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Linda Akutagawa, Chair
Neal Fornaciari, Vice Chair
Isra Ahmad
Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
J. Ray Kennedy
Antonio Le Mons
Anthony Pane
Sara Sadhwani
Patricia Sinay
Commissioner Taylor
Pedro Toledo
Trena Turner
Angela Vasquez
Russell Yee

Staff Present:

Alvaro E. Hernandez, Executive Director
Marian Johnston, Legal Counsel
Fredy Ceja, Communications Director
Marcy Kaplan, Director of Outreach

Technical Contractors:

Public Comment Moderator: Katy & Kristian

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Sky Allen, Inland Empire United
Helen Hutchison, League of Women Voters, California
Grace Garner, Black Census and Redistricting Hub

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CHAIR AKUTAGAWA (via Zoom): Okay. Thank you. All right. Hi, everyone. Welcome to our August 19th Business Meeting. I sometimes want to say, our Communities of Input meeting, but that is not what we're here doing today. This is our Business Meeting.

I just want to say welcome to everybody. We do have several things on our Agenda today that we will be discussing. And so I am going to start with Ravi. Would you please take roll? 

MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Andersen.

(No audible response.)

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (Via Zoom): Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

(No audible response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez.

(No audible response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Akutagawa.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much, Ravi.

All right. So just very briefly, I do want to just announce that we are going to go into Closed Session first. We're not going to take public comment just yet. So I do want to just let everybody know that. When we return -- and we expect to be in closed session until 4:00
o'clock. So it will be a fairly short closed session, at which time when we come back we will then start with public comment. Okay.

         MR. MANOFF: Chair. Just checking --
         COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Excuse me, Chair.
         CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.
         COMMISSIONER LE MONS: What I was going to say, it's 4:00 o'clock now.
         CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. We'll be back at 4:30. My apologies.
         MR. MANOFF: Oh.
         (Off the Record at 4:03 p.m. until 5:05 p.m.)
         CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. Welcome back. Thank you. Californians waiting for us, I just want to report back on our Closed Session. We were discussing pending -- we were having a discussion under the pending litigation exception, and no action was taken.

So with that said, I do want to continue on with our Agenda. I know that I promised that when we came back we would take public comment, and I do believe we have some people waiting to make public comment, and then at which time we will then as expeditiously go through our Director Reports before we get to our Subcommittee Committee Updates.
And we are in particular going to be discussing the *3:05 population *3:11.

All right. So Katy, I'm going to ask you to let us -- let everybody know how to call in to make public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR (via Zoom): Yes, Chair. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed.

It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 87694754343 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a queue.

To indicate you wish to comment, please press *9. This will raise your hand for the Moderator. When it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press *6 to speak.

If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You're not required to provide your name to give public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your calls.

Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
when it is your turn to speak, and please -- again, please
turn down the livestream volume. At this time we have
caller with the last four 1803, and then up next in the
queue will be caller 6252.

Caller 1803, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1803, the floor is
yours.

MS. ALLEN (via Zoom): All righty. Thank you so
much.

Good evening, Commissioners. I hope you all are
doing well. My name is Sky Allen. I work with Inland
Empire United. We are a collective impact people serving
Riverside and San Bernardino counties. And what the *5:15
name the IE Redistricting Hub, a group of 2,000 community
organizations working to educate and mobilize our community
around the process.

Last year we helped *5:25 people to apply for
this position from our region. We’ve spent all of this
year so far educating our friends and neighbors about what
redistricting is and mobilizing COI testimony for your
public input meetings.

I actually submitted a letter to you a while back
in May, urging you to host additional public input
meetings. And though we added more meetings to your
calendar, I apologize for that, I hope that it -- has been
one that's made your process stronger in the long run.

More recently, we've been in deep discussion with map-drawers to insure that any draft district maps that are proposed to you later this year reflect our COIs, reflect our communities' needs and priorities, because we understand that though the 14 of you are well equipped with issue experts and excellent research and data, you don't know our cities or our communities like we do. You couldn't possibly.

So we understand that we don't have the authority, of course, to decide what the maps are going to look like. To the extent that we can hash out tricky areas internally and save you some trouble, I would think and hope y'all can see that as an asset, as opposed to a threat.

I'm calling in tonight because the other week I heard a comment, and *6:28 you possibly don't feel that's the case, I would urge you to reconsider your perspective. Your job as an independent commission is to be independent of the partisan bias of state legislatures, not independent of community members or organizations.

MR. MANOFF (via Zoom): Thirty seconds.

MS. ALLEN: Advocacy around maps is of a piece with advocacy around COIs, not designed to undermine your process, but to the contrary, to add the nuance and
perspective necessary and appropriate to respecting their communities *6:53.

    MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

    MS. ALLEN: I hope y'all will come to affirm this commission as one welcoming to community members and organizations, and in so doing insure there is space for the submission and presentation of district maps this fall. Thank you so much for listening.

    CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Ms. Allen.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 6252, and then after that will be caller 3818.

    Caller 6252, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

    MS. HUTCHISON (via Zoom): Thank you very much. Good evening, Commissioners. This is Helen Hutchison, with the League of Women Voters of California. I have two items today I wanted to ask you -- to speak to you about. The first is a brief one, one that asks you to consider taking public input at the beginning of Agenda items, rather than at the end.

    The public voice should be able to have the opportunity to have an impact on your discussion, and so we'd like to be able to do that. Additionally, we'd ask that you consider taking public input a second time when
you're considering something that is really a significant change from your -- the original recommendation.

The second item is about submission of maps from individuals or groups. You've received and will continue to receive input in a whole variety of ways, and I'm not just talking about the physical ways people give you their input, but also a variety of kinds of ideas.

And these are definitely going to include suggestions for district maps. These maps could be single districts, a regional set of districts or a full state map. You've been focusing on communities of interest, and that's great.

They're the building blocks for everything, but please don't limit yourself to thinking that's the only kind of public input you should consider. You may find a solution to a particularly tricky tradeoff in a proposed map you receive, or something in the map may inspire some new idea in your thinking.

So please consider and listen to all of the input you receive in the spirit in which it's offered.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HUTCHISON: Whether it's from an individual, a group or a coalition of groups, we're all just trying to get to the best set of maps for all of us. Submitting a map to you is just one more way that communities can give
you --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. HUTCHISON: -- that you can use in your final mapping. Thank you very much.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Ms. Hutchinson [sic].

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have caller 3818. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. And go ahead. The floor is yours.

MS. GARNER (via Zoom): Thank you. Good evening Commissioners. This is Grace Garner, calling from the Black Census and Redistricting Hub. We sent a letter along with the Prison Policy Initiative to you regarding the federal prison population allocation.

I just wanted to call in to let you know that we're watching, and that if you have any questions at all for us we're happy to answer those, either now or during that section. So thank you so much for your time and for considering our letter.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much, Ms. Garner. All right.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Katy. All right.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- that was all of our
callers at this time.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Awesome. Thank you very much.

All right. So we'll go ahead and we'll move onto our first Agenda item. We do have Director --

COMMISSIONER PANE (via Zoom): Check. Check.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER PANE: Chair, looked like Commissioner Sadhwani hand a -- had her hand raised.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. It was --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you so much, Anthony. Just very briefly. I just wanted to respond to a couple of the callers calling about district maps, and point you to the documents that we've been providing from the Line Drawer Subcommittee, that we are working on having those sessions.

I don't have them in front of me. I believe that we earmarked the days, and Commissioner Andersen, correct me if I'm wrong, of October 21st, 22nd and 23rd to receive those district maps. We are just working on what the actual protocol will be for those meetings.

So I just wanted to let the folk -- let folks know who are watching and called in, we hear you. We're working on it and stay tuned for more information about how those meetings will be run.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Wonderful. Thank you for
clarifying that and adding that additional information. It's helpful. Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

All right. We'll go ahead and we'll continue on to our Agenda, and I will try to make sure I do a better job of scanning through the boxes to look for hands. We'll go to the first -- next item on our Agenda, No. 3, Director Reports, and I am going to ask Director -- Executive Director Hernandez to start.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Thank you, Chair, and good evening, Commissioners. I wanted to let you know that my report will be brief, so we can move things along.

Under staffing personnel, our Outreach Director will be presenting the three remaining staff that have not been presented to the Commission. So that will happen shortly.

And then moving onto the Protocols for Commission Communications, I wanted to let you know that we have signed the Information Security Agreement with the Statewide Database, and we are informed this morning that the transmission of information will begin on a regular basis as of later today or has already begun.

So we're moving that along. Our database portion of -- is -- our database team is moving things along quickly, and you'll have some information later on this
evening about the Airtable.

I also wanted to direct your attention to a handout that we've posted for the meetings that include input meetings, Commission meetings and Line Drawer meetings through December. And so this is taking into account the information that was provided by the Line Drawer Subcommittee last week.

I've taken that information, incorporated into the spreadsheet that I have posted for you to review. There's a couple of things that you'll notice that have changed, and I'll explain why they have changed. So I've moved some of the meetings around a little bit because there's still some ambiguity as to whether or not the Emergency Executive Order for COVID-related -- suspending the Bagley-Keene or making it, you know, more flexible, I should say.

If that were to change and revert back to the Bagley-Keene Requirements we would be in person once again as of October. So with that I've indicated where we would potentially have those meetings if we were to revert back to that format.

So you'll see that beginning October 4th we would have meetings in October in Sacramento for the three Line Drawer meetings, and then I've moved the Commission meeting to the 7th just so that -- for continuity purposes for
those that would be traveling.

Likewise, on the subsequent page the 20th, October 20th, I've moved that one from the 18th so we wouldn't have that much of a break, and allows those who will be traveling to focus their attentions on all the meetings versus traveling back and forth.

So I also wanted to mention that we still have in September -- back to the first page -- September 9th and 10th, we had indicated COI input meetings if needed. That is still open, and I've added a full CRC meeting for the Line Drawers on the 11th from 9:30 to 4:30.

