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2. Lindsey Hyde
3. Speaker Number 3
4. Speaker Number 4
5. Jerry Handy
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7. Sherice Stevens
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CO-CHAIR SINAY (via Zoom): Buenos tardes. Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizen Redistricting Commission’s Community of Interest Input Meeting.

Before we begin we want to acknowledge all those who are being impacted by the Dixie Fire and other wildfires burning now in California. Know that we’re thinking of you, your families and your communities. We understand that you may not be able to participate today, but encourage you to do so later. Your voice and the voice of all Californians is important to ensure fair and representative maps.

I am Commissioner Patricia Sinay, and I will be co-chairing today’s meeting with Commissioner Russell Yee. Today we are offering, we’re offering one language line for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have Joanna or Jose provide our call-in number?

SPANISH INTERPRETER (via Zoom): This is the Spanish Interpreter.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi, Joanna. Lista (phonetic)?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes.
SPANISH INTERPRETER: Lista.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: (Indiscernible.)

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Thank you -- go ahead.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Spanish listeners, please call 888-950-9566 and enter meeting I.D. Number 3891010. Again, that number for listening in Spanish is 888-950-9566, and please enter Meeting I.D. Number 3891010 to listen in Spanish.

Joanna.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchos gracias.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: De nada.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Ravi, will you please take roll call?

MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Yes, Chair. Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

Commissioner Vazquez?

Commissioner Yee?

CO-CHAIR YEE (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari:

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner LeMons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?

And Commissioner Sinay?

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Ravi.

I will start by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every 10 years after the Federal Government publishes updated Census information, California must redraw the boundary of its Congressional State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district, so that districts correctly reflect the State’s population.

In 2008, Californian voters authorized the creation of the Commission when they voted the Voters First Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
lines for State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts. In 2010, the Congressional Voters First Act added the responsibility of drawing Congressional District lines to the Commission.

The 14-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.

Later this week the Census district will the -- sorry. The Census redistricting data will be released. When the Official California Redistricting Database is able in late September, the Commission will begin drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. One of these criteria is minimizing the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest to the extent possible.

We can obtain the city and county information from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and communities-of-interest information from Californians directly. We ask that you help us put a face and stories to the data. We launched these Communities of Interest input sessions to get all this valuable information from you directly. We encourage all Californians to participate
in this process.

If you would rather submit your Community of Interest on-line, you can do so from our website or by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. Skip the line and go on-line.

Now, it is my honor to ask all the Commissioners to introduce themselves. Please note that for the past year we have been working together through Zoom. In that time my admiration for each of my colleague’s commitment and ability keeps growing. I encourage you to learn more about each one by viewing their biographies on our website, www.wedrawthelinesCA.org. While you’re on our website, review and share the information on redistricting. It is in 12 languages. And do not forget to sign up for our e-mails. Our website again is, wedrawthelinesCA.org.

We’re also active on social media, so please follow us, follow us on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at -- and our handle is @wedrawthelinesCA.

All right. So I am going to begin the introductions with my Co-Chair, Commissioner Yee.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Hello to California, and especially those in the far north. I’m Russell Yee, and I’m here in my home town of Oakland, and looking forward to your input today.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.
Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

And welcome to everyone who is tuned in today. And I echo my colleague’s sentiments about our hearts are being with you up there in Northern California with everything you all are going through. And I look forward to hearing your input today and throughout the process, as we are here to hear your input.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.
Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

And hi there to everybody who is in the far north. I, too, want to echo our, just our concerns and our best wishes to all of you. We thank all of you who are calling in right now. And for anybody else, we do want to hear from you, and just really want to encourage when you have a chance, to share your thoughts. Definitely our prayers are with you. So, thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.
Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. As my fellow Commissioners have said, really, our hearts are with you. This is a terrible time in many, many of your lives,
as for the whole State. Thank you for those who are able to take time and speak to us today. We really appreciate that. We want to hear from everybody. And we encourage you whenever possible, if you actually get a chance, please tune into our -- into the Commission. And thank you for all those who we’ll be hearing from today.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos tardes, California.

[Introduction in Spanish.]

Hello, everyone. I’m Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, your neighbors to -- neighbor to the north. And as everyone else has mentioned as well, our hearts do go out to those impacted by the fires, and we pray for your safety.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. And I think you’re their neighbor to the south.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: To the south. [Speaking in Spanish]. Okay. I’m directionally challenged. My family will attest to that.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

Yeah. I’m Neal Fornaciari. I’m -- I live in Tracy, California in San Joaquin County. And I just also
want to echo the thoughts of my fellow Commissioners. And
I just especially want to send a -- some thoughts to a good
friend of mine who lost his house outside of Chester. And
so, our thoughts are with you all.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thanks.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

Good afternoon, California. I’m Ray Kennedy
joining this afternoon from my home on Morongo Valley, a
rural Joshua Tree gateway community in Southern San
Bernardino County. We are no strangers to fire danger. I
know the fear that everyone is living in, and I wish
everyone the best. I look forward to hearing what makes
your community special to you. Thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner.

Did Commissioner LeMons join us?

Commissioner Sadhwani? No?

And I’m not sure. Did Commissioner Turner join
us? Okay.

Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California.

I am Derric Taylor joining you from L.A. County in Los
Angeles proper. As a first responder, I definitely can
emphasize with the fires going on. So, although it’s
slightly sombering, I think that those that are able to
provide testimony can brighten the atmosphere, and we look forward to hearing everyone else later in the process. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner.

Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

My name is Pedro Toledo from Petaluma, California, up in wine country, in Sonoma County. And certainly I echo the concerns and thoughts and prayers go out to those who are in a fire area. And I wish you to best and a speedy recovery.

I’m looking forward to today’s meeting, and listening and hearing from all of you and your communities of interest and what makes your communities unique. And thank you very much.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Vazquez, have you joined us? All right.

And as I said earlier, I’m Patricia Sinay, and I -- it’s an honor to serve you from San Diego.

Before we continue, could I please have Jose or Joanna provide our call-in number one more time?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is Joanna. I can provide it.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias. If you want to listen in Spanish, please call 888-950-9566 and enter the Meeting I.D. Number 3891010. Again, that number is 888-950-9566, and please enter the Meeting I.D. number 3891010 for -- to listen in Spanish.

This number -- sorry. One -- this number is for listening to the meeting only. We will be providing in a bit a number if you want to give us input and you don’t have an appointment.

Go ahead, Joanna.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias.

This meeting is primarily for communities-of-interest testimony focused on Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tema(a) Counties and their surroundings areas. However, anyone in California can call in to provide input. We would like to especially invite Spanish speakers from throughout California, since today we have -- we’re all set, set up to listen.

General, general public comments, anything that does not pertain to communities of interest will take place at the end of the meeting. Although the Commission has divided up California in 11 zones, that is in no way related to or reflective of restricting lines or
boundaries. The Commission created the zones to assist us in our outreach efforts only, and not as an indication of planned boundaries.

Today we are joined by our line drawing team, Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will be displaying the maps of the areas that attendees describe. When you call in please start with the area you would like to discuss, and be specific as possible about the boundaries about of where your communities are located.

It is our goal to find the area on the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood or a large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area your timer will begin. Please note that there is some delay between the meeting and the live feed. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

We are also joined by Jose and Joanna, our Interpreters, and Katy, our Comment Moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it’s time -- when it’s their turn to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. So when you’re ready to speak, please raise your hand.

If you have registered for a timeslot, we encourage you to call in during your appointed timeslot.
When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our Comment Moderator, will identify you by your assigned unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

Registration is not required to participate in today’s meeting. The public has the option of calling in during the meeting to get the queue -- to get into the queue to speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to share your community of interest, the number is 877-853-5247. Again, the number to participate is 877-853-5247. You will need to enter the Meeting I.D. Number, which is, 81231366136. Again, the Meeting I.D. Number is 81231366136, and then press star-nine to enter the queue. This call information and access code is also listed on the live stream, which could be found on our website.

You will need to dial the second number in order to give public input. If you will be using a Spanish interpreter to provide input, there will be a Spanish interpreter for you at this call-in number.

The comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number before you begin speaking, and please make -- take note of this for future reference. You will be able to use that number to identify your community of interest testimony on our website at a future date.

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
time limit for English speakers, and six-minute time limit
for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
30 seconds and at 15 seconds remaining. At the beginning
of your input you will see a map on the screen. Please
remind the mapper what areas you would like to see on the
screen, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries
where your community is located.

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

Community of Interest Tool. While there’s no
clear rules on how to define your community of interest,
we’ve identified ways for you to describe your community.
Begin with your county or city, mention the street names
and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
identify the parameters of your community.

Tell us with who do you work, live, play, learn,
pray, protest and celebrate. Those would be your
community. What are your shared interests? What brings
you together? What is important to your community or
communities? We all belong to more than one. Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas you don’t want to be in a district with? Why or why not? Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads or health centers, fire safety? Please tell us.

Also, we invite you to use our Communities of Interest Tool to draw the map -- draw map and describe your community or communities by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. Again, drawmyCAcommunity.org. This tool is available in 16 languages, so feel free to skip the line and go on-line to submit -- please, we are inviting everyone to submit your community of interest input today. And I’m going to ask you to please tell at least three friends to do the same.

We will begin the Public Input Session, and I will pass this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator. We will start with people who are registered, and then open the phone line. If there is time before the next session, we’ll open the phones if there’s time before the next session. If you are calling without an appointment, please do not hang up, as you will lose your place in line.

All right, Katy, it’s yours.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Public Input Session. Please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of
your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
speak you will identified by your assigned, unique I.D.
number which you were e-mailed yesterday. You’ll be
reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your
own video and/or audio. You’ll then be assigned a speaker
order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note
of your speaker order number for future reference.

If you are calling without an appointment please
do not hang up, as you will lose your place in line. If
you will be using an interpreter, please identify the
language you speak as soon as you are connected.

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

It is the Commission’s goal to find the area on
the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
If you’re within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
area, your three- or six-minute testimony will begin.
Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

At this time we will have 002, and then up next
will be caller 8144.

