistricting for the Orange County coastal cities.

The Irvine and Costa Mesa lines make very little sense. The Assembly lines keep Irvine whole and group it with Costa Mesa. The Senate lines split Irvine and exclude Costa Mesa. The Congressional lines split Irvine and include Costa Mesa. And just saying it out loud really kind of helps you understand it doesn't make a lot of sense. And the Commission should revisit this area
with the goal of keeping Irvine whole and grouped with
Costa Mesa in all the maps.

And I want to thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
2887, and up next after that is caller 2554.

Caller 2887, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. KERR: Thank you. I'm so appreciative of your
time and attention tonight. Hi, my name is Megan Kerr,
I'm calling this evening from Long Beach. I also happen
to be the vice president of the Long Beach Unified School
District Board of Education. And I'm calling to thank
you for the updates to your draft maps of our area that
help unite Long Beach Districts for State Senate,
Assembly, and Congress. Our Board has written to the
communication -- this Commission several times, and I
want to personally thank you for taking our feedback at
heart and making sure that it's reflected in the work
that you've done. I'm lucky enough to help represent
part of an amazing, diverse, and inclusive city that's
deeply united by a strong sense of community. And I know
each of you have gotten a glimpse of that community
through our hearing feedback to this Commission and our
desire to stay united in our State Districts.
This is also important to me personally because of my work with our School District, which serves Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon, in addition to Long Beach. I also understand that these four cities alone may not be enough in population to make up an entire Congressional District, and so I'd like to extend support for including in this map cities who are our immediate neighbors and partners. It's also very important to me as a lifelong resident, that we share representation with the same communities that we partner with already on everything from education and higher education to our environment.

Please continue to keep Long Beach as intact as possible as you go into this last month of this process, and please support districts that keep us with our immediate neighbors to our North and East. Thank you so much for your time and this opportunity to give comment to you this evening. Have a good rest of your night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 2554, and up next after that will be caller 7677.

Caller 2554, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. MCDONALD: Hello. My name is Phyllis McDonald (ph.). I am calling from Manteca. I am calling about San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County. I'm very
concerned about the draft maps released on November 10th. Placing Manteca in a district with Stockton will be a loss for Manteca. Manteca's needs are aligned with Tracy, Mountain House, and Modesto. We have similar water issues, similar transportation issues, similar social issues. Our needs are aligned and would be better served to be in the same district, which has been the case for a long time. We have had a history of working together to solve problems.

Also, dividing Modesto into two parts, with one part being connected to a rural section of California that stretches as far as Death Valley doesn't make sense. It doesn't bode well for that section of Modesto having its needs met by whoever is elected as a representative. Uniting this economically disadvantaged area with wealthier ones will dilute their ability to qualify for federal aid programs, to name one perspective problem. Please keep Modesto united.

I support the November 2nd visualization map as representing our communities Manteca, Tracy, Mountain House, and Modesto in a fairer way. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 7677, and up next after that will be caller 9275. Caller 7677, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. WIRZ: Good evening, members of the Commission. My name is Donald Wirz, spelled W-I-R-Z. I'm a resident in San Benito County, and I am the president of the San Benito County Farm Bureau. Our organization represents over 250 small family-owned and medium-sized farming operations in a rural county in central California. We are currently in District Number 20. The map that I'm referencing is the Cupertino draft -- the CDCUPERTINO draft and CDMIDCOAST draft.

Our constituency, our membership, is concerned that by being aligned or included in a district that stretches from Cupertino and includes Eastern San Jose, that all our small rural county will be lost in the shuffle of a large tech-driven county, as opposed to one that we have a long working relationship with, that advocates for family farms and small rural communities.

Since the beginning of our county in 1874, our county has been aligned with Monterey and Santa Cruz counties on almost every single issue, and we have excellent working relationships with the Monterey Bay Area. Most of our regulatory agencies are centered in the Monterey Bay Area, and being moved to Cupertino and San Jose will adversely --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. WIRZ: -- affect this relationship.