So those are some of the highlights of the schedule. One of the questions that I would like to ask the Commission, if it so chooses to have a statewide COI Input Meeting, either on the 9th or the 10th, so that we can do the scheduling as an option.

I know we're kind of rounding everything up. Eighth right now is the last meeting that we have scheduled for the Southern California H through K, so that we can insure that the language of Mandarin, Cantonese and Japanese are available to individuals. But we have the 9th and the 10th available. So I wanted to kind of put that out there for you.

Are there any questions? Yes.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I see Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

Thank you, Executive Director Hernandez. On the meeting for the September 1st, if we could also please add that we had Vietnamese and Spanish for that, as well as Korean, for that meeting. I just want to make sure that we don't lose the other two languages, so we're consistent.

And I hadn't -- and I would consider this a schedule through the end of November, not necessarily December, because there really isn't much in December and we're going to be really busy in December. So I would just voice it more of a schedule for the next couple of months.

And on the meeting on November 17th, I notice that you only put a three-hour window for that where normally we'd have a four-hour window. And I see why on November 12th you did not add another meeting for the Line Drawers, and I'm thinking it's because there was a split of a holiday.

So I'm not sure if we need to make up that Line Drawer date, maybe on the 8th or something. I'm not sure. I would ask the Line Drawer Subcommittee to maybe look at that. And I really don't like having a meeting the day after Thanksgiving, just FYI.

So, give me two days off, please. Thank you.

But that was it. I really do appreciate you doing this, and moving some meetings around so that, you know, we don't
have gaps and we're not going back and forth. So thank you so much.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I do -- oh, Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I just wanted to note. I think -- and you know what, I did take a look at this in advance and I didn't catch it then, and I'm wondering if this is perhaps why folks are calling in. So Alvaro, on October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, you have those down as Line Drawing sessions.

The intention there is actually that those are not Line Drawing sessions, but opportunities to receive district maps. So hopefully, we can just make that change. And then I think -- I just wanted to also raise, in the last meeting I walked away with the understanding we had had a conversation about the time line, I think as a part of the Line Drawing Subcommittee.

So and we had tacitly agreed that we would attempt to finish our draft maps no later than November 20th. We didn't make a motion. We didn't vote on that. I just wanted to make sure that we're all still on the same page for that, because as of right now one of the biggest challenges, because we don't have a ruling from the Supreme Court, we don't know what our map adoption date is.
And so many pieces flow backwards from that date, and I think, you know, when looking at this if you're thinking there's ambiguity, that's on purpose, because we don't know exactly what the date will be for draft maps in which they have to be completed.

We can also complete them early, but I believe and I just wanted to confirm that we would have draft maps by November 20th.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I do agree that -- or I do recall that that was part of the conversation. I do also see Commissioner Sinay and then I also have a comment after that, too.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I -- my comment was going to be that we had agreed that we were turning in the map, the draft maps early and that we were going to block off Thanksgiving just that we all would have kind of a break.

And so hearing that there's a meeting the Friday after Thanksgiving kind of goes against what we had talked about last time. So and then the other piece is, I know that the Executive Director has brought up that we can have one meeting.

My thought was to have two statewide meetings with one having Spanish translation, just because we do have some -- you know -- if we've already budgeted and
everything else, why not have the two meetings. And there's some areas that are going to be tough to reach and they might still be tough to reach because of the fires. But if we already have budgeted and everything set up, why not have both, with one having Spanish translations.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And just for clarification, are you saying one of the -- for example, if there's three days of Line Drawing that one of those might --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. No. No. The two input meetings that were on the calendar the 9th and the 10th of September. There's two --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, got it. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- there's two still up there. Sorry. I wasn't clear.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So what you're suggesting is that we -- either the 9th or the 10th, we use those four additional COI Input Meetings and then make one of them a full Spanish interpreted meeting.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right. And then -- so two statewide -- both of them statewide, so everybody's invited, and at one of them we have Spanish interpretation.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I believe that we would continue to provide Spanish interpretation at both, as we've agreed upon for all the meetings.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So it wouldn't be one or the other. They would both have Spanish interpretation.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. My comment on the Agenda. Alvaro, I just -- I think -- I appreciate what you're doing in trying to balance everything. I will also say just as the comments around having a Line Drawer meeting the day after Thanksgiving, having a -- I guess we'll have to figure out where we put the full CRC Meeting, but trying to have a meeting the week of Thanksgiving on a Tuesday after we spent two days in Sacramento and then to have to come back again.

And then I'm just thinking also about the -- just the nightmare of what travel could be during the week of Thanksgiving if you're coming from Southern California up to Northern California. So I do want to also point out that, you know, if we can maybe look at a different for that meeting and try to keep that whole week clear, that would probably be ideal.

Okay. Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Along those lines, Chair Akutagawa, I'm thinking that maybe the meeting right now set for November 17th and if needed, maybe make that
the full Commission meeting, and then it clears out the
meeting on the 23rd.

And also, no meeting on that Saturday of
Thanksgiving either, please, 11/27.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I think there's a lot of
agreement.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm wondering how to
proceed with this planning, you know, while we're still
waiting to petition the Court and then hear back from the
Court and actually have definitive dates. You know,
listening to the Census Bureau, Legacy Format Data Release
Press Conference they emphasize, you know, this is the
appeal of 94-171 data.

They emphasize that clearly, and I think it's
entirely possible that the Court will hold us to a short,
the strictest to be a deadline, which would -- let's see --
so that would be plus 12 days. That would end up being
maps due -- draft maps due November 13th, as possible, I
think, by my reading, and how do we plan for that
possibility.

I think it's actually a fairly -- it's not a
remote possibility. How do we plan for that while also
hoping for more time? I'm not quite sure how to approach
that.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Commissioner Sadhwani, and then followed by Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen can go first. Waving.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah. My hand keeps on disappearing. So I think I need to use the button. I do have actually quite a few different comments about the changes here, and thank y'all for putting all this together. But one which, it's the time.

In the October you're kind of shifting, like you want to have one meeting late and you've decided it'll be the first one. Unfortunately, that's really going to goof up the Line Drawing sequence. So if we really want to have one, maybe be the last one, later in the day, not the first one.

But my other quick question is, I appreciate that you're thinking we might have to be in person in October, so therefore, move the meeting directly next to the Line Drawing meetings. I'd like us to make sure we have on the calendar, in case it's not in person, I would like to keep it the days before, which would be, instead of on the 20th of October, the 18th of October, because we just don't have the bandwidth to do four full days in a row. It's a lot.

I understand if we have to be in person. So that would be -- that would affect the 18th and the 25th in
October. Then to address Commissioner Yee's point, there are two different dates and one of which is -- should we have no relief whatsoever and it doesn't matter, you still have to stick with the 12 days, that's when it goes -- it would not -- the 13th is correct, you have to be on or before the 13th, but it being a Saturday we'd actually have to post them on the 12th, which is why we did originally have a CRC meeting on the 12th.

So I would recommend in that week of the November we should put in three -- the Monday the 8th, 9th and 10th, because originally we had 10, 11, 12 and then 9, 10, 11 and then the 12th. So if we could have the meetings be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, the 8, 9, 10, not Veterans' Day, and then the full CRC meeting on the 12th, in the event that we actually have to, you know, go on draft maps.

And then the other date would be the 19th. So I'd kind of like to shift whatever it said about taking it from the Saturday and moving that up, that set should move up. And then like Commissioner Sadhwani, I totally agree with what she was saying.

We need to kind of see what happens on our date, final map date, before we can really fill in the rest of those. So I'd like to tweak a little bit of these items, timing, et cetera, but we'd -- I -- and we definitely want to have that meeting on the 12th, just in case.
And we did -- we did indeed vote for -- we're going to do our first draft map by the 20th, except that would be again by the 19th. That's -- we all said we'd like to do that on or before the -- you know -- that we all kind of went -- we didn't vote, but we all kind of went, we'd really like to do that.

And so I think those would be our days, meaning through the 12th to the 19th, if possible, and depending on the others.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Executive Director Hernandez.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So I will go back to the drawing board on this, try again to accommodate some of the changes. Just for your information, the reason that I put, for example, the first meeting in the set of -- or the series of meetings, I was thinking of the travel, you know, allowing Commissioners to travel in the morning for the meeting in the evening, and then the subsequent meetings being in the morning, and ending earlier, than later, for travel purposes, as well.

So that was a consideration, but it appears I will need to go back and fine tune some of the dates. I've heard that Friday, November 12th, is technically a holiday for state employees, I believe. Is it not the case? Oh, the 26th. I'm sorry. The 26th is a holiday for employees.

The 12th is the day after Veterans' Day, as
Commissioner Fernandez pointed out. There may be people that are not available because they're taking an extended weekend. So we'll have to play around with some of those dates to make sure it fits everyone as much as possible. So unless -- recommendations on dates, please feel free to forward them, or send me an email on those. I appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Executive Director Hernandez.

We next have on our Agenda, we have our Communications Director.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you so much, Chair. Hello Commissioners.

I wanted to start off with the social media analytics. We posted those online. We have a total of 1,024 total page likes on Facebook. I think the biggest number there was our post-engagement at 403 for this past week.

For Instagram, we have 237 followers. Our account's reach increased by 45 percent. On Twitter, we have a total of 1,640 followers, and that's up by 64. So people are adding onto our social media channels. Our LinkedIn is at 284 followers and our YouTube is at 66 subscribers, and has 2,172 views.

I checked in on our database today and we're at
13,967 contacts. I just wanted to remind you that when we started we were at about 3,000. So that's grown exponentially, and will continue to grow once our contractors come on board.

And jumping into that issue, we do have three signed contracts for billboard and radio advertising. Raul is working expeditiously to get the other ones going. So as soon as those are signed then we can actually get started on radio ads and billboards.

These contractors are eager to go, so one of them is actually starting on Monday. We are getting the language for the radio scripts approved. I got those approved today, and then we're working on the graphics for the billboards. We want to include one very basic design to go statewide for the first month, and then the communications team will be reaching out to each zone team of Commissioners so that we can personalize the graphics and messaging for billboards and radios for the next three months after that.