002, I will be promoting you now. 002, your
speaker order number will be number one, if you’ll please
make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

Unique I.D. code 002, you should be seeing a prompt on your screen to unmute at this time. There you are.

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Are we -- there we go.

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

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, thank you, thank you, folks. I have a dual residence. I live in Biggs most -- or in Butte County most of the time, but I also have a summer home in Modoc County. And this is the first time -- I’ve been involved politically for 40 years, but this is the first time that I’ve ever actually sat down with you folks and talked.

I’m not trying to be funny at all, because it isn’t funny at all, but if I could find some way to redistrict the fires, I would do it. The -- I’m sick at heart. I -- but I don’t know if that’s -- I don’t know if that should be fodder for discussion today, or if I should move on to general lines in general, so to speak. Can you help me?

CO-CHAIR SINAY: So when you say, “redistrict the
fires,” what do you mean?

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, ma’am, this is such a
convoluted subject with me. I’ll -- in about 15 days I
will turn 80 years old. And I grew up in Modoc County,
which is right in the northeastern corner of the State. I
worked (indiscernible) -- now in Butte County full-time,
but we still have, we will have property in Modoc, which we
enjoy.

And I, for one, I’m just, my heart is broken for
those people in the little town of Greenville, those people
of Oroville and Paradise and so on and so forth, that faced
all the things. My dad worked for the Forest Service in
the 20’s and 30’s on a lookout tower. I was born -- I was
mostly raised on a ranch in Modoc in the 50’s, and so on
and so forth.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sir, do you think that keeping
Modoc and Butte and other areas in -- you know, the other
fire-prone areas should be in the same district or not? Or
do you think --

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: No, I don’t think that’s --
California is such a large state --

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Uh-huh.

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: -- that I don’t think that
that’s entirely possible. We -- you know, I deal with --
congressionally I deal with District 1 and District 4. I
have -- although District 1 catches both of my hometown counties, or District 1 catches both of my hometown counties, so to speak.

People in Plumas and so on and so forth, my son’s family just lost -- I won’t guess at the number, but two houses and 60 acres when Greenville burned down over the weekend. And they -- I don’t know if -- there again, it’s really a great thought if we could figure out how to legislate, or how we could get back to reality the terms of our forest and the fire protection and the whole thing.

I’m -- I hope to think I’m reasonable. I’m not speaking for any government agency at this point, but I am on Biggs City Council. And as I said, I’ve been involved for years and years. So --

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Could you -- you had said that you had some thoughts on boundaries and lines. Could you share those with us?

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, how could I do that? Just in terms -- at one time Modoc I think was in a different district than it is now. I think it’s in District 1, Doug LaMalfa’s district, I believe. I’m sure it is. And Mr. LaMalfa and I go back for years, but that -- and then further down the road, further to the south, we have Congressman McClintock, and he and I are also close. And I worked as a volunteer for Tom for years and years.
But it -- I don’t know, and I have absolutely nothing
negative floating around here in my mind. As I say, Doug
LaMalfa and I are close, and so is the other group. But I
wouldn’t -- I don’t know that it might be -- Doug has a
tremendous load the way we’re drawn, where he’s included
clear up in Modoc County. He comes all the way to Butte
County. I think it might be a little bit easier to move
Modoc to District 4.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: That’s -- that would be my,
that would be my thinking.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: All right. Well, that’s
helpful. Thank you so much for calling in today.

SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Yes, ma’am. Thank you for
having me. Take care.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: You, too.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And at this time we will have caller with the
last four 8144. And up next will be caller 8824.

Right now, caller 8144, if you could please
follow the prompts to unmute. Caller with the last four
8144, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star-six at this time.

Again, caller with the last four 8144, if you
could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-
six at this time.

May I have a Spanish Interpreter, please?
Hello? Jose or Joanna?
SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hello.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Could you please
interpret the instructions to press star-six on the
telephone keypad to unmute, in case the caller is a Spanish
speaker?
SPANISH INTERPRETER: That would be the how to
call in instructions or the --
COMMENT MODERATOR: No, the --
SPANISH INTERPRETER: How to speak --
MS. HYDE: Hi. Can you hear me now?
COMMENT MODERATOR: You’re unmuted now.
We’ve got her. Thank you so much.
MS. HYDE: My goodness. So sorry.
COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay. No, that’s
fine. I’m glad you were able to get through. That’s
fabulous. So your speaker order number is number two, if
you’ll please make a note of that. And then if you’ll let
the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
floor is yours.
MS. HYDE: Perfect. Thank you. So my name is
Lindsey, and I will be talking about the Butte, Yuba and
Sutter Counties. So I live in Butte County and I work in
all three counties. I’m the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Butte-Yuba-Sutter Water Quality Coalition. So for those of you who aren’t familiar with the Coalition, I’ll just give a little bit of a background on it.

So the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, or the ILRP, was created and mandated at the State level. The ILRP regulates the discharge from irrigated agricultural lands for protection of this water and ground water. There are 12 sub-watersheds throughout the Sacramento Valley region, (indiscernible) representatives to help our growers comply with the State regulations and provide any outreach that is necessary.

So, our sub-watershed represents Butte, Yuba and Sutter Counties together. Our counties are also close together both geographically and community based. We have over 1,700 members in the sub-watersheds, and many of those growers own or operate property in all three counties.

With such a tight-knit community, I believe that it is very important for the counties to stay connected as they are in terms of the legislative districts.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we will have caller with the four 8824. And up next will be caller 7083. And I would like
to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

All right. Now we do have some raised hands.

Caller 8824, if you will be please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 8824, you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number three, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Would -- a few questions. I live in Portola in Plymouth County, and I’m interested in the forest communities of Humboldt County in the northwest, down to Sierra Nevada counties in the southeast.

The counties in this region are all united by a strong dependence upon the forest. They largely have in common a sense of alienation from access to power in this State and community, in part, because historically the voting has been dominated by large suburban communities, particularly around Sacramento.

I think it would be unwise to combine Placer County into a district -- into the -- where there’s not a first congressional district. I’d be better to have Humboldt County.
I am very concerned about how we deal with Yuba County. Of course I agree with the previous caller, that Yuba, Sutter and Butte County have strong ties, however, it’s useful to distinguish between the agricultural-based communities right around Marysville, which has much more in common with Sutter County and western Butte County from the forest-dependent towns.

We -- we’re tired of these fires, and we know we’re going to have to continue to be used to them, but there is room for a policy that is directed strictly at the challenges of the forest communities. And this is an important issue for all of us, for the rest of the State as well. The forest communities need to have a voice separate from the larger communities that make up the rest of this great State. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can you -- can you hold on one second?

CALLER NUMBER 3: Still here.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, great. You said from Humboldt on the north to Sierra. Can you name --?

CALLER NUMBER 3: So let’s -- I’ll be more precise.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yeah.

CALLER NUMBER 3: Would that help? I have sent you a map, and it includes the Humboldt, Del Norte,
Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc -- laugh and see how I do here, Tehama, Butte, Lassen, Sutter -- not Sutter. Plumas, Sierra Nevada and parts of Shasta Counties and parts of Yuba County.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. And you said you sent us a map. So we will make sure to connect that with your testimony. Do you know exactly which parts of Shasta you would like to connect, and which parts of Yuba?

CALLER NUMBER 3: Yes. Yuba, I would draw the line to the east of the Marysville city limits. The upper parts of Yuba County, including the communities of Hamptonville and Dobbins, are forest areas.

In Shasta County, while Anderson and Redding are also to some extent forest dependent, they fit better with the primarily agricultural areas of the bottom lands of the Sacramento River. So, I would say east of the Redding metropolitan area would go into the forest-communities piece.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for taking the time today to call in.

CALLER NUMBER 3: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 7083, and up next will be caller 6129.

Caller 7083, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 7083, you are
unmuted. You speaker order number will be number four, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Hey, can you guys hear me? My name is Zain (phonetic).

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Okay. Awesome. Yeah, the areas that I would like us to see on the map is the counties of Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, (indiscernible) and Sierra County. A little bit of Mendocino and Yuba County as well.

So, I currently live in Butte County, and for me what’s common for all these counties I just mentioned is our shared interest in forestry. We all have significant agroforestry industries in these counties. And currently we don’t have good representation, especially around climate change and the impacts that it will have on managing these forests into the future.

And I think it’s really important that we connect all the way from the east of the State all the way through to the west of the State. We have more in common both across that whole range in terms of forestry, than we do have along the sort of vertical, up and down access, especially in the North Central Valley through the Central
Valley, which is more focused on farming. So, I think that’s really important.

The other thing is there is the Klamath watershed in the north area of the State. That’s really mostly in Siskiyou County, as well as Trinity and Humboldt Counties, as well then in Del Norte County, and the management of that watershed is critically important I think for this area, and for our like long-term survival. And so I would like to see our future legislative districts include (indiscernible) watershed that contains U.S. community of interest. There’s a lot tourism activity around that watershed as well, again, the forestry industry, as well as just outdoor activities. A lot of folks cross the region. We share common interests in hiking and outdoor sports, and biking and other activities that make use of that watershed. And so, that is something that’s also really important to me. So, thank you so much for your time.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Can I just -- a little bit of clarification from you, please?

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Sure.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had said bits of Mendocino and bits of Yuba. Can you be a little more specific on the bits?

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Yeah. So I think maybe a little bit the northern portion of Mendocino County, as
well as maybe northern portion of Yuba County. I think, you know, it’s -- what’s kind of similar there is just the industry connections, the watershed connections. So, I think as a former caller said, Sutter, Butte and Yuba all share a kind of a similar watershed attachment, but then also Siskiyou and Modoc and Shasta and Trinity, Humboldt and Del Norte all have a similar watershed.

So, I think including both of those watersheds would make sense, but if not possible, I think just including more northern counties, more northern spaces is incredibly important.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Is this (indiscernible) area where that -- the north becomes south, or, you know, where you put the line for the northern county?