I'll also point out that -- that our neighbors in Eastern Monterey County will be adversely -- adversely affected by the new Cupertino District for the same reasons that San Bernardino County would be. So on behalf of our organization, and we ask --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. WIRZ: -- that you advocate for agriculture in a very small way, and keep San Benito County with Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Thank you very much, and good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 9275, and up next after that will be caller 7068. Caller 9275, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four 9275, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 9275, there appears to be some connectivity issues for you at the moment. I do have a note to retry. We will come back. Right now, we have caller 7068, and up next after that will be caller 4052. Caller 7068, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Cara (ph.). I am -- I will be addressing the Huntington Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove. I'm calling tonight to strongly urge the commission to keep Little Saigon and Huntington Beach in one Congressional District. It is a mystery to me as to why you separate Huntington Beach from Little Saigon, yet connected it with Fullerton. Fullerton, that city is a 40-minute drive from Westminster. It doesn't make sense for it to be a part of Little Saigon. Please keep Little Saigon in Huntington Beach together. Thank you, and have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 4052, and up next after that will be caller 3220.

Caller 4052, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I wanted to thank everyone that's participating in the process that's waiting on the phone lines, and also listening in to the folks across California about their feedback, and I also wanted to say that I'm talking from District 6, which is in Sacramento. I am a resident of District 6, and I would be really -- I -- I live on the line that would cut
downtown Sacramento in half. And meaning, from my fifth-floor apartment to the apartments across from me would be in a different district. And I just came here to urge the folks here that are listening and making the draft maps to keep Sacramento together. Sacramento is one of the most diverse cities in California, and splitting us up would do much harm for the people in the region, and it would do harm to representation for folks that live in the area. I just wanted to give a strong urge to keep us together. I do believe a map that keeps the region together or keeps the map looking a lot like what the map looks like now was submitted and I hope that we're able to stick with it. Thank you for listening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 3220, and up next after that will be caller 0428.

Caller 3220, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. SAYLOR: Thank you. My name is Don Saylor. I'm a Yolo County supervisor, and a 37-year resident of Davis. I'm also the chair of the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority. That's the agency that operates passenger rail service in our region.

You've received several comments from me and from others in Yolo County requesting that Yolo be treated as
a community of interest. And your maps for Congress, Senate, and Assembly have made incredible progress in achieving that objective. I have some concerns regarding the Congressional District identified as Yolo Lake, as follows. If -- if you look at that -- at that map, what you'll see is a big chunk of -- of Solano County coming up and being extracted from the District. And that's a -- that -- that is a good part of our transit and transportation corridor in our region. Yolo County is an ag County, but it's a specialty crop county, in addition to production crops. We're also a Delta County. I think that what -- what we would like to see with Yolo County's inclusion in a Congressional District is a greater alignment with Solano, and additionally, a greater alignment with the Delta.

When I look at the Sacramento -- CD Sacramento map that's adjacent to Yolo Lake, this is an example. If you look at Rio Vista and Isleton, one is on one side of the river --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. SAYLOR: -- and the other is on the other side of the river. But they're both the Delta communities. There is a community of interest around the Delta of habitat, of preservation, of water, and ag, the specialty crops.
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. SAYLOR: So the Delta and transportation corridors dictate that Yolo Lake be modified to include a portion of Solano and have a greater reflection of Delta communities inclusion. My comment on 22922 shows --

MR. MANOFF: Thank you for your comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 0428, and up next after that will be caller 2944. Caller 0428, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. RAMOS: Yes. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Andres Ramos (ph.). I'm a resident of Sacramento and a member of the queer Latino and renter communities. I'm calling regarding the Sacramento and North Sac Congressional Districts. I'm concerned that the City of Sacramento is being split. I think the City of Sacramento should be kept together in one district, as it currently is. We need a united voice in Congress for our city. By splitting the City of Sacramento, two significant Latino population in the Northern part of the City in Northgate, Gardenland, Norelto are separated from a large Latino population in South Sacramento. So that's concerning.

But if the city ultimately has to be split, I don't understand why it was split the way that it currently is,
because the current split goes through the downtown, midtown, central city area. And to be honest, it kind of looks like it was drawn using an Etch A Sketch. It doesn't follow one clear boundary. And so at the very least, please keep the central city together on one side or the other and follow a natural boundary, either the American River to the North or Highway 50 to the South.

I live in the central city. There's a lot of queer presence here, as the data from Equality California has shown. A lot of institutional presence of queer-serving institutions. There's also the highest concentration of renters in the city. I'm a renter as well. And so for many reasons, those two are ones that I would highlight, the central city should be kept together.