But the very first month will be one basic message going across the entire state, and then we'll have an opportunity to tailor to your specific zones. We had a big week last week with the announcement of the Census data release.

Statewide there was 520 mentions of the Census
release. Forty-nine stories actually mentioned the Commission. So we were pretty busy lining up interviews and making sure that we were connecting Commissioners to radio stations and newspapers.

We had Commissioner Sadhwani speak to L.A. Times, Commissioner Sinay speak to KPBS. Commissioner Sinay spoke to Telemundo 20 in San Diego. Commissioner Kennedy spoke to KPCC. Commissioner Sadhwani spoke to Marketplace. She also spoke to KCRW Press Play.

Commissioner Fernandez did an interview with ABC10 from an oil change place in Sacramento. Commissioner Kennedy spoke to NPR in Los Angeles. Commissioner Yee spoke to KWED in San Francisco. I spoke to the Acorn Newspapers. Commissioner Sadhwani spoke to NBC4, and last night Commissioner Sinay was on with Univision.

So we are getting a lot more attention. It's picking up, which is great, comes in at a great time. We do have our coordinator, who's been updating the website. This was the first week where he actually took the reins. So I'm pretty proud of the team. We're gelling and moving forward.

So I expect to have a lot more media hits these coming weeks, as I'm going to continue updating the media list and just calling and seeing if we can do follow-up studies.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. Any questions?

All right. Not seeing any, I think we can move on to our Outreach Director Report.

OUTREACH DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Sorry. I lost the mute. Thank you, everyone. I -- we are -- because we're a little behind schedule, the field staff that we're going to join to introduce, I don't believe any of them are on anymore. So I will do an introduction at the next Commission meeting.

I did upload a report for this week's -- for today's meeting, which includes information for last week's COI meetings and upcoming COI meetings in the next week. So if there's any questions there, and then I just have a few other highlights to mention, as well.

We did just receive an exciting update from the Statewide Database this afternoon, but their access centers are now open. We just got this news like right before the meeting. So I'll be working with Fredy to get this information on our website, and for the outreach staff to distribute and other ways that we can promote this information.

It is -- they are in six locations, Fresno, Long Beach, Oakland, Sacramento, San Bernardino and San Diego, and each center will have staff that can support members of
the public to develop community of interests or district-based input to submit to the Commission, and to use the redistricting software there.

I also wanted to highlight, also just found out this afternoon, the redistricting curriculum for 11th and 12th grade that Sacramento County Office of Education and L.A. County Office of Education put together is now finalized and LACO just distributed it yesterday.

So I'm in contact with Frank Peazy of SCOEE on how else we can support in getting the word out in coordination with Fredy and our COMs team, as well as Outreach team. I also recently met with the California Catholic Conference about statewide engagement, and they will be able to distribute this to religious schools across the state, as well.

So we're looking at other areas where we can get the education curriculum, as well. And just connected to education, we also had a great meeting with the U.C. Office of the President, and they're really excited to engage campuses and students across the state, and I will be providing more update on this as we move forward.

So I don't know if there was any questions on that or the report that's ported.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I've not seen any questions. Excellent. So let me -- oh.
OUTREACH DIRECTOR KAPLAN: No. I do see -- sorry. I do see Marlene is on now -- I see her -- who is our field lead staff for the Central -- Central California. So I just -- if there's a minute, I could introduce her also.

Marlene, if you could turn on your camera and introduce yourself to the Commission.

MS. DE LA GARZA: Oh, yeah, sure. Hi, everyone. Hi. Thank you so much for this opportunity. My name is Marlene De La Garza, and I am the field staff for Zones E, F and G. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. It's nice to meet you, Marlene, and Commissioner Andersen and I will look forward to working with you on Zone G.

Director Kaplan, is there anyone else that you want to introduce or, otherwise, I know Commissioner Fernandez has a comment that she'd like to make -- or question. Sorry.

OUTREACH DIRECTOR KAPLAN: No. That's it for today, just because of the timing shift. We'll have the rest join, the other three, at an upcoming meeting.


COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I just wanted to
say just thank you, and Marcy, to you and your staff,
you're doing absolutely wonderful. Thank you so much for all the work. I know we send a lot of chats and a lot of emails, but it's just awesome.

It's seamless. It looks really, really good when we're on the -- doing our COI input meetings. So thank you so much. Appreciate that. And then I also wanted a big thank you to Fredy. I just to do a little back story on this oil change, because I don't want people going away with the wrong thinking, is Fredy called me and he said, hey, there's someone in Sacramento that wants to do an interview for the Census Data.

I said, right now, I'm getting the oil changed on my car. He said, perfect, they can come meet you. And so I did a quick look to see what I was wearing. I'm like, all right. Bring it on. So anyway, thank you, Fredy, for getting the word out, and you know, right *38:34 people getting their oil changed and getting interviewed at the Honda place. So thank you so much.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's why we are called the Citizens' Commission. All right. Thank you very much. I am not seeing any other hands. So let's move on to our Chief Counsel's Report.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair and Commission. I don't have anything to report at this time.
So I'm happy to have any -- answer any questions the Commission may have.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. I'm not seeing any hands raised for Chief Counsel. All right.

All right. Thank you, everyone. Let's go ahead, let's go to public comments, since we are now finished with Agenda Item No. 3, before we move onto our Committee and Subcommittee updates.

Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now be taking public comment on Agenda Item No. 3. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, enter the meeting ID number, 87694754343 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press *9 to enter the comment queue. The full call in instructions are right at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page.

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

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: If you'll just let us know once it's finished streaming.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And then while it does that I'll just make a quick announcement. If anybody is wondering, our break will take place at 6:30 p.m. So if you've been hoping it's earlier, it is scheduled for 6:30
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Instructions are completed on the stream, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much, Katy. I don't see anybody who's in queue. So all right. We will go ahead and we will move onto our next Agenda item, No. 4, Committee and Subcommittee Updates. So we'll go ahead.

We'll start with Government Affairs, and Census Subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Since our last meeting we have been working on a couple different pieces we were tasked at the last meeting to continue to --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sadhwani, we're having a hard time hearing you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Can you hear me now?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: We need your podcast voice.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah. Okay. Hang on. Can you -- let me see. Make sure this isn't the echo. Is that any better?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): That's good.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Great. Thank you. So we were tasked with reaching out to the Little Hoover Commission regarding their work with following up with the Governor's Office, as well as thinking a little bit about
the legality of the federal prisons issue.

I think what -- we're talking about federal prisons issue later. So I think we should hold onto that.

Commissioner Toledo, do you want to give the update in terms of the Little Hoover Commission --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. I'm happy to.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- the Governor's Office?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. Happy -- happy to.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So Anthony and I met with the Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission. His name is Ethan Rarick, and he explained their current efforts to modernize *42:38, and some of the open meetings requirements.

They did -- or he did clarify that the Little Hoover Commission is shifting their advocacy focus to 2022, for a 2023 implementation. And so they don't believe that the Trailer Bill language will make it through the legislature and get signed into law this year. And so they're shifting their advocacy effort to get that done in 2022 for a 2023 implementation.

He also clarified that they are not working on advocacy to update the Executive Order, because that falls outside of their purview. Their focus is really not executive orders, and so that's not something that they're
working on, and they are -- or he is not aware of any conversations about extending the current flexibilities that are about to expire in September.

And so with that we also -- as you know, we've sent off a letter to the Governor's Office in support of the Trailer Bill language, as well as the extension of the current flexibilities. We've also contacted the Governor's Office and did speak with some representatives there.

And they did express their desire to help us with insuring that we can meet our mandate, given the pandemic. And so we're hoping to get some favorable news sooner rather than later. We're also in the process of drafting an op-ed piece to advocate for the extension of -- to advocate for some flexibilities and an extension of the Executive Order that would allow us to be able to continue to work in the format that we are doing, given the pandemic and the continuing pandemic, and some of the issues that some of our Commissioners are facing, and that the whole community is facing, especially with larger gatherings.

And so we did ask Commissioner Vasquez to give us -- provide some context and story to give the op-ed piece some -- you know -- a story, right, because an op-ed piece needs to have a story to go along with our advocacy request. And so -- and I think she has a very -- or we think she has a very strong story to tell, and that isn't...
just important to us, but to other Bagley-Keene commissions across the government process, and we need to be able to continue our open meeting or meetings, and engage the public in effective manners for us, in our case, through the end of the year, but -- and into the finalization of the maps, but for others it's going to be longer-term. So that's where we're at, at this point, is drafting the op-ed piece, continuing to work with the Governor's Office and hoping to get -- at this point it seems like we're leading, at this point, we're leading the effort to try to get an extension of the Executive Order for purposes of Bagley-Keene.

There may be other entities that are working on it, and hopefully, they'll come forward as well, but at this point it's us. And I mean, the other entities might come to light once -- if and when -- and if we actually do publish an op-ed, because that op-ed piece can be used both in a letter format to the Governor's Office or in a more public manner.

It depends on how quickly we can get a response back from the Governor's Office and some -- I mean, in this case some action to guarantee that we'll be able to continue on in a hybrid manner, hopefully. I know we all want to meet in person and we all want to see how tall we are, right.
And so but we also need to be able to do it safely and in a way that everyone is comfortable and continue to move this work forward. And it would be very disruptive not to be able to do that, and I think that's the piece that we're -- I mean, there is even the potential threat that we -- that some Commissioners may not be able to continue their work if we have to meet in person, right. And so that would be incredibly disruptive to our Commission and to the work of the people of California.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much, Commissioner Toledo, especially because we are literally in the home stretch now. So all right. Thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions for the Government Affairs Committee, Subcommittee? All right. Seeing no other hands, right now we'll go onto Subcommittee 4B, which is Finance and Administration.