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: You know, I would say if you could like close in a little bit, I would say Dobbins there and Yubin (phonetic) in Yuba County is probably kind of where I would say, and then I think Mendocino. You know, I didn’t have a exact line in mind, but I think just parts of -- have more of the forestry industry in the Mendocino County.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. That’s really helpful. Thank you so much for calling today.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Absolutely. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
6129, and up next will be caller 9819. I would also like to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad to raise their hand. Star-nine will raise your hand.

Caller -- I see that hand. Called 6129, if you’ll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 6129 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number five, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. HANDY: Yeah. I’m calling in. This is Jerry Handy, Director and Founder of the 4G Foundation out of Sutter County. And I would like to talk about just the areas of Colusa, Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta and Plumas.

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

MR. HANDY: And the point of the call is really just to express our strong connection between all of these counties. As the director of this -- of the foundation, we’re a foundation that helps those in need. And over the last four years, we’ve had a strong presence working together with all of these counties through the disaster relief efforts that we’ve been able to do with the Carr Fire, Camp Fire, and now the Dixie Fire.

For instance, this weekend we were serving up in the Plumas region, actually in Quincy. We gathered a team
of volunteers from across probably three of the counties -- or four of those counties, actually. So both Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Plumas. And we went up and served 250 meals, and we did a supply drive to where we handed out hygiene products, sleeping bags, tents, and just general things that we could gather together to help those in need. And obviously as we all know, this has been a continual thing over the last three or four years.

And just the bonds that, you know, we’re creating with people in these rural communities. Obviously, we’re a rural community in the Sutter County area. I live in Sutter. Our kids go to the schools here. It’s a small, rural school, and we actually play in sports a lot of the schools in Butte, Colusa and Plumas and Shasta County. So, just wanted to call in and express the fact that we are strongly connected to the more rural areas, rural schools, rural people. So I’d like to see, obviously, you know, these, these areas continue to stay connected, if possible.

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

MR. HANDY: Yup.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 9819, and up next will be caller 5352.

Caller 9819, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Is caller with the last
four 98 -- there you are. Your speaker order number will be number six, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Can you hear me? Hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Yes, I can. Perfect.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Excellent. I live in Sierra City in Sierra County. And we have been in Congressional District 1 for, you know, the last 10 years. And -- hold on a second. I’ve got a -- I would like to talk about Congressional District 1. We feel -- we have been working together in the counties of Congressional District 1 to get better representation, but also we have very similar needs around forestry. We -- most of our counties are also heavy tourism communities, but outdoor sort of tourism, not high-end tourism, like the Tahoe area.

And we’ve gotten to know each other really well. We are concerned that it’s like with the population changes, we think that Nevada County and Placer County, which are both partial counties in our congressional district, will probably be absorbed into a congressional district south of us, presently named Congressional District 4. And that means that we need to reach out to
other counties to have enough population for our district. Because we’re largely forestry oriented and outdoor tourism oriented, we think that heading west and adding Trinity, Humboldt and Del Norte would be the most compatible arrangement as far as communities of interest. We do have a big problem with fires up here. We really need to have better coordination and support from the Federal Government, as well as the State Government in fire prevention. And --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: -- we hope that that will -- that would be a compact district. And it makes sense to --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: For a community of interest.

So, thank you for your, all your work. It’s got to be really hard. We appreciate what you’re doing. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your call.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 5352. And I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad.

Right now we have caller 5352. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 5352 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number seven, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the map know -- mapper
know of what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. STEVENS: Hi. This is Sherice Stevens. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. STEVENS: Okay. Well, I am wanting to address the counties of Shasta -- or the Yuba-Sutter area, Butte, Plumas, Shasta areas. I did hear Jerry Handy speak. He is also from Yuba City where -- or from Sutter, and I’m from Yuba City, and I’m going to piggyback off of some of the things that Jerry said.

We are rural and we identify a lot of our areas, specifically our agriculture and more of the rural areas. We’re just more like minded along with them, versus if we were to be absorbed into a larger metropolitan area. Some of the things that we have been involved with, and as Jerry said, there’s been a kinship or a bond that’s taken place over the last several years with some of the disasters that we’ve, that we’ve faced.

The Carr Fire was one of the first fires that I know myself, and as Jerry spoke, I was involved with him on the Carr Fire, to go and bring aid to the Redding area. We have also helped with the Oroville Dam situation that happened a few years ago. Again, with Camp Fire, we joined with other nonprofits. We have a nonprofit ourselves
called SAYLove that is helping bring resources and solutions to problems in the Yuba and Sutter area. And it’s just, it’s important that we continue being able to be with people that we feel like share our same issues. And so we would like to see that when the lines are being considered, that these areas are kept together.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your input today.

MS. STEVENS: Yes. So are there -- is there anything that you’d -- is a question or anything as far as what I’m trying to express or?

CO-CHAIR SINAY: No. I think you did a really good job. So, thank you.

MS. STEVENS: Okay. Okay. Well, thank you, and please consider that these areas are, you know, supported and kept together when those lines are drawn. Because it’s just -- you know, we were just up there in Quincy working on the --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. STEVENS: -- Dixie Fire this last weekend. And it’s just, it’s something that we feel like we have that kind of bond with those -- the people in our counties.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for sharing. And please --

MS. STEVENS: Thank you.
CO-CHAIR SINAY: -- and please do share that we’re here to others in your network. We would love to hear from them as well.

MS. STEVENS: All right.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

MS. STEVENS: Great. Thank you so -- thank you.

Bye-bye.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Bye.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad -- would you believe that is one of our regular listeners?

At this time, Chair, we do not have any other raised hands in the queue. I will defer to you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Could you read the call-in instructions, please, Katy?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

The Commissioner will now be taking Community of Interest input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted enter the meeting I.D. number 8123136136 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

Once you’ve dialed in you’ll 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 you 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 live a stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down the live stream volume.

And we do have a caller with their hand raised at this time.

Caller with the last four 2083, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 2083 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number eight, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. COOK: Hi. Thank you. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

MS. COOK: My name is Angelina Cook, and I’ve been working on watershed stewardship in Siskiyou County for about 15 years. I live and work at the base of Mount
Shasta, the volcano, and I am a huge proponent for reconnecting source water communities with their downstream outlet. So the Klamath River watershed would obvious -- or the Shasta River, which drains into the Klamath, it would make a lot of sense in my mind to connect with Humboldt County and Del Norte.

I’m still unclear from the presentation materials if there is a proposed map of redistricting where the lines would be drawn. But in Siskiyou County it’s difficult because half of our county drains to the north coast, and the southern portion of the county drains through the Sacramento River out into the bay delta. And I do think that in the past our District 1 has been vastly underrepresented by the conservative politics that have historically governed our region.

And I think listening to some of the callers today about the concerns with increasing risk of catastrophic forest fire and extreme drought, I think we need to get really coordinated and little more cohesive about our planning and legislative efforts to make resilient forestry and water conservation and local food more cost-effective in our region.

So I guess I’m -- my comment is that, yes, please redistrict District 1, so that our source actually meets with the sea. And I’m also looking for guidance as far as
how to learn what the proposed redistricting lines to be
drawn are. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: So, thank you for your input. Just to answer your question quickly, we are taking your
input now. There are no redistricting proposed lines right
now. That we’ll be starting to draw the lines in October
-- yeah, September-October-November. So -- and onward.
So, what you’re providing us is exactly what we need for
right now.

MS. COOK: Okay. Great. Well, thank you very
much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
callers at this time, Chair.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Do you want to give instructions
just on how to raise your hand if you’re waiting?

COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. I don’t know if it’s
necessary, but I can.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: For those that have called
in, please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating
you wish to comment.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gotcha. Great. Well, we’ve
started a tradition when we don’t have callers to kind of
touch base with each other as Commissioners and learn some
things.
And I was thinking about this the other day. That when we’ve all done presentations, and many in the public know the answer of why we applied to be in the Redistricting Commission, but we’ve never told each other our why. And so I thought it would be interesting for each of us to hear each other’s why, as well as for the public to hear all of us at one time.

Of course, you don’t have to participate, but it would be great to hear your story on why -- you know, when you saw that there was a Commission or you heard that there was a Commission, why you submitted the first easy application. I also want to know why, when they sent you the grad school application you thought, hey, I still want to do this.

Well, let’s just start with the first one. Anyone want to share? Come on, don’t be shy.

Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know, I started working in the field of international electoral assistance in 1989-1990. And one of my first experiences after starting full-time in late 1990 was going to Haiti for the 1990 elections and, you know, doing all the work to provide the equipment and supplies and organize training and so forth, and then getting to see election day.
And I remember the smiles on people’s faces as they flooded into the school yard to vote, even though the poles were like an hour or an hour-and-a-half late opening, and they had been standing in line for three or four hours before the normal opening time. And yet people were so thrilled to have the opportunity, to have a say in their country’s future.

And that sort of interest in having a voice inspired me, and, you know, has been a factor keeping me focused on helping people have a voice in their community’s future over the last 30 years. And then, you know, seven years into it I learned that my grandfather had been a member of the County Board of Elections in the county in North Carolina where my father grew up. So, it’s in my blood as well.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for sharing.
Anyone else would like to share? This was an easy one. You’ve all shared at the beginning -- okay.
Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Chair. You know, I think in the past several years it has just really felt to me that our democracy has been hanging in the balance, you know. And I wanted to do something, and I saw friends getting involved this way or that way. None of the ways they were getting involved really grabbed me, because it
seemed to be always taking one side against another.

And in my church work and seminary teaching and just kind of growing up bi-cultural, I always felt, you know, there’s usually two sides for a reason. And, you know, you really need to have a bridge builders and people to talk to both sides.

And so when the opportunity for the Commission came along, this is perfect, because it’s a way of being on everyone’s side. You know, you don’t have to take sides to be on this Commission. In fact, the whole point of the Commission is to be on everyone’s side, and to be able to tell all 40,000,000 Californians, you’re on their side.