So if you do have to split the City of Sacramento, and I would strongly prefer that you don't, at least don't split it right between the central city.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. RAMOS: Keep the central city together because we are a community interest as well. And so those are the main comments. Please keep the City of Sacramento in one Congressional District, if possible. But if you have to split it, don't do it in this strange way where you squiggle through our central city.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
MR. RAMOS: Keep the central city together in one district if you have to split it, and follow a natural boundary for that line. Thank you for listening to my comment, and thank you all for your work. Good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 2944, and up next after that will be caller 5833.

Caller 2944, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Quinn (ph.), and I would like to address Huntington Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley area. Instead of trying to force lines that don't currently exist, the Commission should take to heart what it has heard dozens of times throughout the process, that Little Saigon is absolutely part of Huntington Beach. If Little Saigon isn't a part of the Huntington Beach community, where else would it fall? In the next round of drafts, I urge the Committee to fix its mistake and redraw Little Saigon back into the Huntington Beach coastal district. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 5833, and up next after that will be caller 0095.
Caller 5833, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey. Good evening, Commissioners. This is your map nerd from Stanislaus County. And again, I just want to thank you so much for listening to Stanislaus County residents that have been submitting comments since the very beginning. Although we prefer that Stanislaus remain whole, this current Congressional map, ECA ensures that Modesto is at the center of its district. We understand that West Stanislaus has to go with Merced for VRA considerations, but after meeting that requirement, this current Congressional map is really in the best interest for the rest of Stanislaus County.

Unfortunately, you've been hearing from people calling in and writing comments to keep Modesto with Tracy. Those people are just working with and/or probably for a U.S. Congressman, and they're just trying to save his district. These folks have not been participating this entire time. They don't realize why you had to split Stanislaus for VRA considerations and having it go down with Merced. They're just trying to --
they're just taking orders from a Congressman.

So my last point is to please keep the lines the same, but if you have to change the Congressional map, honestly, the best map was probably on October 27th. That is probably the better option if you're going to change this map. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 0095, and up next after that will be caller 3700.

I'd like to invite those that have called in and haven't smoked -- spoked this evening to please press star nine if they wish to raise their hand and get in line to give public comment. Please press star nine if you have not spoke this evening, and you wish to give comment.

Caller 0095, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. CARR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Ashley Carr (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of Sutter County. I wanted to call in because I am concerned and frustrated that the Northern part of the state is becoming an afterthought during this -- this redistricting process. It seems like there are small districts -- changes being made to accommodate the Napa
Wine County and the Bay Area are resulting in our area's priorities being ignored. The Commission has literally spent hours debating small tweaks in other parts of the state around this, but you haven't really talked about the feedback you've received from our rural areas North of Sacramento. I live in the part of a state where we often feel ignored by our state government. And it's frustrating that this redistricting process seems to be ignoring us as well.

Sutter County and our neighboring counties like Yuba, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, and Tehama are small town valley agricultural areas. The small Northern Sacramento Valley has nothing in common with the larger cities of Davis, the coast, or Napa Valley, nor do we have much of anything in common with Granite Bay, Lake Tahoe, or the Eastern Sierra Mountain County. It just seems like the Commission spends hours working on details of districts in more populated areas around us, and then it pulls in part of our small ag counties just make the populations work. That doesn't seem fair or economical. It is frustrating that the Commission doesn't seem to have any conservations -- or conversations about keeping far North rural ag areas together. This area of --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CARR: -- the state is a valley surrounded by
mountains on both sides. Why not get the valleys and counties together? I hope that you have a chance to adjust the draft maps, you'll take some time to look at the feedback received of North of Sacramento, and prioritize our communities of interest. Please keep valley ag, like the Sutter --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. CARR: -- Yuba, Butte, along with the other counties like Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa together. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 3700, and up next after that will be caller 6659.

Caller 3700, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me okay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. WILSON: Hi. My name is Betty Wilson (ph.). I am the executive director for the Business Council. We would like to congratulate and thank the Commissioners for the draft Congressional map dated 11/10/21, zone F, San Joaquin. I know this Commission has heard a lot of input from our diverse community, and we are so pleased that our wishes to keep San Joaquin hole have been heard, and you honored our request. I am sure you have seen the
numerous emails and letters once again congratulating the Commissioners on the Congressional map, and we're very thankful for the Commission allowing our county the continuation of production of agriculture, allowing us to work towards affordable, livable communities and well-paying jobs. We are much different than most other communities as it relates to economic and socioeconomic issues, and by allowing us to stay together, we can continue our work and advocacy for life and livelihood. Thank you so very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right now, we have caller 6659, and up next after that will be caller 0311.