Commissioner Fernandez or Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We have nothing to report at this point -- or nothing of significance. I forget what the correct language is.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Nope --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

Okay. Let's go to Subcommittee 4C, the GANTT Chart Committee, Commissioners Kennedy or Taylor.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, it looks like Commissioner Fornaciari wanted to -- had his hand up.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. Sorry. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: I was just going to say, Commissioner Kennedy has a question.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And Commissioner Kennedy, you are up next, because you are the GANTT Chart, one of the committee members. So it's -- take it away.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. My question for Finance and Admin, where are we on the travel policy? My recollection is that it was going to go back for some further work, but we're -- now that we're looking at specific travel dates and potentially some difficult combination and so forth, we really need policy to guide us.

So I just wanted to know where we were on the work on the travel policy.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, so the last time we brought it forward we -- the Commission did approve the policy with some minor edits, and what Commissioner Fornaciari and I are going back and we're looking at some of the options and some of the language for that.

I think it was the last four options. So we are working on that, but in terms of the final policy we can probably forward that to the Commissioners so that they
have that language.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. The -- you know -- if you recall, we're working on some language on -- or scenarios, the last few scenarios. We haven't quite finished that, but as far as the travel for the -- the approval for travel for these meetings, that was part of the original approval.

But and I apologize. It's on me to do the final editing and upload it to the policy document, and I haven't done that yet. So I will get that done tomorrow.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Mr. Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So as -- on the GANTT Chart we've made some progress and I've shared an updated version with Commissioner Taylor and gotten some feedback from him. I am still looking for a few dates on when things actually happen, you know, when VRA Counsel Contract actually started, those sorts of things.

So once I get those further details I'll be able to finalize a draft for sharing with the full Commission. Basically, you know, we are running significantly late on a few things. You know, we -- it just makes the time tight now. I don't think it endangers anything. It just means
that we'll have to keep the pace up. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. Any questions for the GANTT Chart Subcommittee?

Okay. Let's go onto Outreach and Engagement, Subcommittee 4 D, Commissioner Fornaciari or Commissioner Sinay.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: I missed the last meeting on Friday. So I'm not sure -- so I don't have anything.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Nothing to report.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: I don't know if Patricia -- or Commissioner Sinay has anything to add.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Nope. We're good right now.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Okay. Thank you. Let's go on to No. 4E. This is the Materials Development Committee, Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We've been working with the Communications Director on these draft radio scripts. We've also prepared a -- kind of a template to -- that could be shared with counties so that county redistricting websites would include contact information on our website address, and an indication of what body is responsible for what aspect of redistricting, just because we -- you know -- our stated intent throughout has been to encourage everyone to participate in all levels of redistricting.
But in order to do that they need easy access to information on how to engage in the various levels of redistricting. And now, the counties are putting up websites that focus, you know, on their county processes, but you know, some or many don't have information about the statewide redistricting process.

So we thought that potentially developing a template that we could share with them, they might find useful and add information on how their citizens could also engage in redistricting process with us, i.e., for U.S. House seats, State Senate seats, State Assembly seats and State Board of Equalization seats. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And then just one more thing. I just wanted to get an update from Executive Director Hernandez on the paper communities of interest. I know that last time we received an update we were looking at the postage and working on the copying effort for the document.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Commissioner -- or Director Hernandez.

COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes. So the latest is we are working again with the Post Office. We had to make
some edits to the language versions, and they have to see them once again to make sure that they fit their template or their formatting that we have to adhere to. Once that is cleared, we are ready to go with printing.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Great. Any questions? Not seeing any, I'm going to move on to No. 4F, Agenda Item 4F, Website Subcommittee. I believe that is Commissioner Kennedy and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing significant to report at this point.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you very much.

Next subcommittee is Data Management Subcommittee. I do believe we've been anxiously awaiting to hear from this one about Airtable. Commissioners Ahmad and Turner.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can provide that update. So we don't have anything significant from our end to report, but we would like to get some understanding in how y'all would want this type of information moving forward, given that we have a full data management arm on the Commission now.

So if it's -- it would be helpful for us to understand if you also want these updates from us or from Alvaro and Tony, who are leading the Data Management piece. Other than that, no new updates.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Any questions, any response to Commissioner Ahmad's question about how we want to receive this information.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, to me it doesn't -- I'm indifferent as to how we receive the information. I would just like some information in terms of the status of Airtable and at some point in time when we can actually look at the data, that's my main concern.

It sounds like Commissioner Ahmad, which I completely understand, may want to sunset the subcommittee. So I get that. But if it's from admin, that's fine, or if it's subcommittee, I just would like an update.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Cool. Then I will turn it over to Alvaro.

COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So I don't want to steal anyone's thunder, but we do have a presentation for you by our Data Manager during the Line Drawing portion of this Agenda. So I will -- you'll be able to get more information about the Airtable, as well as the data.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. We're looking forward to that presentation, then. Thank you.

Let's move on to Agenda Item 4H, the COI Tool. This is Commissioner Kennedy and I. So Commissioner
Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The main news is the opening of the Access Centers. We need to make sure we have all of the contact information for those so that their *57:39 can work on getting the news out.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. Let's see. I want to be conscious about order here.

Next up on our Agenda is the Incarcerated Populations conversation or discussion, and we do need to hear from the subcommittee, which is Commissioners Kennedy and Turner. However, I also want to note -- I think I'm going to just --

Commissioner Kennedy, I know -- I don't think Commissioner has returned -- oh, no. She did return.

Okay. We have 30 minutes to break. One option is, I'm thinking that we could quickly see if Lessons Learned, Cybersecurity and Legal Affairs Committee, if you all have short or no reports to make, so that we could knock those out. I'd like to ask about those.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing significant to report from Lessons Learned yet.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Cybersecurity. I think I saw Commissioner Fornaciari shake his head no, and then Legal Affairs, Commissioner Sadhwani, Toledo or Yee, do you have something to report at this time? Okay. All right. So we
have just knocked that part out.


COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, it looked like Commissioner Fernandez had a question.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Yes, Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. Thank you, Anthony. I appreciate that, and thank you, Chair.

Just quickly for the Lessons Learned, if we can ask -- if we can add, we just recently had received the Statewide Database Agreement, and if Lessons Learned, if we can do that early on in the game instead of right before we're going to receive the Census data.

So maybe put that in the queue earlier for the next Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Are you talking about having the Lessons Learned conversation earlier, or are you talking about --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I'm just saying adding it to the list for Lessons Learned so that the 2030
Commission can queue that at the beginning of the
Commission versus at the tail end to have an agreement.
The agreement should be well in advance of Line Drawing.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Sounds good. All right. Thank you very much.

All right. Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Turner, I'm going to turn this over; your Subcommittee Report on Incarcerated Populations, Agenda Item No. 4I.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Go ahead, Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Following up on the last meeting, we did essentially reframe the request to Bureau of Prisons. The initial request had gone to Senator Padilla's office. Senator Padilla's office facilitated a contact with someone in Legislative Affairs Office of Bureau of Prisons, and ask that we continue the conversation with that contact in Legislative Affairs at Bureau of Prisons.

So the letter was reframed to go to Office of Legislative Affairs of Bureau of Prisons. We received -- we basically stipulated the parameters that we will be looking for in any data that we would receive from them to be essentially identical to the parameters of the data that Statewide Database has received from California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
I had received acknowledgment that the letter has been received in Washington and submitted to the higher ups in the chain of command, and at this point we are awaiting their reply.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy, let's see. First, I -- well, I guess first I'll just start. So my understanding is that a letter has been sent to Senator Padilla's Office requesting the data, I believe is what I heard.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No. The letter to Padilla's office went out months ago, and we did not hear anything for a while. And then we heard that they had managed to get a contact for us at the Bureau of Prisons.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, my apologies. So the letter went to the Bureau of Prisons for the data?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Correct.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. My understanding from the previous meeting's conversation is that we have a rather binary choice. It's either we exclude or we include, as far as our mandate, but I could be wrong. My understanding is that we cannot mandate or instruct the Statewide Database, from the last conversation, about what else to do with the data.

I am also very conscious of the inputs that we did receive from the Black Census and Redistricting Hub.
And so I guess it seems like we're at a place that we do have to take some kind of action. And so instead of -- I mean, I don't think we could just keep pushing along to the next meeting.

I mean, we've just received the Census data. So I think we have to decide what is it that we're going to have to do. My -- just from my understanding from the previous conversations at last meeting, we do have what appears to be a more binary choice.

But I know that we have heard differently from other stakeholders. So I -- for me, I just want to put that out there. So, Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So if you will recall and if the public will recall, you know, we -- recognizing the time-bound nature of this, I did put a motion forward to simply receive the data as provided by the Census Bureau and go with that, understanding that that is not our desired outcome, but within the time available, you know, wanted to help move things along.

So that motion failed. You know, I'm happy to make the motion again tonight, but also happy to hear from other colleagues. Again, you know, we know that our preferred outcome would be to receive data in a timely manner at a sufficient level of quality and with clarity as to our ability to seek the reallocation of individuals in
federal custody.

Part of the problem with this entire process has been, it seems that the line between whether this is a legal matter or a policy matter is a very fluid line, a very fluid distinction. We've had some input in the sense that this is really a legal question. We've had other input in the sense that this is really a policy question for the Commission to decide, and so it kind of leaves us in a very difficult situation. You know, if it were clearly a legal question or clearly a policy question it would be much easier to address.

But we're in this situation where we had feedback indicating that it is a legal question, feedback indicating it is policy question and it just makes it very difficult to make progress.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for that recap, Commissioner Kennedy. That was helpful. I do see Commissioner Fornaciari.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Thanks, Commissioner Kennedy, and I -- I mean, I just, I want to echo some of your comments in my thoughts on this. You know, I think we all want to do -- we all would love to reallocate the prisons appropriate -- or the inmates appropriately to their last known addresses, but time is not on our side at this point.
I just -- I can't imagine that time would -- that we would have the time to get the data and reallocate the data. I -- plus, I would -- in addition, I would imagine, even if we got data that we could use, that reallocation would have to come at the end, after the Statewide Database has already done the work that they needed to do for the state.

And so we would be, in addition, eating into our Line Drawing time, which is unclear how much Line Drawing time we have. And I believe -- you know -- my read on it is, you know, with Commissioner Akutagawa, it's a binary choice at this point.