And so, I thought this was a perfect way to get involved to try to do my part to help one little piece of democracy. And a very small piece, but a very needful piece. And what an opportunity to try to give back to my State, which I love so much. It’s been home to my family for over a century. So, put the application in and played survivor for a year, and here I am with all of you wonderful people.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much for sharing, Commissioner Yee.

Anybody else want to share what inspired them?

Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Hello, and good afternoon.
Like most of us, I’m a married father of three, and I’m trying to instill in my children a level of civic responsibility, so you need to practice what you preach. And so I thought this was a wonderful opportunity for me to practice what I preach to my children. And it’s at such a rudimentary level in that this redistricting goes back to, you know, one vote in representation.

So I thought that that is an optimal lesson, that as Russell says, is a bridge builder, because it doesn’t necessarily relate to choosing a particular side one way or another, but safeguarding that one vote and that concept of representation for each person.

So from that standpoint especially, that we have to mimic the behavior that we want others to emulate. So I thought this was my opportunity to step up and mimic the behavior I want other people to emulate, that got us here after playing survivor.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: I’m glad I asked this question, because you guys are getting me all, you know, verklempt or however you -- however I’m supposed to say it. And I know my Yiddish grandmother is upset with me right now.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And, Patricia, if I can also add in here --

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- as it relates to that
whole bridge building thing. You know, I consider myself for every man, you know. And I thought that if I was fortunate enough to get seated, that I would be a good witness to the process, because so often we hear people talk about how they are just enfranchised from the process. And I thought that I was pretty representative of at least my community, my friends, in that I can speak to the thoughtfulness given to a process. That I can speak to the individuals that were in the room, and that I could be a faithful witness to the -- what was done to secure our democracy. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: No, thank you.

Anybody else want to share, or I’ll -- right now?

Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, thanks, Patricia. Let’s see. In 2000 the Legislature drew the lines. Most of the San Joaquin County wound up in one district, except for Stockton, which is the largest city. It wound up in a district -- there was a little sliver that went all the way up through the center of the County and grabbed Stockton and kept it, put it with Stanislaus County.

And my district wound up snaking its way through the uninhabited hills into eastern Alameda County, southern Contra Costa County, and all the way down to southern Santa Clara County. And, you know, the only reason my district
looked like that was to try to ensure that the congressional representative continued to get elected indefinitely. It clearly had no -- you know, I mean the people in those different areas only had party affiliation in common and nothing, nothing else, and it just really rubbed me the wrong way. You know, politicians are not suppose to elect their voters, voters are supposed to elect their politicians.

And so, you know, when I heard about this opportunity, that was part of the reason. And, you know, the other part of the reason is being a systems engineer. This is about the toughest systems engineering problem you can find, and so it seemed like a fun problem to work on.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. I was just reading a lot around systems change last week, and all of the sudden it hit me that this is the perfect example of how you change a system. And it was an interesting -- to take what I was reading and apply it to what we’re doing and thinking it through for different audiences.

I -- we have a person, I believe. Do we have a person or do we not have a person, Katy?

COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair, we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. For some reason there was a little hand for a second.
Do we want to --

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ (via Zoom): It might have been me, Chair.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: I’m sorry?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: It might -- sorry. It might have been me. I threw off your groove.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Because you were --

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was raising -- I was raising my hand to join you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: As a panelist.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Please, Commissioner Vazquez, can you please share? Sorry about that.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That’s okay. I was encouraged by several folks independently to put in an application, which I took as a sign from the universe that I was -- I was not doing -- I was not doing enough community work. I feel like I had a lot of folks encourage me, having been an organizer and a policy advocate for systems change. I seem to be the right amount of policy wonk and community organizer to be on a citizen’s commission.

I know a lot of folks who I think would have done an equally great job holding space, particularly for young folk and young adults, although I am older than I look.
And I feel like, I feel like one of the, one of the reasons, a big reason that I decided to apply was because I actually had no interest in running for public office. And I know that that was a huge -- that the restrictions on our holding public office, especially after -- during and after our term as Commissioners, was a big barrier to a lot of my like organizer friends. And I actually think that I would make a terrible politician.

And so -- and, yeah, I just, I really thought both the fact that multiple people independently said, this is something you would, you know, excel in, was a sign, but also this really I think speaks to my skills as a community advocate, but also a little bit of a policy wonk. So, yeah.

And I have to say, I did -- I think I shared this in another meeting. I did recently learn that our family, the Vazquez family, has been in the Central Valley since before the Mexican-American War. And I mean, for me, that very clear says, boundaries matter. Lines absolutely matter. The border crossed us. So, you know, one day we were, you know, Mexican citizens, and the next day we were disenfranchised because we also were not -- we also were not considered U.S. citizens at that point either. So, I think this process also feels like my ancestors speaking through me, that who represents us and where those lines
are drawn are essential. So, yeah.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for sharing.

Anybody else want to share their why? Thank you,
Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Well, hello. I
snuck in on all of you today. And so I just definitely do
want to share. Listening to the stories are always
exciting. And I was thinking through my story, because I
was one that did not know anything about, did not slow down
long enough to figure out how lines were drawn. I managed
a couple of degrees, a whole lot of decades in life, and
just did not know.

And so when the position -- when the opportunity
to was listed and someone approached me about doing it, I
-- they had difficulty helping me understand what they were
asking me to do. And like -- and like I needed another
thing in life. It’s like, my goodness. And then they said
the challenging words for me, is that there is not a whole
lot of Black women that apply for this position. They knew
how to play my strings, right. And it was like, well,
shoot, if I know about it, I certainly should apply.

And looking at the previous Commission and the
process, I’m like, well, what could that hurt? At least I
won’t have someone telling me I didn’t participate in the
process. So, I applied. And, yeah, as that survivor, I
think you said, Commissioner Yee, the mentality set it in. Initially it was like, okay, let me just fill out more paperwork. I’ll submit it. And keep doing my other jobs that I was doing.

And as that thing began to narrow it down -- first it was like, whatever, what’s the likelihood? Couple, what, 20-some-thousand people applying, no wish. But then when it started getting narrow, I started getting serious about it, because now it felt like a competition. I really wanted to participate. I had some things to share. And besides that, I feel like, much like Commissioner Taylor mentioned earlier, I’m just being a witness in the process. I like his word choice, because I didn’t have, necessarily have it that well thought out.

But I have spent a lot of time talking to people that’s in my network about being on the Commission and about what it entails and about the importance of the Commission. And I’m finding most people are exactly where I started out, not sure why they should care, not sure why they need to know this or participate.

So, it’s been an absolute lesson in my life already, just being able to share broadly about the importance of this position, about the power of the position. Not to be drunk in it, but so that people will understand why they need to engage, and why we’re here
representing their voices. And if their voices are muted, then we’re just, you know, just representing our own voices, which is what we don’t want to do. And so I’ve enjoyed being here so far. I do look forward to continuing to serve on the Commission and hearing from Californians, and being able to talk about what it’s like to be on the Commission, and just every step of the process. I’ve got some stories to tell.

And I think if there were 26,000 that applied this time, by the time we finish sharing, I think they’re going to have to come up with a new process. I’m hoping there’s like 40,000 people that starts to participate in the process, because they are more aware of it. So, it’s been a journey for me, but I kind got hoodwinked into doing it, and then I fell in love with it. Thanks.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Well, Commissioner Turner, we’re glad you were hoodwinked into doing that.

And we have two callers, so, Katy, do you want to explain how they can raise their hand?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

For those that have called in, please press star-nine on your telephone keypad. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment at this time. Please press star-nine on your telephone keypad to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.
Caller 1126, I do see your hand. And, again, if you’ll please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment. But right now we’ll go to caller 1126. If you’ll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

Caller 1126 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number nine, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: Great. So I live in Chico, but I guess, you know, I’m talking about the whole north State, because obviously -- you know, I did some research and it’s like 750,000 people or something, and Chico’s not that big. So you don’t need to go down into like the street level or anything, although there are communities there, too.

I guess, you know, I just think that we need a district on forestry. I want to, you know, echo a lot of the people that called in earlier. And, you know, like we have basically three districts in this State that touch forestry and they’re all split up.

We have District 1 where I live, and it’s mostly an ag -- well, it’s not mostly an ag district, it’s like 50-50, but you know, it’s a lot more focused on ag.
There’s District 2 on the coast, which is, you know, most of the people are basically suburban San Francisco. And, you know, the people -- you know, the northern counties where the timber is, you know, there’s not that many people, so they get outvoted. You have District 4 down in the Central Sierra by Sacramento, and that’s mostly -- I mean, most of the people there live in the western parts of like El Dorado and Placer, which is basically suburban Sacramento.

So, you have three forest districts and you have no forest representative, right. Like I know the district’s not about politics. I get it. But, you know, I think it’s telling that all three of those districts are represented by people that don’t live in forests. You know, like District 1, our guy is like, you know, a rice farmer, and that’s cool, like whatever, no problem. And he probably does, you know, think more like he’s in Yolo or Sutter, like some of the irrigation people we’re talking before, and that’s fine, you know, like there’s a lot of farmers in our district, too.

And District 2, he lives only at the very southern tip of the district. So like he lives in like San Rafael. That’s like basically Bay Area. Like that has nothing to do with Humboldt. It has nothing to do with forests.
In District 4 the guy lives in like suburban Sacramento. So, you know, all these guys they see a forest on fire, they drive up, make a comment, like we really care and isn’t this a shame. And then they makes some partisan comment about how it is related to climate change and how it is related to regulation, and then they go home to their house and they never see a fire. And, you know, they don’t have to worry about that.

And here in Chico, you know, 80-percent of our homeless population are refuges from the town of Paradise, which burned down. You know, my brother lives in Redding. He lost his house in the fire. I just, I think we could use a district in this State, and it was one of 50, that cares about forests. And I know there’s not many people that live in forests, but it’s still important. And I think, if anything, the news is telling us rights just how important it is, because they’re on fire. And they’ve had 20 years of bad policy, and I know that’s not your fault, and I get it. And, you know, you can basically make -- I read --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: -- I read your guide. It’s not like I’m -- I’m not trying to do your job, and I’ve only got 30 seconds, but, you know, it says, compact. Great. You know, you can draw lines from Humboldt County
to Sierra County. That gets what most of the people on the call are talking about. You know, like those counties, that’s like 700,000 people --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: -- you know, maybe a little more. And I just think that would be a better district for the State and for these people and for my community. I (indiscernible). Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, are you still there?

COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1126? There you are.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi.

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: I’m sorry. I couldn’t hear you at all. They said the host would like to unmute my microphone, but I kind of went over you as the host.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: That’s okay. I just wanted to ask you, do you -- if you could clarify what you mean by forest -- what would be a good forest district for you? What would be the counties in them?

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: I mean, I think the big forest counties of the State are like Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, like I’m just trying to kind of go around like the horn, right. It’s like Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta, Lassen, Modoc -- I might miss one. Tehama’s got a couple
mills. Butte has a couple mills. I live in Butte, obviously, so like Chico has a lot of like forest refugees. Plumas obviously, Sierra County. You know, I think if you just googled like “mills,” like “lumber mills,” you’d probably find them.

I guess -- like I do understand that people that think Butte’s part of Yolo and everything, but like maybe if you need like, I don’t know, maybe another line is like irrigation district. Like a lot of Butte’s on groundwater. Maybe you say like, cool, if you’re on irrigation land then you’re in one district, and if you’re on groundwater, you’re in another. I don’t really know. Like I don’t want to cut anyone apart from their community, but I just think we could use a forest community.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: That sounds great. Thank you so much for taking the time to call in and to clarify for us. Thank you.

SPEAKER NUMBER 9: Thank you, ma’am.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Katy, I think we time for one more caller, if either of the two people who have called in would like to press star-nine.

COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: We got one.

COMMENT MODERATOR: It’s the other -- yeah, the other caller star-nine.
If you’ll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1430, your speaker order number will be number 10, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 10: Is that me?
COMMENT MODERATOR: It sure is.
SPEAKER NUMBER 10: Hello?
COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.
SPEAKER NUMBER 10: It is. I’ve never done this before. I’m a newbie at this.

COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay.
SPEAKER NUMBER 10: I’m from Siskiyou County, and I was listening to the other caller talking about forest area. And Siskiyou County did have 26 mills at one time, before the spotted owl. We do have a lot of forest, and we’ve had lots of fires here. In fact, we just got finished with the Lava Fire, and we’ve had fires in Happy Camp, et cetera.

And so -- and I’m in District 1, and I really like the way our district is districted. I don’t want to see any changes at all. We’ve got farming, we’ve got ranching. We’re mostly rural. We have all these things in common. Our vets, we have an awful lot of veterans here in Siskiyou County, which we’re very proud of. And they have
access to going to Redding for care. And if they can’t
take care of them, then some of our veterans have gone up
to Medford.

We’re -- I don’t know if you’re familiar with
Siskiyou County. We’re the fifth largest county in the
State geographically, and we are only about 50 miles from
the Oregon border. So, I would ask you to keep us together
in District 1. I’m very happy with it.

You know, our Congressman has 1,000,000 that he
represents. Our Assemblywoman and Senator have 500,000
people that they represent. And they are -- our assembly
people are from a rural community, up -- I think he was in
-- no, where was he? Lassen County. That’s where all the
prisons were. Yes, that we’re -- that they’re trying to
close.

And then our Congressman from District 1 is Doug
LaMalfa. He is a rice farmer, but Doug LaMalfa is very
familiar with our problems with our forests and our fires,
and he’s up here all the time. So we’re extremely happy,
at least I am, with the District 1, and I would like to
keep it that way.

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

With that, I think we’re ready to go to our first
break, unless I’m mistaken. Kristian?
MR. MANOFF: Sounds good, Chair.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So our first break is a
15-minute break. So, we’ll see you at 5:45.

(Off the record at 5:29 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 5:45 p.m.)

CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back. We continue with
the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community
of Interest Input Meeting. We also encourage you to visit
our on-line mapping tool. That’s at drawmyCAcommunity.org,
drawmyCAcommunity, all one word, dot org. There you can
draw a map and describe your community of interest.

Let’s see. Let’s go ahead and have the call-in
instructions repeated, Katy, and then we can have them also
repeated in Spanish, please, by our interpreters.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. One moment, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure.

COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will be now
taking community of interest input by phone. To call in
dial the telephone number provided on the live stream feed.
It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D.
number 81231366136 for this meeting. When prompted to
enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

Once you have dialed in you’ll 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 you 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 live stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down the live stream volume.

And, again, for those that have called in, please press star-nine on your telephone keypad if you wish to raise your hand and give comment.

So, Chair, you would like the instructions read in Spanish outside the Spanish line? Are you -- I’m unclear as to what to do right now.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, because somebody might want to join the listening line and not know how to.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

COMMENT MODERATOR: The Spanish Interpreter, I believe you have the call-in instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: All right. And, Chair, just to confirm, I’ll go ahead and read the instructions
for the simultaneous interpretation line, correct, not the ones that Katy just provided?

CO-CHAIR YEE: The listening line, yes, but then also the call-in instructions.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: No problem. For the simultaneous interpretation:

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. With that, Katy, so we’re taking community of interest input from those with or without appointments for this segment. So, let’s go ahead and take calls.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

Caller 4016, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time -- or 4061. Caller 4061, if you’ll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 4061 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 11, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what --

SPEAKER NUMBER 11: All right.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.
SPEAKER NUMBER 11: All right. Thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I’m a long-time homeowner in Chico. I live close to Butte Park, and I’ve seen the ravages of the drug culture and what’s been happening to the population, and the degradation of intellect. What human beings should be and actually is after years of drug abuse.

And it sounds antiquated, but pot is a gateway drug, and a lot of folks are not prepared for what gets mixed with it these days. And I see this as being another blithe and another weight on this social services system. I’ve spoken with many of the homeless. I’ve helped them. I’ve called the police on some of the ones that were causing a problem in the park. And it is just the most heart wrenching and horrific display of the deterioration of our culture and our societal contracts that I’ve seen taking place.

And one of the epic, most big stages I can tell you about in Chico is the Comanche Creek Greenway Park. At one end of the park you have a multi -- it looks like a multi-million-dollar facility for mosquito abatement, which is a beautiful building with marble and tile floors and displays of all of the natural wonders of Bidwell Park.

Less than a quarter of a mile from that display, in which a lot of tax dollars went into building, is a
heart-wrenching encampment with people that have so
destroyed their front lobe and their reasoning set, that
their basic needs come up to getting high for the day.
They have no ability or resources to save themselves at
this point. And a few of them were -- are there, and I
will say just a few, based on a series of unfortunate
events that have happened in their life and they’re very
lucid, but most of the people that I’ve spoken with -- and
I’ve taken water there. I’ve done a few things to try to
assist, but a lot of the people there are high at any given
time, 24/7, and living in squalor. There is -- it’s the
wild west at night.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining.

SPEAKER NUMBER 11: I would challenge anybody to
do there. The idea of redistricting is untenable. It’s
bizarre. It’s unsupportable by any stretch of the
imagination on the county’s budget. And to bring more --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 11: -- drugs into the area is
unacceptable, and it will destroy what’s left of our social
contract for the people living in this great county. I
appreciate your time.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And for those who have called in and wish to give
comment, please press star-nine on your telephone keypad. As for caller with the last 5546, if you wish to give comment please press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised hands.

CO-CHAIR YEE: There we go. The now-connected words.

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. I know. I just have to say that. I should just start with that or lead with that.

If you could just please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. And caller 5546, your speaker order number will be number 12, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like you discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. BACHFALUPI: Yes. This is Donna Bachfaluppi (phonetic). I live in Siskiyou County. Doug LaMalfa is my Assemblyman. And I would like to see our district remain the same. There’s many reasons for that. We’re a rancher. We raise cattle. We really would have nothing in interest with the coastal area as far as agriculture. Our Congressman is a farmer, so he understands our issues.

Another thing we -- the -- are you there?

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, we can.
MS. BACHFALUPPI: Hello?

MR. MANOFF: Continue. Continue, please.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MS. BACHFALUPPI: Yes. The Republican women at one -- at one time had our area, and the coast area together and that never worked, because we never -- the representative could never get over here in the winter time, could never get over here. It’s just a long, long windy, windy road. In the wintertime it’s bad weather. I fear we would never see a representative over here. And when we did, they really wouldn’t understand our issues.

Right now we have a lot of problems with the drug cartel. Our Congressman has been working on that. He’s made commitments and he’s been up here. We’re working on getting through that. I fear that would be interrupted. I just think it would be a huge, huge mistake for our area to be mixed with the coastal areas. I’d say we have absolutely nothing in common. They really aren’t agricultural as we are.

So I would like the districts to remain the way they are. I really appreciate your allowing me to speak on this issue, because I do feel very, very strongly about it.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much for your comments.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time caller with
the last four 1520, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute at this time. Caller 1520, your --

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hello.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Your speaker order
number --

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hi.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Real quick, your speaker
order number will be 13, if you’ll please make note of that
for future reference. And if you have an area you would
like to discuss, please let the mapper know what that area
is. And with that, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Thank you. And thank you so
much, all of the Commissioners, for hearing public comment.
It’s a great process.

I live in northeast Nevada County, about 100
yards from the Sierra County line in unincorporated Nevada
County in the forest. And I feel very strong ties to what
a lot of people call the “I-80 corridor,” meaning all of
Nevada County and Truckee. I live outside of Truckee as my
economic center. But I’ve worked in tourism. I’ve worked
at the ski resorts. I’ve worked in real estate --
currently I work in real estate. And economically, we are
in constant contact with Placer County, the town of
Truckee, El Dorado County, the I-50 and I-80 corridors.

And the reason I’m calling into this call, even
though this is predominantly focusing on people north of me, is that I am in CD 1 now, but I feel that the economic ties and the community of interest socially, and with environmental concerns, is really strongly tied to people who are south and west of me.