Caller 6659, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. TRINH: Hi, good evening. My name is Huy Trinh (ph.). I'm a first generation Vietnamese American. I'd like to address the Little Saigon area. So I urge this Commission to keep Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach in one Congressional District. According to the latest census data, Huntington Beach has a growing Asian population.
so please keep these three similar cities together in one Congressional District. That will be all. Thank you,
and have a good night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 0311, and up next after that will be caller 3770.

Caller 0311, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. Am I on?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Yes. My name's Michael (ph.). I'm from Modesto, with Stanislaus County, and I would like to thank the Commission for all of their work, and we do -- and also appreciate everything you guys done. I would like to give approval of the map that you guys put out, the ECA map, and as far as Tracy and Manteca goes, they are best served to be with -- with San -- San Joaquin. And while the current Congressional map that you guys proposed for the ECA, Modesto will -- Stanislaus County will be about 55 percent of that district. So we will actually be much better served being with the Sierra. So and -- so I'd also like to thank you again for your work. You guys have a good evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have caller 1789, and up next after that will be unique I.D. 098.

Caller 1789, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller 1789, if you'll please follow the prompts, to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Good evening. My name's (indiscernible) Nguyen. I live in the Westminster. I want Little Saigon along with Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach, not with Fullerton. Fullerton is far away from where I live. Thank you so much, and good night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique I.D. 098, and then up next after that will be caller 3770.

Unique I.D. 098, I will be promoting you now. Oh, no, unique I.D. 098 -- oh, never mind. They left. All right.

We'll be going to caller 3770, and up next after that will be caller 6758.

Caller 3770 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floors yours.

MR. PATE: Yes, I'm calling about Long Beach and coastal Orange County. Good evening, Commissioners. My name's Sam Garrett Pate. I'm calling from Equality
California. I want to thank you for taking seriously our -- our comments and testimony about keeping the LGBTQ2+ plus communities together throughout California.

I'm calling about the current LB North district which links the coastal City of Long Beach to the inland City of Downey.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference).

MR. PATE: This could be improved by linking Long Beach to the coastal cities in Orange County which share LGBTQ2+ and environmental communities and interests and the remaining Downey portion can go toward the reconstruction of a Northern gateway city of Latino VRA district. You start by moving Signal Hill and most of the City of Long Beach and all of Seal Beach into the Northern Orange County coast district. This is notable because the City of Seal Beach is currently actually bringing down the API CVAP within the Seal Brea district.

This would unite our coastal LGBTQ2+ and environmentally communities in Signal Hill, Long Beach, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach into one Congressional district. And ultimately by moving, it would allow you to move Costa Mesa into the inland OC district, bring Lakewood into that Northern Orange County coast district, along with Long Beach.

You can move Latino areas of Tustin and Placentia
into the Santa Ana district, Southern API portions of Stanton into Seal Brea, Little Saigon, API opportunity district, and then adjust inland Orange County -- the inland Orange County district for population while keeping --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PATE: Irvine whole, moving Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo into the Southern Orange County Northern San Diego district.

And ultimately this map would achieve the goals stated by the Commission to unite and empower LGBTQ2+, API, and Latino communities--

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. PATE: -- by creating a Northern Orange County coast district that unites the LGBT and environmental communities while improving API CVAP, and Seal Brea and increasing Latino CVAP in Santa Ana district. We've submitted --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

All right. Now we will have call 6758 and up next after that will be call 9751.

Caller 6758, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name Alondra.
I will be addressing Huntington Beach, West Minster, Fond Valley, and Garden Grove.

I'm strongly urging this Commission to keep Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together. Little Saigon is next to Huntington Beach but a forty-minute drive from Buena Park and Fullerton. Please listen to the voice of the people and keep Little Saigon and Huntington Beach in one Congressional district.

Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right. Now we will have call 9751. And up next after that will be caller 6131.