And so neither option is -- I think is great, but I think that's where we're at. And I think in addition to that, we have all agreed that, you know, working forward for the next Commission to have in place the capability to do the reallocation is what we're committed to do.

So given all that and, you know, given, you know, the motion from last week that didn't pass, I'm going to make a different motion. I'm going to move that we do what's recommended by the state, to do -- that we do what is required by the local municipalities, and that is to not count the prisons.

So my motion is to -- is that we not count the prison -- the inmates in federal custody. And I'll just
point out that that's consistent with the Black
Redistricting Hub's letter that we got. I mean, they --
that's Option 3 that they gave us.

But you know, they have very strong position on
this, that if we can't allocate the prisoners -- the
inmates in some way, that we exclude them. And so I'm --
that's the motion I'm going to make.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Turner, is comment
or a second?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Both.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to second the
motion, and I'd also like to say that this has been a very
difficult discussion and decision to come to, or even just
-- I've gone back and forth. I am excited for Californians
everywhere, particularly those that are incarcerated, that
we do have a plan moving forward to be insured for 2030
that we're not in the same position that we're in today.

Timing is an issue. Choices that we have,
information, data that we have is problematic, and I think
everyone did what they could to get the information that's
needed, including just still inquiring to see what
information can be received.

But for us, at the level of work that we need,
it's -- what we need really won't happen in a timely
manner. And so we're left with the choice, the binary choice and we don't like either of them, necessarily, and it gets down to then just kind of what side you weigh out on.

And I do second the motion of having them excluded from where they currently reside, having the inmates excluded.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much, Commissioner Turner.

Okay. I see Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to support what Commissioner Turner said. I think this has been, you know, just a tough conversation. The aspiration that we all have, you know, we're not being able to meet it and so we're hard on ourselves.

But we -- I -- you know -- I want to commend everybody for the efforts that were done, especially Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Turner, you know, on getting us this far. And I think what it tells me is that 2030 is going to be different and that's really exciting.

I also want to remind everyone that we have made inroads into facilities -- the state facilities to get communities of interest maps from people who are incarcerated. And so you know, we -- that is something new.
and -- since that wasn't done last time.

And so, please, anyone who can help us get -- you
know -- share it with families, share -- we're really
looking forward to getting that input. So as much as we
feel like we're not hitting the full goals that we were
hoping, our aspirational goals, we have done leaps in 2020,
and I'm proud of all of us.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I was just going
to ask for some language maybe change, if it's acceptable.
I would like to note that it's incarcerated people in
federal facilities. I really try to stay away from inmates
or prisoner language. That's my only suggestion.
Hopefully, it'll be accepted by those that made the motion
and seconded.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for the good
reminder, Commissioner Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'd ask Alvaro to show
the language that Alvaro interpreted what I said, I think,
in a way I think's appropriate, and consistent with what
you said.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I certainly try.
Here we go.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Fernandez, does --
does that reflect what you were hoping it would reflect?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, and California Federal Prisons, can we just be a little bit more specific, since there are federal facilities. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. So Commissioner Kennedy, I have you next.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know, I just want to say that, you know, I have perhaps been -- excuse me -- tilted at windmills in this effort, trying to go where others said it was impossible to go. You know, I'm happy that we do seem to have made more progress than others thought possible.

I will say that, you know, my -- I continue to be guided by what is on page 3 of the Black Redistricting Hub's letter listed as number one of two inextricably connected and equally important principles. Number one, that everyone is counted.

And so you know, I will continue to feel that the best option available to us, not our ideal, not our preferred option, but the option that implements principle number one as laid out in that letter is that we take the data as received from the Census Bureau, which has individuals in federal custody counted at their place of incarceration, and go with that data.

And again, this is not my preferred solution. I had fought for a different solution, but given all of the
parameters and constraints and in line with what is set out
as principle number one in that letter, I will continue to
advocate that we count the people.

I just -- I find that not counting people wins
too much of Indians not taxed and three-fifths of a person.
So that is my rationing. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much,
Commissioner Kennedy, and I think we all do very much
appreciate what you have done, and I think ideally, from
the conversations that we've all had, I think that is what
we would like to see happen.

I want to make sure that we also insure that any
other Commissioners who want to speak up -- okay. I --
Commissioner Taylor, I believe -- Okay. Thank you. You
have your hand up.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. Thank you. And
excuse me for the poor Internet connection tonight. I just
want to quickly just concur with Commissioner Kennedy. I
just find that objective number one is to have everyone
counted, and if we look at the mathematics of it all, I
think over-represented is a lesser evil than not
represented at all or under-represented. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, everyone, and
this is -- as Commissioner Turner eloquently said, this has been a very, very difficult conversation, because we all want -- you know -- this around. Remember, everyone, we're actually reallocating all the state prisoners at this time. That's not happened in 2010.

This is the first time. This is a huge deal, which is great. We also wanted to do the federal prisoners, and unfortunately, the data was like, well, nice idea, too bad. And all of a sudden, right at the last minute, oh, we have some data, but it's inconsistent. We don't know what it is and it really is a problem.

So the issue with do we include everyone or exclude everyone, the local redistricting may not. There will be a separate database which has all the state prisoners reallocated. And even if we say -- if we say, hey, we're going to -- we are going to count federal prisoners, that means our database will be different.

And that's -- I think I want everyone to know that this is why it's a -- we are really grappling with an issue here, because absolutely, as Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Taylor have said, we want everyone to count. However, despite what we want, that won't affect the local redistricting, because that's the way the law is written and it couldn't change.

That's why 2030, wow, it's going to be different.
The legislature's actually asked, you know, for hey, let's work on some -- the proper wording to go through some legislation change. And I think with that in mind, the way it was written, we need to exclude, which I hate doing, but it would be a different data set.

And I have a problem with having two sets of data just because of the issues there -- that involve. Like our numbers would be slightly different than the county's and the local. Now, I know that's not our job. It's a different direction, but it is -- it's a little -- it's a slight botheration, which is why I believe we've gone ahead and said, hey, we need to exclude them.

And I just wanted to bring forward, this is not what we want to do. This is what, as by law right now, I believe the local can't consider them. And you know, I understand the idea that we'd really like to, but I think it does have a set of issues with it. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I am -- let's see. I'm just making sure I'm not missing anybody. All right. I do want to just echo everybody's comments. I think, as I said, I think we all definitely want to insure that everybody is counted, everybody is included, and at the same time our options are not super great.

I also want to acknowledge the Black Census and Redistricting Hub. They did lay out some options, the
third one being, obviously, the least preferred, but if we have to come down to making a choice, they also did recommend that we exclude versus include. So I do want to just -- for me -- just note that that's something that I took away from their letter.

Commissioner Turner, did you --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just want to add in, in addition, I believe also signed on was the Prison Policy Initiative. That was part of that same letter.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Thank you for acknowledging them, as well, too. And then I also do want to note that they did send in an additional comment that was noted or added to the handouts for this meeting. So there is some additional comments that were added in. So okay.

I know that we do need to -- I want to go to public comment before we go to the vote.

So Katy. And this is on this Agenda item on this particular vote.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: You mean action item.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. The action --

(Three people speaking)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: On the agenda?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- for the motion on the Agenda, yes, on Incarcerated Populations in Federal
Facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Got it. The Commission will now take public comment on the motion on the floor for Agenda Item 4I. To give comment please call 877-853-5247, enter the meeting ID number, 87694754343 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in please press *9 to enter the comment queue.

The full call in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided in full on the livestream landing page. And at this time we do not have any callers, and we will let you know as soon as the instructions are complete, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have a caller at this time. Caller 3818, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. The floor is yours.

MS. GARNER: Hello, Commission. This is Grace Garner again, calling from the Black Census and Redistricting Hub. I just wanted to clarify our position. You know, we do list those two inextricably connected and equally important principles that everyone is counted and they are counted in the most equitable way possible.

And they can't really -- they can't be separated, and that's why we favor Option 3 if you -- based on what the two options are that you're looking at, when you
include people at the location of the facility you're
giving an oversized reach to those -- that community.

So we would prefer that it was excluded when
you're looking at those two options, because again, it's
everyone is counted in the most equitable way possible, and
those two cannot be separated. Thank you for much for your
work on this.

We understand that it is very difficult and we
really appreciate the attention that you've been giving to
the issue, and all of the work that's been done to get this
data for the next group. Thank you so much.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much, Ms.
Garner. We appreciate your help and your comments on this
issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was all of our
callers at this time, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Then I believe, seeing
no one else calling in, all right, I believe we are ready
to take the vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. So
we'll begin the vote now.

Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Abstain.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner
Akutagawa:
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: No.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: No.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe this was a simple majority. So the motion passes.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you very much, everyone. I just want to acknowledge first off the work that Commissioner Kennedy and Turner did. I also know that there were other, you know, very robust discussions that took place last week amongst all of the Commissioners.

And I know that this is something that, you know, ideally we -- again, we wanted something different. It's not necessarily one that we make easily, but I do want to thank everybody for all of your very considered and very thoughtful discussion around this.

And so -- and I will also say that I'm glad that we were able to make a decision, because I do believe we
needed to do just that. So thank you everyone for that.
With that, I know that we do need to take a break. And so
we will see everybody back at 6:46.
(Off the Record at 6:31 p.m., until 6:45 p.m.)
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you, everyone. I hope you had a nice break, even if it was
brief feeling. All right. So what we're going to do is we have completed all of the report outs on the committees and subcommittees. We will take public comment on Agenda Item No. 4.
And Katy, I'm going to ask you to make an announcement about it.
MR. MANOFF: I can help you with that, Chair.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, thank you, Kristian.
MR. MANOFF: You got it. The Commission will now take public comment on Item No. 4. To give comment please call 877-853-5247, and enter meeting ID number 87694754343 for this meeting. Once you've dialed in, please press *9 to enter the comment queue.
The full call in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page. And we do not have any comments at this time, Chair.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. We'll give everybody a moment to catch up and call in if they have any
Welcome back to the camera, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Those instructions are complete on the livestream, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you so much, Kristian.