And I’m hoping that the Redistricting Commission will consider moving us in Nevada County into CD 4, and drawing the lines on a more east-west alignment that goes with not only the economic movement of people around the State, but also the watersheds, you know, from Donner Summit down to Nevada City is a really strong connection with the Yuba River watershed, and then Lake Tahoe people come through the American River watershed to come up here, and have very strong feelings about that watershed. There’s just many, many ways that those of us in Nevada County are connected with Placer and El Dorado County and Alpine County and the people south of us. And I’m hoping that you will look at a more east-west alignment of the district.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: I would -- okay. I heard 30 seconds. I really appreciate your time, and thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. Caller, stay on. So many are mentioning Nevada County. Are you thinking of the
county as a whole, or are there -- are you thinking of just
the portion of the county?

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: I -- personally, I think it
makes a lot more sense for all of Nevada County to be in CD
4, because, I mean, I’m in -- even though I’m in the far
northeast corner of the county on the other side of
Truckee, I’m in constant economic relations real estate
wise and tourism wise with people in Grass Valley, people
in Penn Valley, people in Nevada City, but, you know, my
work and our tourism center is Truckee and Lake Tahoe and
El Dorado County and Placer County and all of -- and so, it
-- I feel that there’s a much stronger community between
all of Nevada County and Placer County and El Dorado County
versus -- I mean, I very rarely have opportunity or reason
to, you know, conduct business or address environmental
concerns with the counties to the north of me.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Great.

SPEAKER NUMBER 13: So I see all of Nevada County
as more bonded with Placer and El Dorado.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
callers at this time, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, while we wait for any
more callers to come in, any other Commissioners want to
pick on Commissioner Sinay’s question of, why did you apply
to the Commission?

    Commissioner Sinay.

    CO-CHAIR SINAY: I guess it’s only fair that share my story. The way I tell it at least for the -- when I do -- when I was doing the redistricting basics was, the family folklore is that I came running home in third grade and said, mommy, mommy, mommy, I know what I want to be when I grow up. And I -- and she said, what? And I said, I’m going to be the first female president of the United States. And she didn’t know if to support me or to actually tell me the truth.

    And the truth was that I couldn’t be the president of the United States because I wasn’t born in the United States. And according to my mom, I couldn’t be president -- so she told me, you can’t be president of the United States because you were born in Mexico. And you also can’t be president of Mexico, because according to her, your mother or your father had to be Mexican. So, I kind of walked away and said, okay, I’ll have to figure this out.

    And when my dad came home, I went running to my dad and said, poppy, poppy, poppy, life’s not fair, and I told him the story. And he said, hey, honey, I grew up in Argentina, and I always knew I couldn’t be president of Argentina even though I was third generation, but I was
Jewish, and the constitution said you had to be Catholic.

And to me it was kind of the start of realizing
democracy’s good, but it’s not always inclusive. And so
how do you create more inclusive processes, and how do you
find your way to make a difference in democracy.

CO-CHAIR YEE: And here you are. That’s great.

Thanks so much.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Couldn’t be president, but I can
be a Commissioner.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes.

I think we have a caller, Katy?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

Caller with the last four 9516, if you will
please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
9516 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
number 14, if you’ll please make note of that for future
reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know area
you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Hi. I’m calling in from
Siskiyou County, specifically, Mount Shasta. I have heard
other people call in from Siskiyou County, and it’s like
we’re living in a different place. I clearly understood
we’re not supposed to talk about specific legislators, but
I’ve heard a name a couple of times, and that name is
somebody that does not represent me at all, and does a
horrible job up here. I would love to have somebody that believes in climate change work to make things better.

    I hear agriculture, that everybody is -- we are so into agriculture, and there’s a lot of things here that are not agriculture. And I think by starting this map off just at the top of this State, without, you know, splitting off the coast, because we have a lot in common with the coast.

    We’re all very remote. We, you know, we don’t have a lot of people. We don’t -- we have some of the same problems, lack of healthcare that’s close, lack of shopping, those kind of things. I mean, I’ve been up there and it’s very similar. So, when people say that it’s so different, I completely disagree with that.

    By grouping the top counties and kind of going straight across, I think it would be a really easy way for you guys to start with your redistricting, to have a compact square kind of at the top, and then work your way down, without gerrymandering stuff. You know, you could just have these areas -- I mean, obviously we are close together and we do belong together.

    Bringing in Humboldt County would be really a plus for us because we, we could use another college. We could, you know, get more people educated, have that in our district, have that same interest. I’m not sure, you know,
people want to talk about drugs or whatever. I don’t see how that really fits in here. But, anyway, my suggestion would be the very top, which would be Siskiyou County, Modoc County, Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Tehama, Lassen, Butte, Sierra, Plumas. And then if you needed some more people, you could grab the northern sections of either Mendocino County or Yuba County, if you needed. From what I understand, we can’t stay the same. We’re going to have to get more people in here. And just like one of the callers said, Placer County and Nevada County --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 14: -- seem like they belong more with the Tahoe area. So that would be -- that would make more sense, and we could just have one, one district at the top of the State. And maybe we could get some good representation.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Okay. All right. Thank you for your time.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yeah, please stay on. Thank you so much for your input. And your reference to the top part of Mendocino County, where would you consider that to be? Where would be the lower boundary at the top part of Mendocino County?

SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Well, I would say the
northern part, just as much as you needed to fill in for population, kind of number-wise. I mean, from what I understand it, some people are advocating to stay exactly the same. I don’t think we can. I don’t think the numbers are going to match with the redistricting. I think it has to grow.

So, I would say the -- and the other benefit would -- instead of right now we have a lot of partial counties. We could get mostly complete counties, and then if we had to get a partial county, it could be either, either the very top part of Mendocino or the very top of Yuba, or both of those.


SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Okay. Thank --

CO-CHAIR YEE: Glad you called.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy.

Okay. Any other Commissioner stories? We can also throw in any Commissioner stories about experiences in the far north, your connections. I know we’ve heard some of those already in prior meetings, but others?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do have someone who just called in. And I’d like to remind those calling in to
please press star-nine on your telephone keypad indicating you wish to give comment.

And we do have a raised hand. All right, caller 4040. 4040, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-six at this time. Caller 4040, your speaker order number will be number 15, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. LINDLER: Siskiyou County.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

MS. LINDLER: So, hi. My name is Danielle Lindler. I’m a small business owner based out of Siskiyou County, and a professional forester. And it’s my understand that this discussion about redistricting Siskiyou County out of District 1.

And my concern is the geographic region of being on the I-5 corridor makes it easier for us to access our legislative district, versus being a part of the coast, which there’s no easy way to get to the coast, especially like right now when we have fires prohibiting our access to Highway 299. So, I would encourage our -- the parties that be to leave Siskiyou County in District 1 because of our geographic region in relationship to I-5. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.
COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, Katy, and we’ll continue to wait.

Any Commissioner shares while we’re waiting?

When I was growing up, for a good number of years I would spend a week each summer in Yuba County. Because there’s a church camp there, Mt. Hope, outside of -- or near the town of Challenge. It was near Yuba City. And it seemed like the end of the world driving up there. And it was very famous for having -- the geology there is such that the dirt is red, very red. Red. And, of course, in week of summer of camp, that would get all in your clothes and you would bring it home.

But I remember visiting Lake Collins there, and then Lake Oroville at one point during the week of camping. A lot of good memories, just in a very different part of the State of course than the Bay Area where we were from as kids, and quite an adventure there in Yuba County.

Any other stories or shares?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just going to -- Chair, was just going to riff off your story to say that the dirt in Redlands is also actually red. Redlands is where is grew up in San Bernardino County. And, yes, the clay there is red clay. Yeah.
CO-CHAIR YEE: Something about the oxidation state of iron.

Let’s see. It looks like we have a caller.

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. Caller 9819, if you will please follow the prompts by pressing star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment. Please press star-nine -- there’s that hand.

If you will now please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-six. Caller 9819 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 16, if you will please make note of that for future reference.

MS. ELSMORE: Hello. My name is Cynthia Elsmore, and I already made a comment. I didn’t know if I could embellish on that a bit.

COMMENT MODERATOR: You may.

MS. ELSMORE: Okay. So, Congressional District 1 has three partial counties in it. Part -- a very small part of Glenn County, a very smart part of Placer County, and the western part of Nevada County.

If Nevada County joins CD 4, and it only seems logical that they should with their (indiscernible) orientation, we would have far fewer people in our district. And so we need to have a larger population. We’re trying to be a compact and continuous district that has common values and common issues, which is why Humboldt
and Del Norte and Trinity would be logical additions to our
district.

In addition, many of our kids -- I live in Sierra
County, which is about the farthest remote, but our kids
have gone to college at Humboldt State, and we have family
ties there, and also a number of friends in that area.

All of the counties in our district are poor.
You know, we all have problems with like terrible broadband
access, and the fires, and all of that. But we all pretty
much have rural values and like where we live, and it is
miserable going shopping an hour and a half to get to a
Safeway. But we put up with that because we love where we
live. And I think this is the best --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ELSMORE: This is the most comfortable
orientation that we would like, instead of being grouped
with the Central Valley counties, Glenn, Colusa --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. ELSMORE: -- Yuba, Sutter. And so, just
consider that. Thank you. You have a hard job to do, I --

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our
callers at this time.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Unless there is any other
Commissioner shares or stories, I’m thinking we should go
to one of our videos. And we have a five-minute video on 
our COI Input Tool, and also another video on how to divide 
counties.

I wonder if you could run those back to back. 
How much would that be, Kristian?

MR. MANOFF: That will be 10 minutes, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Why don’t we go ahead and 
run those back to back then.

(Off the record at 6:18 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 6:30 p.m.)

CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to our California 
Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest 
Input Meeting. We continue to take calls from those 
whether or not you had an appointment for this meeting. At 
this point we’ll also take public comment on any other 
matter for the Commission. So, community of interest input 
or public comment at this time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, would you like the 
iinstructions read, or were you just -- I was unclear.