Caller 9751 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. WENDLE: Hello there. Thank you. My name is Jamie Francis Wendle, and I reside in the West Hollywood Sunset Business District. I'd like to say to the Commission, I looked at your maps and unfortunately, West Hollywood has been splintered. I used to belong to the 30th Congressional District until 2012 and then the 28th. I do not want to be represented by the 28th district that represents Universal City, Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge.

I don't know why this part of West Hollywood -- I live West of certain communities, of Hancock Park, of
Hollywood that are actually in the 33rd Congressional District. I should be in the 33rd Congressional District or this part of West Hollywood should be part of the new 30th Congressional District and brought back into Brad Sherman's District who you have redistricted into Brentwood and Bel Air.

Why this area, I live South, just by 500 feet and 500 feet North of me are the mansions of Royal Canyon are in the 33rd Congressional District, and then a mile West of me it's Brad Sherman. I don't want to be in Adam Schiff's Congressional District. I didn't want to be. I wanted to be part of the westside. That's why I live in West Hollywood. Why am I being represented by the Westend Gabriel Valley and the East Valley?

I mean, I do not live in the East Valley. Why should this part of West Hollywood have to be represented by that? At least put us in the West Valley or at least put us back into the 33rd or --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WENDELL: -- Brad Sherman's district of the 30th and the West Valley District. Please do so. I do not want to be represented through Burbank, Glendale, and La Canada Flintridge. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please don't divide a 1.9-mile city into two Congressional districts. So --
MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds

MR. WENDELL: I urge you, please put me into the West area, the West Valley, or the Westside. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have caller 6131. And up next after that will be called 7175.

Caller 6131 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. SILVERA: Good evening. My name is Mary Silvera. I'm calling to make a comment on the communities of interest. I'm a resident of rural Kings County. I feel the City of Fresno does not belong with the current draft of the Fresno Tulare Congressional district because it is an urban population, and it doesn't reflect the overreaching communities of interest within this district.

I believe the City of Fresno would be better incorporated by a neighboring district such as the Santa Floss Fresno draft district which share communities also locally represented by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno City Council.

The Fresno Tulare Congressional District should instead include a larger portion of Kings County which
would preserve the rural route of the district communities of interest. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7175 and up next after that will be call 8065.

Caller 7175 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. This is Jeremy Payne with the Quality California. I'm calling about the City of San Diego and the large city to the District SD Coast and SCSEC.

First, I just want to sincerely thank the Commissioners for your recognition of the importance of uniting and empowering the LGBTQ2+ community in San Diego, and for your efforts to do so in these draft maps.

And while we are largely kept together we remain partially divided between SD coast district and the East county SCSEC district. We respectfully urge the Commission to unit our community in a district that runs along the I-8 corridor connecting downtown to the LGBT plus communities in Buffalo Park, Phillip Crest, North Park, and South Park to immigrant refugee communities in City Heights which also include the historic lesbian community of Azalea Gardens. To the BIPOC communities in Le Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Spring Valley as our black
indigenous people of color communities.

We serve similar values and concerns and have long worked together to elect candidates of choice who champagne our interception for the rights interest.

Importantly we also want to echo that black redistricting hugs caution against combining Santee, which is not racially diverse and does not share our values of racial equity and social justice with our LGBTQ2+ plus community and communities of color along the I-8 corridor.

Santee would be off in a separate rural East county district.

So thank you so much for hearing from me today and thank you so much for your ongoing work.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 8065 and up next after that will be caller 9644. Caller 8065 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Hello. Good evening. My name is Amy Nguyen (ph.). First, I want to thank you for your service. This is not an easy responsibility and it's
hard to make everyone happy. I hope you can keep the Vietnamese community together which is Huntington Beach, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and West Santa Ana. Thank you and have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. The same.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have caller 9644 and up next after that we will have caller 6311.

Caller 9644 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time. Caller with the last four digits 9644 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

I do apologize 9644, I know you have been on hold for quite some time. I'm going to put down retry. We will come back to you. There appears to be some kind of connectivity issue for you at the moment.

And right now we have caller 6311 and up next after that will be caller 6688.

Caller 6311 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. COLE: Thank you. My name is Robin Cole. I find it interesting that people that don't live in Tracy need to speak to the needs of Tracy. I do live in Tracy, and I've lived here for forty years. I raised both of my sons here. They've gone through pre-school through high
school here in Tracy.