Okay. Well, let's go ahead. Let's keep moving on to our next Agenda Item, which is No. 5, Line Drawer Committee, Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani, and I do believe this is where Executive Director Hernandez mentioned our new data manager is also going to explain the Airtable, I believe.

So Commissioner Andersen or Sadhwani. On, no, she's not back yet. Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was glad you were going to have Commissioner Sadhwani do the intro here. So I will jump in. Yes. Thank you to -- if you -- all the public and the Commissioners. It does say Item 5, Review COI Submission.

And we, of course, have been waiting for Airtable to be able to do this. And so at this point, basically, we're going to have our new data manager, Toni Antonova -- hopefully, I spelled that -- pronounced that correctly -- will actually give us a presentation on where we are and
what we have so far, and then we also will do a little bit more in terms of how we're going to be looking at this from the Line Drawing perspective.

And I do want to say that we'll -- in terms of reviewing the COI submissions, this will actually start up next week, and with great detail. And so this is our introduction, and at that point I'm just going to turn it over to our wonderful data manager.

MS. ANTONOVA: Thank you for that introduction, Commissioner Andersen. I am going to share my screen and show a bit of a preview of what we have been working on, on the Data Management Team. We have spent the last week really working to get all of the public input into a -- into one central location and that the public can access, and we are aiming to kind of finish this process by the end of next week.

We're building a tool that the public can interact with and to explore the data that's coming in. Let me know if you can't see my screen for some reason. This is a preview of the tool that we have been working to put together. We want to share, you know, all of the data that has been coming in, in an accessible way.

So along with a view of the data and a table Excel-like format that you'll see on the left, we're also putting together a map that you can interact with and
explore and zoom in on different regions. And I'll kind of show how that works here.

You can see that, you know, that this map will show how many submissions are coming from different areas of California, and you'll be able to play around with it, zoom in on the region that you're interested in, actually click on the record and see what the person has written, and the map that they may have drawn or attached.

You know, this is -- oops. Sorry about this. Please make this app bigger or full screen. Oh, there we go. You know, I think for some this may be the main way that they prefer to interact with the data, and it's pretty intuitive and kind of fun to play around with.

For those that might want a bit more of an Excel view and to dive into all of this [sic] missions and some of the metadata fields, we'll have this table on the right, and you know, you can scroll through and see a summary of the submission and a number of different fields, along with the shape file, which is the -- basically, the map that the person has inputted into Drawmymycaliforniacommunity.org.

And this tool will allow people to, you know, do a number of functionalities that you typically find in Excel. You can filter on different fields. For example, if you want to look at all of the letters that came in, you can do that here, all of the emails and so on.
Public input that come in through live meetings will also be here, and you can take a look at that, as well. And yeah, that's the end of my update. I want to keep it quick. I'm happy to answer any questions. For context, the data that is here at the moment is not updated as of a couple weeks ago, and that's what we are diligently working on, to get access and put this on the website by the end of next week. Thank you.


Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Toni. This is wonderful. You went through the filtering really quick. Like what area -- what are the different filter options?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: You're on mute, Toni.

MS. ANTONOVA: So the columns that we're going to include in this phase of the data release, you'll actually find them here in the filters, or actually, I can show them here. So you can basically filter on anyone of these columns.

There's a submission date, the source of the submission. So you know, that's whether it's an email, a letter, whether it comes directly from drawmycacommunity.org or a live meeting; a summary of the
submission.

Most of the time this is, you know, a direct, like, copy paste of what the person has sent in. Sometimes, it's a paraphrased summary, any attachments that come with it and a PDF of the drawmycacommunity.org submission, and so on. These last two fields are metadata that help generate the map.

And you can filter on anyone of them. So you know, I used the submission source, because that might be easier to do. Another way to interact with the data is actually to search right here. So you know, maybe you want to look at input that mentions Fresno, you can do that here.

Maybe I'll exit out of this. You can see here, I can go through those different inputs. You know, maybe you want to look at input that mention water rights. You can type that in here, as well. We are -- you know -- after this release we're going to be working on a kind of second phase release, and there, you know, we'll be discussing any additional, maybe more exciting features that we can add to this tool.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Toni.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. I have Commissioner Yee, followed by Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Toni. Wow. This is super exciting. I've started looking at Airtable.
I'm wondering also about the search ability, and so I'm thinking, you know, when we actually get to redistricting, you know, drawing maps in different specific places, how to group the input.

So the example you have or had there, Kettleman City. You know, you can search on Kettleman City. You can search on Kings County and you can search on any of those other towns around Kettleman City. That's a lot of, you know, searching to keep in mind.

So I'm wondering how -- can you search by map, for instance, you know, kind of the way Yelp works. Give me all the input for the current map view. You know, I'm just trying to think, when we actually start mapping, I mean, that's kind of -- you know -- sets of data that we'll want, I think, right.

So everything that had to do with the whole area around Kettleman City, whether or not it mentions Kettleman City, right. And so how do we search like that?

MS. ANTONOVA: I'm happy to kind of provide a response. You know, in the second phase of this I'll be working with the Line Drawing organizations to figure out what -- you know -- what they need to do analysis best, and to make it easier to ingest all the information in this
data.

During that period of time, you know, on -- we will be annotating and tagging each one of these data entries with information like, you know, what neighborhoods are mentioned, what cities, counties and any -- you know -- even maybe distinctive landmarks, things like that.

And so once we get that process going that may be -- you know -- pieces -- that may be something that we can add to this public view, as well, and that's a work in progress with the Line Drawers and the Line Drawing organizations.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much. We have Commissioner Turner, followed by Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I want to say, I just felt like there should have been like drum roll, et cetera. Toni kind of talked about it in this is this and this is that, but I'm like, woo-who. This is amazing information, and I just wanted to say thank you so much. I'm so excited to have you on board, Toni, and the entire team, and this is such an easy system to look and search and be able to find what was previously submitted. And I love, Commissioner Yee, what you just suggested, to be able to get a map view, as well.
But I just wanted to celebrate a minute the tool that we're finally looking at. Thank you.

MS. ANTONOVA: Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I echo that. Thank you, Commissioner Turner, for pointing that out.

Commissioner Sadhwani, I have you next.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. And you know, I want to reiterate and echo Commissioner Turner's like, woo-who, because this is -- we've been waiting for this for a long time. And Toni, amazing. I mean, you've been on board for, what, one week, 10 days, something like that.

So incredible, incredible work. I apologize. I wasn't back yet when Commissioner Andersen tipped off this session, but I did also just want to interject here a little bit, because I'm hearing in Commissioner Yee's question, there's a technical aspect to it of how exactly is this going to work.

But then there's also a time line aspect, and so I wanted to just share a little bit about the time line that we are anticipating over the next couple weeks and months. Commissioner Andersen and I have been meeting with Toni and the Data Management Team, as well as with the Line Drawers.

The Line Drawers, of course, also need to make --
we need to make sure that they have access to all of the information that we are receiving. And so we're really trying to just make sure that this is a seamless process. And then the other pieces, we -- because we've been waiting for such a long time, we wanted to really map out how we as Commissioners, as well as the public, will be receiving this information and digesting it, right, and hopefully digesting it.

There's a lot in there. We have been waiting for the COI tool submissions for quite a while. And so I wanted to just offer up what Commissioner Andersen and I have kind of come up with as a sketch for moving forward over the next couple weeks.

We didn't -- we were literally laying this out this morning once we saw what was available and what Toni had gotten done since Tuesday, which was a whole lot. So we didn't have a chance to write this up as a memo or anything more formal, but I wanted to share with you kind of our thinking, and also get feedback.

And so, you know, today is August 19th. Our next agendized meeting is -- business meeting is August 31st. And so our intention is that by August 27th, which is a Friday of next week, the Data Management Team will have completed uploading all of the -- and maybe it's not exactly uploading -- inputting all of the information into
Airtable, as well as have that publicly available on our website.

That is our goal. August 27th, of course, is a Friday, which means clear some time in your weekends, my friends, because we're hoping that on August 31st at our meeting we would take our first kind of deep dive into some of this data.

What we are anticipating, we've had a number of conversations with the Line Drawers about how do we best do this. We will give you a little bit of homework. So on the 27th be prepared to get a little homework from us about how the 31st will exactly run.

But we wanted to jump right in and, you know, take, of course, the easiest part of the State of California, which is L.A. County, and begin to take a look at L.A. County. We know that there's a whole lot of COI submissions in L.A. County.

We know that there will in the long run be a lot of ERA considerations in the county, as well. Moving forward, we anticipate exploring the input in Airtable by using the mappers regions, right. So the Q2 Haystack Team, as you all know, have a number of different mappers.

Jaime Clark, of course, is one of them, and we've seen her often and she is most certainly a senior member of that team. Jaime is assigned to Los Angeles, and that's a
part of why we thought it would make a lot of sense to
start there, in addition to, of course, L.A. has so many
other pieces.

Other mappers, Tamina, Willie and John, represent
more than one outreach zone, and so moving forward in our
future dates on September 7th and on September 11th, which
was a day that was added and is also a Saturday, we will
look at areas of California based on those mappers'
assignments. So that's multiple zones together.

Exactly which date -- which zones when is to be
determined, but that is kind of the direction that we're
thinking. And on August 31st we will start, actually, that
meeting with a training on how to use Airtable. And I
think, you know, we're hoping that everyone plays around
with it over the weekend next week, once it's live on the
27th.

We want to make sure, also, that there's an
opportunity both for Commissioners and the public to get
the proper training on how to use this tool, how to access
the information. So we anticipate that the 31st will start
out with a training done, you know, starting off with Toni
and the Data Management Team, followed by kind of this --
the transition from Airtable Data Management to Mappers.

And so I anticipate Jaime's also going to have a
little touch base on some of this training, as well. We're
still working out all of the kinks there, and then we would kind of do a deep dive in L.A. County and review the submissions that we have.

And Commissioner Andersen, please jump in, because that's a lot of information, and I probably forgot something.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. Commissioner Sadhwani did a great job, which is why I was going to have her lead off. Just a couple of items. When you're looking -- and Commissioner Yee, you're saying, well, how do we look at this by area?