CO-CHAIR YEE: I’m sorry. Yeah, sure, let’s have 
the instructions as well.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

The Commission will be now taking community of 
interest input and general public comment for items not on 
the agenda at this time. To call in dial the telephone
number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D. number 81231366136 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 you 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 live stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for when it is your turn to speak, and, again, please turn down the live stream volume.

And at this time, Chair, we do not have any callers in the queue.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, Katy. We’ll continue to wait.

Any other Commissioner shares, why you joined the Commission or any shares about experiences in the far north.
Okay. Here’s one more prompt Commissioner Sinay and I came up with. What are some things you want Californians to know or to learn about redistricting?

Commissioner Sinay.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: I would say the number one thing I try to tell everybody or I want people to know, is that everybody can participate in this process. And it’s not as complicated as sometimes we make it out to be. You know, we all know our communities and can share, you know, who our communities are and where they’re on a map. But I think what’s most important is that anybody who lives in California can participate. That’s the one thing I’m very passionate about letting the community know.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

Others?

CO-CHAIR SINAY: I know Commissioner Andersen has a few things she’s passionate about.


COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I’ve been called out. Well, I was actually thinking, I haven’t said why I joined the Commission and why I applied. And it’s hard to go after all the Commissioners have been so eloquent, but I actually applied because I have -- I’ve been involved, you know, get involved locally, you know, think globally, act
locally, and I’ve always done that. But I’ve always been
similar to what I think Commissioner Yee said, I’ve always
been a person who -- people who don’t want to speak up come
over and quietly tell me what they want me to say.

And I’ve heard that from many, many people who --
from very conservative to very liberal, because I live in
Berkeley, so you have very extremes. And I’ve been the one
who stands up and said, well, you know, some people think
this and this and this. So, I’ve always felt I’m a voice
of multiple sides, and someone has to speak up. And to get
all of those voices who don’t -- who really have creative
things to say, but don’t want to speak up.

And so I’ve often been looking for, how can I get
involved? How can I make everyone realize we have a lot
more in common? We don’t have to be extreme on one side,
extreme on the other. That’s, you know, the politicians
job, that’s the newspaper’s job, to sell product. And --
but it’s not the way to get things done.

And -- but most of the activities that you --
that have come about or something, aren’t very political,
which is what Commissioner Vazquez said, is a -- you know,
I don’t have -- you know, I have no intention of running
for office. But I like to say, I speak for the trees, you
know, I speak for the other people who don’t speak up. And
I do speak for the trees, actually. That is one of my
issues as well. But I also look, how could I participate?
And I’m a structural engineer. And when I heard about this
Commission and this idea, I thought, here’s a way I can
help.

What I do every day professionally is I take
abstract ideas, well, I think this, I think that, well, it
might be, and put them together on paper, two dimensional.
And I’m used to working with, you know, well, you know, how
do we do this or how do we do that over there, and putting
all those together like a puzzle piece and going, this will
address that and this answer will address this, and putting
it all together, that multiple pieces. Like Commissioner
Fornaciari said, systems. That’s what I do.

And so I thought, this is something I could
really help bring people together, get voices, listen to
voices, and do my part for this great State, which I’ve
been in for a long time. Wasn’t born here, but I have
relatives who have been here since, goodness, probably the
late 50 -- or, nah, mid 40’s on. And, you know, been here
for quite a long time.

And so it’s -- I just thought it would be my part
to do something, and this is the way I could do that. So
which is why I applied, and also went through the, you
know, I can’t believe I’m still in the group. Can’t
believe I’m still in the group, and there I came. So,
thank you very much for letting me give the chance to share.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. Well, that calling out seems to work pretty well. So, I don’t know if Commissioner Akutagawa or Commissioner Toledo want to share their story of why they applied.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Do you want to go first, Commissioner Akutagawa, or go after?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was watching, trying to scroll --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I can go first, too. It doesn’t matter.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was trying to scroll down to you to see if like, are you going to talk first or you want me to talk first. I’m fine either way.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I’m fine either way, too.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I guess -- okay, I’ll go, I’ll go then, and I’ll share why I applied.

I guess, one, I do want to just acknowledge, you know, Commissioner Taylor, I really appreciated what you said. And it was, it was -- once you said it, I thought, yeah, that makes so much sense. I think for me I initially, I did apply partly because -- kind of like Commissioner Turner, I had just heard through community sources that, okay, you know, the -- that there was a
desire to have, you know, additional applicants who, you know, brought diversity to the pool. So I thought, okay, I’ll just, you know, at least -- kind of like what she says, at least I know I applied and I was -- but honestly I never really thought I would get this far. And I just thought, well, at least then, you know, the possibility of having a more diverse slate happens when you have a diverse pool to begin with. So I just figure, well, I’ll just kind of, you know, be part of that.

But also partly, I mean, you know, I also thought, all right, there’s some work involved in putting in the application, and so I thought, okay, I’ll -- I really had to think hard about why -- and part of it is, is I think not unlike a lot of others, I wanted to do something -- I guess in some ways I feel like I am just kind of like a normal, everyday person.

You know, that my knowledge and my involvement in redistricting was pretty limited other than, you know, I knew about that redistricting is something that happens. I didn’t know the ins and outs of redistricting in itself. But I felt that as a person who runs an organization focused on developing and really trying to inspire and empower a diverse community to really step up to leadership opportunities, I felt like I needed to do something similar, and I wanted to do something in which I would be
able to give back to a diverse group of people, but to be able to do so in a way that -- I find of feel like I’m -- you know, a lot of what everybody has already said, I have reflected in my story.

I’m not interested in running for office. I like the idea of being not one side or the other, but really to ensure fair representation for, you know, for the people of California, and to bring my experiences and my perspectives to a body that represents a diverse State. And to also listen and hear and to ensure that, you know, the voices amongst all of the different, you know, places, counties, corners of, you know, up and down the State of California could be, could be included. And so that’s, lo and behold, the (indiscernible).

Like I think Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Andersen both said, you know, every time I got a note that said I got moved to the next part, I thought, my gosh, okay. Well, you know, I’m sure I’m not going to make it to the next one, and then next thing I know I’m like, my gosh, this could actually happen. So, you know, here I am, and, you know, just really want to say that I have enjoyed the time and the conversations and the considerations of this entire body.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much, Commissioner Akutagawa.
I think we do have a caller.

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. I would like to invite those who have called in to please press star-nine if they wish to give comment. Please press star-nine on your telephone keypad if you wish to give comment at this time. Thank you so much. I see that hand.

If you’ll now please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-six on your telephone keypad. Caller 0286 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 17, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

Hello?

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Hello. Sorry, I’ve never done this before. I wasn’t sure if I was like waiting until the number 17 to be called up.

COMMENT MODERATOR: No. The 17 is your -- for your future reference, in case you need to call in, and make note of that. And you can let the floor -- the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, and the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Thank you so much. I’m from Shasta County in Redding, and I was just looking at some of your bullet points. I don’t know if you want me to answer all of those seven questions, but I’d love if we could be
in the district -- redistricted with Humboldt.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. And let us know why that is. What connects the two together for you?

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I love just like how green it is out there. And like obviously, it’s like a little bit different from this area, but I’m part of Sunrise Redding, and we’re really, really marching tomorrow for a tree ordinance, and I just think it would be really cool to work together more with Humboldt and like be connected and have more common goals in making Redding a greener space.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And, of course, you have Trinity County right there between the two. I’m wondering if you -- what you’re thinking where the boundaries would be. Would it be the three counties or -- I don’t want to put words in your mouth, you know. How are you seeing a district?

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I’m not really sure. If it could be like a broader, like inclusive area -- I’m sorry.

CO-CHAIR YEE: No problem.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Let’s see (indiscernible) figure out that specific partner.

CO-CHAIR YEE: But it sounds like the forest interests are what you have in mind, honestly?

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay.
SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah.

CO-CHAIR YEE: So just geographically the coastal forest of course, and then are you thinking all of Shasta County or -- just trying to get some geography to put on paper for your thoughts.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I’m looking at -- trying to pull the map of the counties just to like make sure I have like the same visual in my head. We’re you asking if like to group Humboldt, Trinity and Shasta together, or --

CO-CHAIR YEE: Just wondering. You know, if it’s just Shasta and Humboldt, and that’s really the two that you feel like -- that’s fine. You know, that’s plenty, and we can just go with that. Just wanted to make sure we didn’t miss anything.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah. Yeah.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. That’s fine. All good.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Thanks.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

At this time we do have a unique I.D. number 004. If you will please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to raise your hand. If you will please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment at this time, as you do have an appointment during
this session. That is unique I.D. number 004.

Awesome, there’s your hand. Perfect. I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number will be number 18, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.


So, caller 7106, which was unique I.D. 004, if you will press star-six on your phone you will be unmuted. I can hear you. Hello? I cannot hear you because of -- if you are on your phone, if you check your audio settings, you’ll have to see what microphone you have selected. We cannot hear you at this time. If you would like to hang up and then just call in on your telephone? I will do that. Okay. Perfect.

Okay. So they will be hanging up and calling in on their phone momentarily. And at this time we do have one other caller. Caller 2964, if you wish to give
comment, please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

    Perfect. Caller 2964, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay. Am I unmuted?

    COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I’m unmuted?

    COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are. One moment.

Your speaker order number will be number 19, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know --

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: -- what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I’m in 81. I’m in Shasta County.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay. I’m free to make comment now?

    MR. MANOFF: Yes, go ahead, please.

    SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I have -- I’ve been living in Shasta County for 20-something years. I’m in my 30’s. I live in Redding, California. And as long as I’ve been here we’ve had a gigantic district covering the whole northeast corner -- or a lot of the northeast corner of the State.
And so, I think it would be really wonderful to be redistricted a little bit, and get more connection to the coastal area in our State as well. I know that I have gone over there many times to the coastal area. It is a very diverse group of people there. There is much more of consciousness about environmentalism there. And I think that adding some of that into our mix and our district would really strengthen our district, and diversify opinions, beliefs, and bring more of a respect for some of the issues that we face here in regards to fires, global warming, stuff like that.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you for your thoughts. I’m wondering when you speak of the coast, what area in particular are you thinking of?

SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I’m sorry, your voice is just a little muffled in my phone. Could you repeat that?

CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. So, as you speak of the coast, I’m wondering what particular part of the coast you’re thinking of.

SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I’m thinking specifically in this case about the area around Humboldt, the area north of Eureka, that whole area.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And how far south in Humboldt County would you go?

SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Let’s see. I -- let’s see,
where is Eureka located in that? I’m not looking at a
county map I’m afraid on my phone.

CO-CHAIR YEE: It’s about two-thirds up the
county.

SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Yeah. So I would say
extending down the coast from there, not as far down as
like Fort Bragg or some of those more Bay Area kind of
parts, but certainly all around the upper part of that
area, between Fort Bragg and Eureka.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. All right. Thank you so
much. Yeah.

SPEAKER NUMBER 19: And some place that I have a
lot of experience traveling. So, yes, anyway, thank you.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Looks like we do have our appointment back. They
did try with their link again. What I’m going to try to
do, unique I.D. number 004, I’m going to do the audio-only
option at this time.

MR. MIDDLETON: Can you hear me now?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Perfect.

MR. MIDDLETON: Okay. Wonderful. So sorry about
the technical difficulties on my --

COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay.

CO-CHAIR YEE: All good. All good.
COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor -- so your speaker order number will be number 18 still, if you’ll make note of that for future reference.

MR. MIDDLETON: Will do.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you’ll let the mapper know what area you’d like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. MIDDLETON: Yes. My name is Cameron Middleton from Shasta County, and would like to discuss current Assembly District 1, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou, Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Trinity Counties.

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

MR. MIDDLETON: Yeah. I think really from our standpoint here, one of the critical issues of our area is fire, between the Dixie Fire, Carr Fire, Rush, Camp. Gosh, we’ve had the Hirz Fire, so many, that to keep these areas together is very important. I think to have a representative in this area that could work with emergency services, as well as media in this area, really can help truly keep people informed, and what we’ve seen as well having lived through it, has saved lives.

A big portion of that is Redding. Being from Redding, you know, we are the major media market in this area. And we really cover this greater extended area. People watch the news, listen to the radio from Redding, and it’s where we are -- a single point of central services
as well. Emergency services are organized with Shasta County really being at the core, and Redding being at the core.

Cal OES, our fire and rescue division, is Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, Sierra, Trinity, Plumas, parts of Butte County. Caltrans District 2 is another. We have different breakdowns. That breakdown includes Shasta and Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, you know, Plumas and Trinity. California Public Health and even emergency medical operations include Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas.

My family’s been from Shasta, Trinity and Lassen Counties for about 150 years, and they really are a cohesive unit for so many, so many reasons. And the smaller, rural counties up here in the north really look in a lot of ways to Shasta County and Redding for those emergency services, medical services, media, even educational opportunities.

So, I think it’s very important as well that we really keep those counties that border Shasta County in all directions, but particularly north, west and east, and keep those counties in a cohesive unit. I think the other one, too, where we’re really starting to see some progress, especially starting out of Redding and now moving outward, is with better broadband services.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. MIDDLETON: And we really have the pipeline going up through Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, and are able to then work on getting those to the counties both to the west and the east. So I think it’s very, very important that we do try and keep --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. MIDDLETON: -- this northeastern portion as cohesive a unit, and stay within one district as we possibly can. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. That means it’s time for Commissioner Toledo to tell his story.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thanks, Commissioner Yee.

So, my story is not -- I don’t think it’s that interesting. But, you know, I actually held off on applying for a while, because I hadn’t see all of the ads on social media and all over the place about the Redistricting Commission.

But at that time my brother had been diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and so I had been really focused on that, and just family and whatnot. And so once he got on his treatment plan, and I was able to -- because he was -- he lived in my community. And so once things settled down
a little bit, and -- so I think I applied the last day you
could possibly apply, and I believe it was after the
extension. And it mostly because of the stories in the
paper and in the social media about the lack of diversity,
and the need for more diverse voices of different types.

And so I figured I should apply, mostly just to
diversify the pool, because I -- you know, with such a --
so many people applying, you know, you never -- it was
difficult to think through the process. And, honestly, it
was as difficult to think through a long term -- and
certainly I didn’t understand how long and complex the
application process would be. And so every step of the way
I was wondering, is this something that, you know, that I
can do?

And so, you know, and he -- and, honestly,
through that process, he progressively got worse and worse,
so, just, you know -- but I figured that this was a very
important process, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to
really impact the direction of the State, and to help
develop fair maps that are reflective of the, of the -- and
inclusive and -- of the State of California. And where we
can hear voices from all over California, differing
opinions and different just -- and an opportunity to work
with individuals of different backgrounds. And so, that
was why I applied.
And he did pass right around the time when I was -- right, it was right after the interview process. So like I actually made it through the interview process, and had them in the back of my mind as I -- and -- but it was, I think it was a week or two after then that he -- you know, it was -- it’s tough.

And I think colorectal cancer is difficult. Some of those -- he was 37 when he was diagnosed, and just one of those things that is happening with younger and younger individuals, especially -- I mean all over the country. And so it was just a shock to have someone that young diagnosed with something like that, because at that point they’re not even screening. And so -- but, you know, he definitely got the best care he possibly could, it was just a little bit too late.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo, and sorry, sorry for your loss.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Did anyone else want to share?

Did we get to everyone who wants to share?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, I can share.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thanks.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you to everyone who
shared their story. It’s really heartwarming to hear we have such a great group of Californians here at the table doing this work.

But for me, I heard the ad on the radio, and I had to go home and google and check to see if I even qualified. And it turned out that I had barely made the cutoff, as one of the qualifications was you had to have voted in two out of the three previous statewide elections. And I only had two statewide elections after I turned 18. So, I would have had to have been civically engaged as soon as I turned 18 to qualify for this cycle’s redistricting process to serve on the Commission.

So I checked all the boxes, and I put in my application, not thinking, just like many of you, that I would continue through the process. And every step of the way that I did, I got more and more invested.

I googled a lot more. I looked at just redistricting overall, the process around the country, how different states are conducting the process. And then, and what we have here in California, and just looking at the history of the initiative itself and how it came to be.

And it was really inspiring to see that, you know, from top to bottom, this process was built by Californians. There was no one in a seat of power that turned around and said, hey, how about we give this to the
people? We had to fight for it. And we had to fight for
our Commission to exist, and we’re going to continue having
to fight for our Commission to exist to do this work for
the people.

And I similarly heard from others, that I don’t
really have an interest in serving in politics. It’s
become quite contentious just watching it from afar, so I
can’t imagine day in and day out if that was my job. So,
this opportunity kind of was the perfect way for me to get
involved in something sort of political, but also not too
involved in the long run.

So I’m excited to be here, and so grateful, and
still in shock and awe that I’m serving on the Commission,
and get to learn from all of you, and as well as all of our
fellow Californians. And thank you for these prompts.
They’re very interesting.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
I happened to see your interview and you were
great. I was pulling for you to get on the Commission.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I watched it afterwards, and
it was very cringe.

CO-CHAIR YEE: Oh, no.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was like, this is so weird
watching myself talk on these questions. I could have done
better on certain questions, but, hey, we’re all here now,
CO-CHAIR YEE: Absolutely.

Anyone else? Well, let me spiel a bit, and if we don’t have any more callers, we’ll think about winding down here.

I’d like everyone to know that we do have two more Community of Interest Public Input Meetings coming up this week. The first one is on Thursday the 12th at 3:00 p.m. For that one we’ll be back focused on Los Angeles County and its surrounding areas. And we will have Spanish, Armenian, Farsi and Khmer listening lines. And you don’t have to request those. Those will be automatically provided.

On the next day, on Friday the 13th at 3:00 p.m., our meeting will focus on Imperial and San Diego Counties and their surrounding areas. And for that meeting on Friday the 13th, we’ll have Spanish, Tagalog and Arabic listening lines.

Registration for those meetings will close two calendar days before each of the meetings at 5:00 p.m., however, you do not have to have an appointment to give comment, although we do suggest it.

The next business meeting that we have coming up is tomorrow the 10th, at 9:30 a.m. You’re always welcome to call any Community of Interest Meeting whether or not
the focus is on the area you wish to comment about.

You can also always submit a Community of Interest map and narrative at our mapping tool on-line, drawmyCAcommunity.org. DrawmyCAcommunity, all one word.

You can also always find us on social media. Our website, wedrawthelinesCA.org. It’s wedrawthelinesCA, all one word, CA, for California. WedrawthelinesCA.org. There you can sign up for our e-mails and learn much about the Commission. You can watch meeting videos, and eventually you’ll be able to look up community of interest input submissions.

You can also check us out on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our handle is wedrawthelinesCA. WedrawthelinesCA, CA, for California. We will continue to have these community of interest input meetings the next several weeks. By the way, the on-line mapping tool is available not only in English, but 12 other languages, including, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong and Thai. Tutorials are available in all those languages.

You can also always e-mail us at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. That’s votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. And you’re also welcome to snail mail, send us snail mail at California Citizens
Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260.
That’s 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, 95814, 95814. If you want to draw us a hand-drawn map of your community of interest, we would love to receive that.

If you do want interpretation for a meeting where we have not scheduled the language that you would like to give you testimony in, please make a request for that at least five business days ahead of time. You can call our office at (916) 323-0323, or send an e-mail to interpreter.request, that’s interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov.

Okay. It looks like we have no callers. Does anyone have any other comments to make? If not, I look forward to our business meeting tomorrow starting at 9:30, with Commissioner Akutagawa chairing.

Okay. Thank you, all. Thank you to the staff, ASL Interpreters, Spanish Interpreters, and Katy, as always, your magnificent work as our moderator. Thank you, all. This meeting is adjourned.

(Session recessed until August 12, 2021.)
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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, to the best of my ability, from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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