Currently, the new map that exclude us from aligning ourselves with Central Valley Mesto, Turlock, Manteca, and others. It does not make sense. We really have nothing in common with Tahoe nor do we have anything in common with Day Valley (ph.).

Setting up a district with whatever Congress person has in that new district that runs along the interior of the state is setting that Congress person up for failure because they would not be able to meet the needs of anyone in their community because their communities are so vast.

South San Joaquin County which includes Tracy, Mountain House, Lathrop, and Manteca have much more in common with San Joaquin County than we do Stockton. We need to go back to the maps on November 2nd. Our water needs and issues are drastically different from those area parts of the state, and we really have been working together as a cohesive unit to build a strong economy, to look at those water issues, to bring transportation issues together.

They're all in this and we've been working on this for the past ten years. Please keep our district whole as it has been and look back on the map of November 2nd. I understand people want everything the way they
want it.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. COLE: We all do. I thank you for your hard work but please look at the November 2nd map for CD 10. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we'll go to caller 6688 and I see caller 9644 has raised their hand one more time. We will retry them after caller 6688.

Caller 6688 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you and thank you for doing the work that you're doing. I live in the 25th Congressional District, CA 25 in Santa Clarita and we have shared transportation routes with the Antelope Valley.

What I don't understand is the number of callers that I heard calling in earlier that talk about shared water resources. That is -- that's just simply farcical. It's so far from true. They were talking about Simi being a sister valley of Santa Clarita. We have to take two freeways to get to Simi Valley. And without the San Fernando Valley being interspersed in between us, we wouldn't even be contiguous so the fact that the callers
earlier wanted the San Fernando Valley removed from the
district is a joke. I don't -- these people get talking
points who don't live here, and they don't understand the
geography of the area.

Yes, we have a homelessness issue in Santa Clarita
and in the Antelope Valley. I don't know -- I heard one
caller say we just don't have the homelessness issues
that they have in Los Angeles and that's just simply not
the case.

We are not a small community set away from Los
Angeles. I heard another caller say that we're a small
rural community set away from -- set apart from Los
Angeles. We're the third largest city in Los Angeles in
Santa Clarita, so these people are calling in and making
comments and trying to sway your opinions of where the
lines should be drawn --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and they don't know what
they're talking about. We are the third largest city in
Los Angeles County. The maps that we have in place right
now look good. We don't need Simi part of our district.
In fact we'd be better off jettisoning Simi and keeping
them in the county in which they belong which is Ventura
County.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just wanted to let you know that we're not a tri-valley. There's actually four valleys in the district, Antelope, Santa Clarita, San --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will retry caller 9644 and up next after that will be called 2115.

Caller 9644 let's try this again. Press star six to unmute. One more try. Caller 9644 if you will please press star six to unmute.

I do apologize 9644. I am -- there must be some type of connectivity issue. We will try again before are done this evening.

Right now we have caller 2115 and up next after that will be caller 0440.

Caller 2115 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. It's really great to have this opportunity to speak with you. I really tried to get an appointment to speak next week, but all the spots were filled up by the time I signed up, so I'm really happy are giving us this extended feedback window.

The area I'm calling about is the Central Valley. I'm a lifelong resident of the Valley and I've lived kind
of all other the Southern part of the valley, so I understand the stigma that exists around us. And how frequently our needs get ignored or overlooked. That's really why I wanted to call in and just say thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my communities' perspective and for listening to everyone's concerns. I want to just applaud the Commission for all their hard work and doing such a great job at making sure that diverse voices like mine are heard.

Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 0440 and up next after that will be caller 7331. And I do have two retries but other than that I'd like to invite those who have not spoke this evening. If you do wish to give comment to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

Right now we will be going to caller 0440. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I am calling in about the West San Gabriel Valley in Southern California to comment on the Congressional draft map. I'm a twenty-seven-year resident of the City of Alhambra in the West San Gabriel Valley and just calling in with my strong
conviction that we must be kept whole as a community of interest and specifically the Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park and Rosemead not be removed from the West San Gabriel Valley as the current draft map proposes.

To segregate the above cities would greatly disrupt the shared needs and ties in our area. For example, when we (indiscernible) eviction defense and housing precarity, networks across San Gabriel, Temple City, Rosemead, Alhambra, and Monterey Park worked as a network. Also the family-based shelter service in this area is headquartered in San Gabriel in coordination with Alhambra School District.