One of the easiest ways, you'll notice Airtable, that is our PinMap. Now, this will ultimately be on our website, a link to it will be on the website. So the public can actually -- a PinMap. Oh, where are those -- you know -- all those reds dots and things, they represent not just Communities of Interest that have come in through the COI tool, but Communities of Interest that have come in from all sources.

And in terms of where they're located, that's actually by essentially the center of -- basically, the very center of whatever the community of interest is. So if it's city, it's probably like somewhere in the middle of the city. If it's several counties, it's in a geographic center of those several counties.
So that's just in the way -- in terms of our, when you're looking at it, you know, quick way to search by area is look at the map. Then you've already looked through the dates and the full information will be there, and we'll give you -- as of right now, it's only a certain amount.

And when you're saying, well, this view that we're looking at now may or may not be exactly what the public sees. In terms of other categories, other ways, our little drop down of just looking at it by letter, email, that sort of option, which are very readily available, and then other searches, it probably might have a few more things in it.

We want to work with the Line Drawers and have Data Management work together on that to make it the most useful, and without being too crowded. So that's basically all I had to say on that. So this is sort of an intro, and then any other questions, which I'm sure there will be several of.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: We do have several questions. We have Marcy first or Director Kaplan first, or Director Kaplan first and then also Commissioner Sinay next after her.

OUTREACH DIRECTOR KAPLAN: I just had a very quick note, if we're able to time stamp the training that
Toni's going to do so that we can push it out with the Outreach Team, also, because I imagine there's a lot of people who will want to listen in. Thank you.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Great suggestion.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm really, really excited, but I also want to bring in a piece of reality into all of this. We have, if I heard correctly, 1400 Communities of Interest, which sounds like a lot, but it really is a drop, and it's not a drop in the bucket to what our goal was.

And this was one of my concerns, that if we focus so early on doing Communities of Interest public meetings, we were going to forget the tool and really pushing, you know, using the tool. And it's my understanding is that 1400 is both what's come in through the COI, as well as some of the input we have.

And so I think it is -- it's really critical, you know, how good -- you know -- the database can only be as robust as the data that gets put in it. And so I would like to put out there, what are we going to do, you know. You know, we're already jumping into Line Drawing, but we still don't have all the COIs, you know, the diversity of COIs that we need from all the different regions.

And that really needs to be a priority, and I don't see us galvanizing around that and strategizing on
how we're going to do that.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Any other hands? Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was just going to say something about, it's a very good point, Commissioner Sinay, and one of the reasons why the -- we're trying to get the PinMap out early is it's graphic. People can say, oh, I don't see enough bubbles in my area. And hopefully -- and we can all see where we don't have a lot of input.

Now, one thing that did happen, you know, a lot of people, no matter what we were doing, until the Census data came -- got -- came out they weren't paying attention. And so I'm hoping that by seeing the PinMap shortly after the Census data, you know, people are starting to pay attention and they might say, oh, goodness gracious.

And then I think it was you actually suggested that those last couple of days we might get a lot more Community of Interest input on those September days. But then, we will throughout the entire process of Line Drawing be getting Communities of Interest as well as maps.

So I -- but you're right. In terms of, you know, our advertising, everything will come in as far as our outreach. But that is one of the reasons to have the PinMap out there, and everyone will have a good look at that.
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I see Commissioner Fornaciari next.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes. Sounds like a good topic of conversation for our Outreach Committee Meeting tomorrow, strategizing on how we're going to take a look at this data and move forward to fill in those gaps. I do think, though, also, that, you know, a lot of the input is going to be coming -- a lot more input will be coming once there are maps to react to.

And so, you know, we'll be getting to see that and input in different ways, right. I guess the reason I raised my hand is, I have a question for the Line Drawing Team about the -- kind of the workflow and the process here. You know, so I see, you know, we have time set aside to review the COI submissions, and then in later -- you know -- in September debrief and provide direction to our Line Drawing Team prior to the release of the official redistricting data.

And is that -- is the idea there, the -- like the 15th, 17th and 18th of September is where we develop the direction to the Line Drawers to develop the visualization so we'll -- so we're going to -- so the big picture, if I can -- this is the way I'm thinking of it. Tell me if I'm wrong, right.

We're going to look at all that input data we
have and we're going to try to digest that for a while, and
we're going to think a little bit more deeply with -- about
that input and, you know, hopefully we'll get some VRA
input at that time, too.

And then we sort of coalesce all that information
into direction for the Line Drawing Team, to come up with a
first set of visualizations that they will come up with on
-- by October 3rd, so we can begin to react to those and
work through those on the 4th, 5th and 6th.

And then after that, then we give them direction
on Iteration No. 2, and then on to Iteration No. 3 after
the 15th, I guess is -- am I getting it?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Absolutely. That's
exactly it.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: A+.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's exactly --
it's the 31st, the September 7th and September 11th will be
a review of what we have at -- what we have for different
areas. Then when we come back, then, on the 15th, 17th and
18th of September it will be -- okay. You've had a look.

This is -- the Line Drawers are also saying, you
know, we're seeing this, we see this, what do you want to
do Commission, and we'll be giving direction on some of
that, because we've had it -- we've already had a look, as
well as some VRA issues, which basically they'll be telling
us, well, that's nice, but there's going to be a VRA consideration here.

So that's going to -- we'll get -- we'll be giving direction input for them to give our -- do the first set and then the first visualizations, and we start working in October. That's perfect, your summary. Sorry. You're on mute.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'm on mute. So we'll be -- I'll be taking over as Chair and Commissioner Sadhwani will be Vice Chair for these meetings come up. So we'll have to get together, kind of figure out how we balance the needs of the business meetings that are scheduled and the means to do this and how we might manage that.

I see maybe there's some tentative other meetings we might want to insert in there, too. So we'll work through that offline.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And actually, for clarification, Commissioner Sadhwani, I think you were mentioning at the very beginning when some of the callers called in about, you know, community members and organizations being able to present district maps.

What -- again, I just want to just bring this together. So you're saying the 23rd, 29th and 30th are those -- or are those time frames where you're envisioning that that's when those district maps would be presented?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The district maps, I don't have the dates in front of me.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It's -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's October 23rd, I think, something like that. It's like a Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. The 23rd's the last one. It's the -- like 21, 22, 23.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That, like we have the three days. The first week of October is where we're doing visualizations. The second week of October we're doing visualizations. The third week of October will be for some map input, and as far as, like, it could be an individual district -- an individual with a district or an individual with several districts, or it could be groups at the time, as we're doing the visualizations, trying to come up with our first draft maps.

And then the fourth week of October we'll be back to visualizations, the 4th of October until we kind of go, we're heading for a draft map.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And if I may, just to jump in, you know, to Commissioner Sinay's point and very valid concern, this process is -- that we've sketched out with the Line Drawers is very different from 2010. This
iterative visualizations and releasing like kind of what we're thinking about and -- before we actually commit to and vote on a draft, if I had to guess when those visualizations go out, we're going to get a whole lot of public comment, and you know, from every direction.

So I think that we will get there. I also think, though, I'll just add, you know, in the next couple weeks, August 31st, September 7th, September 11th, we're just looking, right. We're just looking to see what we have, and also what we don't have.

And I think that that can be a really helpful time. We're not providing direction at that point. We're not making any decisions. Much like the Community Interest input meetings that we have, we should be looking at those three days as an opportunity to hear communities by seeing what has been submitted and really synthesizing it and going through all of that.

And I do think that -- I think while all of this would have been great, like two months ago, you know, I do think like hearing, you know, the time line that Fredy's been talking about with the -- you know -- the billboards that are going to be going out and additional paid media, I do think that these conversations will help us identify where we might need to do additional outreach.

And we're going to be like blasting out, you
know, hey, the Commission process is happening, so get involved. So I leave it to the Outreach Subcommittee to figure out exactly all of those details, but I think there's a lot of things kind of coming together all at the same time, and I'm hoping -- I'm positive -- I'm feeling positive.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And then so I do have one additional clarification question. So it was -- so are we talking about September 23, 29 and 30th as for sure meetings that we should all be planning for?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Those are listed as business meetings. I think it depends on whether or not we need them. We've listed I believe -- I apologize, I don't have the calendar in front of me -- the 15th, those days right in the middle of September as providing direction prior to the release of Census data.

Those dates on 23, 29 and I think 31 -- 30, were kind of slotted for VRA. We haven't received a firm confirmation of the VRA time line yet. So we're kind of holding those for that purpose.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. I think I was asking because of what Commissioner Fornaciari said about finding that balance between all the things that we're going to see, but also, what business we're going to need to do, and will certain things need to get pushed off,
given just all that we're going to be discussing, as well, too, so.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And also, one of those days would be a review of our criteria, kind of -- like back to kind of a quick review of all our training that we did way back when in terms of how we -- you know -- kind of all of the points we have to consider, one of those days.

But the days are September 23rd, and it's the 28th and 29th were those days. And so the Agendas have not been set yet on that, but there's a few things we should do before we just jump right in, so we're up to speed.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And I see Commissioner Sinay with her hand up.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. A couple of things. I'm guessing from what you said, Commissioner Andersen, that part of it will not only be discussing the criterias [sic], you know, going back to our criterias, but also discussing some of our values.

I don't know what the right word is. I don't want to use criterias, but things like, when do we split up cities or not. There's a lot of big questions that we all need to grapple with before we even start Line Drawing, and I've been asking that a couple of times.

What other data will we be using besides Census data to get clarity on communities and Communities of
Interest? There's a lot of great complimentary data like point in time, public counts and things like that. So I feel like there's a lot of pieces that we need to do before we even start Line Drawing.

I'm a firm believer to set the stage before you start playing, because it's hard -- you know -- I always tell my clients, set your policies around who you will receive money from and who you won't when doing fund-raising, because it's hard to say no when the money's at the table.