And we've also established close ties with housing advocacy groups in Pasadena and Altadena. You also have Asian parents doing outreach and work in coordination with schools to address culture and language issues facing Asian immigrants. And this has been going on for a well over a decade. And because our largest school district crosses city boundaries and brings together families from across West San Gabriel Valley. We're also geologically linked with our contaminated water basin, our EPA designated super sun site in close Temple City, San Marino, Alhambra, San Gabriel --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and portions of South
Pasadena. You know, our ties are really highlighted by the pandemic when our mutual aid networks provided stark relief. That's all telling communication networks previously nurtured and facilitated --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- by sociologists in my region really tie together the West San Gabriel Valley. This is far more than the representation. It's crucial, critical for our working class, immigrant population. Please keep us whole. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 7331 and up next after that will be caller 7350.

Caller 7331 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Kim and I'm calling about the San Fernando Valley. Hello Commissioners. I just want to thank you for all the time and effort you've put into this drafting of the map. It's a hard job you have and it's impossible to make everyone happy, but aside from a couple (audio interference) the maps look very good.

I'm calling today to suggestion one way that the map could just be a little bit better is to try to return
Santa Monica to a coastal district. Right now seemingly just for population needs, Santa Monica is drawn together with the San Fernando Valley. So please try to put Santa Monica back into a coastal district.

Please know that people in Santa Monica just want to be in a coastal district and don't really care if it goes North to Malibu or South through Venice. What Santa Monica doesn't want to do is drive through the super slow to the poles of the past to get to San Fernando Valley.

At the same time we know that the San Fernando Valley wants to be together and that they don't want district cycles South of Mulholland.

So I certainly leave the tinkering up to you guys and the amazing hardworking wise words. Probably the easiest two-way trade that could fix this problem is just to shift Santa Monica and Malibu into the coastal district to the immediate North and then to trade that population by joining the suburb of Simi Valley and North Park together with the suburbs of the San Fernando Valley along the 118 corridor in the North. There are -- there might be more elegant but more complicated solution but that was suggested by Stuart Waldman from VICA tonight, but however you're able to do it.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So thank you and best
of luck.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will have caller 7350 and then up next after that will be caller 3196. Caller 7350 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. WARNER: Thank you very much. I'd like to comment on the inland region Sacramento, specifically, Congressional district map, I believe it stands for South San Joaquin District.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

MR. WARNER: My name is Kevin Warner. I'm the city administrator for the City of Ripon which his located in San Joaquin County. It is the second smallest city in San Joaquin County with a population of 16,000 residents that is located along the Stanislaus River which is the most Southern boundary that separates San Joaquin from Stanislaus County.

For an unclear reason the City of Ripon is the only San Joaquin County city that was not included in this Congressional district that I referenced. It's important for the City of Ripon to be in the same district with other San Joaquin County cities as this gives us the strongest voice advocating for local and regional
priorities in our Congressional representation.

Specifically the two areas of concern is related to transportation improvements. In San Joaquin County we have a council government that has been instrumental in organizing an advocacy group from the county to work with Congressional leadership in moving for in important regional transportation projects.

The other issue we're concerned about is water issues. Like everywhere in California San Joaquin County and the City of Ripon are facing challenges related to water. Water supply is very different between San Joaquin and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WARNER: -- the Stanislaus County to the South. So with that the City of Ripon and our city council is strongly requesting that the Commission revisit the district titled the South San Joaquin District to adjust the Southern boundary of that map to request -- or respect county lines and keep Ripon with the other San Joaquin County cities. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 3196 and then up next after that will be caller 6731.

Caller 3196 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Hi, everyone and thank you for giving me the chance to speak this evening or what's becoming a rather late night.

I'm a resident of Long Beach and I want to start by thanking each of you and all of your hardworking staff for the draft maps of my area that keep my community as together as possible.

I called in a few weeks ago to express my disappointment and honestly my frustration about my city being divided in the prior round of visualizations. But you addressed this by moving most of Long Beach into the El Bean North district draft for Congress.

This is a huge step forward for my community. And one that I know many members of this Commission spoke strongly in support of. Having followed this process to the best of my own abilities, I know how incredibly challenging this task is and just how many different considerations you have in front of you every day.

In spite of these difficulties though you put in place a process for us to share our concerns and then you took these concerns into account and drew a better map. Not just for Long Beach but for a greater area as well. I want to join my neighbor who has spoken in this evening already and let you know who supportive I am of this direction for our area. And as a member of the LGBTQ2+
community, this draft map creates a district where our
voting power is respected and well we will continue to be
empowered to elect candidates of choice. Very incredibly
proud of the openly LGBTQ plus elected leaders that have
come from Long Beach and it's profoundly important to me
and my community that we're able to continue uplifting
voices that support our basic needs --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and rights for the
next ten years and beyond. By uniting Long Beach notably
our downtown and shoreline neighborhoods, you're
protecting that right for one of the state's largest
LGBTQ plus communities. Thank you again for this
continued support --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and the chance to
speak to you this evening. I'm grateful for the work
that you do and I'm excited to see a finalized map of the
greater Long Beach area that keeps my community of
interest intact.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
right. Now we will have caller 6731 and then up next
after that we will retry caller 9644.

Caller 6731 if you will please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Oh, you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Good evening. This is referred to the Congressional District 48. My name is Monique Nguyen, N-G-U-Y-E-N. I am a Vietnamese American voter. Separating Little Saigon from Huntington Beach shows the Commission did not truly take into account the importance of the community of interest testimony that it received. The people of Little Saigon make clear that they are part of the Huntington Beach community.

The set of lines are flawed and are a product of a rushed process. In the next set of lines the Commissioner, please, must fix this mistake and including Little Saigon with Huntington Beach which is where it belongs. Thank you very much and good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Good night.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we will be going to caller 9644 and then after that I will try -- try caller 9275. And we do not have any other hands for those few that have not spoken, star nine would allow that to happen.

Caller 9644 if you will please try to follow the
prompts to unmute if it will allow you to do so by pressing star six. One more time caller 9644. I'm sure you're very frustrated because you were able to press star nine. For some reason star six is not letting you through. I do apologize 9644. You will have to reach out to the Commission with the multiple other avenues of public comment. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue with your phone this evening.

At this time we will be going to caller 8 -- sorry, 9275 to retry. And then after that I did get two more hands. Caller 8299, I see that hand. And caller 2974, I see that hand.

Call 9275, I'd like to give you one more opportunity to unmute for a retry. If you wish to give comment please press star six, caller 9275.

All right. We will be moving on to our other hands at this time. Caller 8299 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Hello.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Yes. My Sueann Nguyen. I am a resident in Little Saigon. I call in tonight to show my concern about the new map. The Commission is very
upsetting to our leadership of our community. Can you
please leave Little Saigon and Huntington Beach together?
But not Little Saigon and Fullerton because Fullerton is
too far away from Little Saigon. I urge you to redraw
this map to protect our Congression (sic) to have
Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together because
(indiscernible) from Huntington Beach, Saigon Valley,
Westminster, Garden Grove and (indiscernible) a long time
ago. Thank you so much and you have a great time. Thank
you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have caller 2974. If you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The Floor is yours.

MS. TRANH: Oh, hi. My name is Paulina Tranh and
I'm a Vietnamese American voter. I just want to let you
know that most Asian Vietnamese Americans we do our
business in Garden Grove or Westminster and when the
younger generation expanded to (indiscernible),
Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and even Seal Beach.
I'm not sure the plan with grouping the Little Saigon
with Fullerton which is pretty far away. So can you keep
the Little Saigon with the Huntington Beach and Fountain
Valley, please. Thank you. Good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our hands at this time, Chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Katy, can we try to connect with the one caller 8192?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Caller 8192 you have not chose to raise your hand this evening but if you wish to give comment, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time. Caller with the last four digits 8192, if you do wish to give comment this evening, star six would allow you to do that. It appears they just really enjoy listening to us, Chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Well Commissioners, California, hearing no objections I would like to thank everyone for providing input tonight. I would like to thank the Commissioners for their attentiveness. I'd like to thank the staff for their professionalism and wonder works and guess what? We're doing this all again tomorrow. So we're back at 3:00. We will take feedback on our --- what are we doing tomorrow? On our Assembly districts. So I look forward to that. I'll be there with bells on and let's have a good night. See you guys tomorrow, 3:00.

(Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.)
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