And so, yeah, that's kind of why I was pushing us to think a lot about this stuff earlier versus, okay, now the data's here and we're going to -- I don't want us to get distracted. Also, I hear what you're saying, Commissioner Sadhwani, and yes, it's exciting that people will be excited when they start seeing us Line Draw.

But we've said from the very beginning that every input is equal, and I don't want us to get caught up, and that's another piece that I want us to discuss very clearly before we start playing with the data and getting people calling in is, how are we going to stay true to that promise, that every input is equal, and not that the loudest voice or the last voice is the one we listen to.

So I completely understand when the community says, hey, this is a public opportunity. Everybody gets a
say, but everybody gets a say and everybody is equal. And so we really need to talk about that and talk about our own biases and how we're going to draw these lines before we jump into playing with the data.

And so as much as I appreciate that everyone's going to -- there's going to be a frenzy to get us information when we make mistakes with a line, we have to remember, if we have good -- I'm still a firm believer that if we have good data, we have good, diverse Communities of Interest, we will actually draw better lines from the beginning, from the get-go than if we draw lines and we try -- and then the community is pushing us in one way or the other.

And so I still go back to the -- you know -- I'll be honest. Some of you may know this. I trolled Twitter on the day after the -- all the Census data went out, and anyone who talked about redistricting or Census data, I put on there, if you're a Californian, please go to our tool and submit a COI input.

You know, and I felt very lonely doing it, because I wasn't seeing other people doing it, and we didn't have a plan as a Commission, a communications plan on how to do that. And I was like, I don't know if this is appropriate or not, but hey, let me get -- you know -- if people are reading this they'll find it interesting.
So I just want us not to just wait, but be proactive all the way through and really remember that we've said every input is equal, and really try to bring in those different voices.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And I do think that you do bring up a good point, especially around talking in advance before we're confronted with some of these harder decisions around, at what point do we make these decisions.

And I know it's not going to always be quite so cut and dried, and so -- but it does help to perhaps make certain decisions a lot easier and go more quickly, because we don't have to go around. However, there are going to be decisions where we are going to want to dig in and we are going to -- even though we had made some decisions about how we're going to make decisions, we're still going to probably want to dig into certain ones. And so I want to just uplift what you just said, Commissioner Sinay.

Do we have any other comments, any other questions for the Line Drawers? I just want to just also acknowledge all of the work. I know that Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Andersen, you have been putting in a lot of time.

You continue to put in a lot of time, and so I just want to acknowledge all of the work that you're both putting in.
putting in, really, as now the portion of the work that we're all here to do is really ramping up. And so I just want to say thank you to the both of you for all that you're doing, so. And I'm glad that you're both doing it.

Okay. Well, thank you very much. I am not seeing any other hands raised or questions or comments. So we do need to take public comment on this particular Agenda Item No. 5, I believe we are at, before we move onto our next Agenda item.

So Katy or Kristian.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, I'm here. I was just on the phone. The Commission will now be taking public comment on Agenda Item No. 5. To give comment please call 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting ID number, 87694754343 for this meeting.

Once you have dialed in please press *9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of this meeting and are provided in full on the livestream landing page. And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time, Chair, and I will let you know when the instructions are complete.

(Pause)

COMMISSIONER YEE: Chair?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Just so you know, for Item No.
6, I'm not sure why the VRA Subcommittee was a separate item. It should be in all other subcommittees, but in any case, we don't have any business to report.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Well, thank you very much for preempting us. That would be great. I think there was anticipation that there may have been a possible more detailed VRA analysis kind of report or conversation, but my understanding I think was that -- yes, I was told that most likely not anything detailed. So thank you for affirming that, Commissioner Yee.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, would you like me to make -- read the instructions again, then, for the general public comment or --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Since -- yes. Since Commissioner Yee has noted that there's no report on VRA Compliance, let's go ahead and let's go to general public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. The Commission is now taking public comment. All public comment for items not on the Agenda and for Item No. 5. To give comment please call 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting ID number, 87694754343 for this meeting.

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queue at this time, and I will let you know when these
instructions are complete.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very
much. Well, I will take the prerogative of the Chair,
then, as we're waiting. I will ask this question to the
question that Commissioner Sinay asked about how are we
going to make these kind of harder decisions.

Is that something -- can I ask, is that something
that the Line Drawer Committee would be taking on as part
of your process of the Line Drawing, that you would lead us
through a discussion around some of those things that
Commissioner Sinay brought up? I think I just wanted to
make sure we put some closure to that question. I realize it's --

MR. MANOFF: Those instructions are complete on
the livestream, Chair.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you so much, Kristian. I
guess we don't -- I don't see anybody lining up.

MR. MANOFF: There are no callers at this time.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm sorry, Chair. What
exactly --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- what exactly is that
question?
CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I believe I heard Commissioner Sinay ask how are we going to make -- we're going to come to places where there are going to be, again, difficult decisions. Do we want to have discussions in advance? I know it's not all going to be, you know, cut and dried, but if in cases of -- I'll just say, for example, if there's an instance in which we would say, if this, then that, this is when we would maybe make a decision that we would have to split a city in half or we would need to -- I think -- Commissioner Sinay, am I understanding what I heard you say correctly?

Okay. Thank you. So that's what I meant by, how do we want to go about that. Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry about that, Commissioner Akutagawa. I mean, one thought I had was if we all went back kind of to our notes and just remember what questions have arisen as people who are going to draw lines. So the city question was the first one that hit me, because one of our first meetings, Calabasas called us and said, look, we're so tiny and you split us three ways, you know.

So just thinking about some of those things that kind of have come up. Having said that, yes, it can't be in stone. We have the VRA. There's all these other pieces, but just having some of those conversations.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And another -- I mean, to me, I just see it as like kind of setting up the parameters, and the question, if you've been asked or interviewed is, are you going to start from scratch or are you going to use existing maps.


CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

I saw Commissioner Turner with her hand up, and then Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was just going to say, I really appreciate Commissioner Sinay for continuing to lift that. I like the parameter-setting. I think that there is a possibility that we can get so far into conversation to determine what could be.

And another way to do it would also be just keeping good notes as issues arise, and making our best determination in setting a path and kind of a plan moving forward that this is how we're going to continue to treat
this same circumstance.

Other than that, it feels like it can get really hypothetical and we spend a lot of time on what may not come up exactly in the same form.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you so much, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Andersen and then Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, Commissioner Fornaciari had his hand up first, if he wants to go first.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

VICE-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just -- I was just going to give a couple of examples. I mean, last time around they -- it was my understanding that, you know, they had this share the pain thing or something that they did, where if they split a city in one -- you know -- the assembly district, they tried to keep it whole in a senatorial district, and you know, I mean, looking at the districts, how they came out, looking at the feedback we got, I mean, it's -- you know -- is that something we want to consider doing or not.

I think the other thing that came to my mind was, you know, we've had a lot of COI input on, I think that other city should be with us. And then we have, I think my city should be, you know, with -- you know. So how do we -
- I mean, do we -- are we going to kind of discuss how we balance those two different types of input?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. These are actually -- Commissioner Sinay, thank you for bringing that forward. This is kind of the stuff, what I was saying about going over and reviewing criteria. This is kind of what I was thinking, but not quite in that depth.

And I think, like as Commissioner Turner sort of said, as we sort of start through, okay, these are the rules, remember, this and that, I think some of those conversations will indeed happen, because as we start to, oh, yeah, how do you -- can really consider that, how do we look at these things, and I really like the idea of, you know, sort of the general rules, you know, parameters.

We will be doing, as the Line Drawers are going to be sort of pushing us to give them direction, I think it'll be very obvious, some -- the harder questions. And then, you know, I think, you know, as far as their first visualization.

And then I think if we have those next kind of three days to really contemplate what we sort of have done a bit and then go, you know, so we could really be sort of on the ground running, then, for October, I think might
really work.

You know, I certainly think Commissioner Sadhwani and I can make a stab at what topics we need to include, but I would look for other people to certainly -- you know -- I don't know if we want to be the only ones to put some of that on the table.

So I would recommend that -- trying to think what other group would be sort of good at -- we might make a quick drafts of -- actually, well, let's just put those -- put our ideas on the agenda building.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perhaps --

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry. Commissioner Sadhwani, please.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry about that. I just jumped in without raising my hand. Perhaps, you know, I really like this and yet at the same time I'm not entirely certain what all of those parameters will or will not be. I think the examples that Commissioner Fernandez offered and Commissioner Fornaciari, also from 2010, that's really helpful.

I hadn't been thinking about that, per se. Broader parameters of like, if x then y, I think that's a little harder to set in stone, because I think every case is going to be somewhat different. And so you know, I
agree with you, Commissioner Andersen, I would feel a little uncomfortable drafting a play book that we would then either adopt or not, just because -- I'm wondering if maybe we can kind of insure that over the next several weeks as we're reviewing the COIs if this can be on everyone mind.

And by the time we get to September 15th and we're giving direction to the Line Drawers, you know, as we continue to -- if you feel passionately, like let's not scrap all of the assembly and senate districts, right, as I think Commissioner Fernandez, you were mentioned you've been asked -- have been asked that numerous times.

Then let's talk about it on that day after we have reviewed more of the COIs. I would be -- I would also -- I wouldn't want to like set in stone something before we've seen all of the submissions, because they're all equal. Also, you know, I mean, in general, I think with Congress we've lost a seat.

We do have to scrap them all, but Assembly and Senate and Board of Equalization, right, the *2:19:49. But yeah, I think if we can continue to work collaboratively on this and recognize that before October 4th, when we start the Line Drawing process, that we want to have some guiding principles, I think that would be really helpful.

And perhaps we can make sure to, as Commissioner
Turner mentioned, keep good notes on what those are collaboratively.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you so much, Commissioner Sadhwani. I think maybe the spirit of it is just some broader kind of frameworks that we can -- that will -- that you know, won't see us going all over the place, given all the data.

And I do agree. I think you bring up a great point, you know. Let's look at the data, and that may help to surface things that we hadn't thought about either, too. But as we go forward over the next few weeks, you know, some of these questions that maybe we're being asked in these interviews or other things may pop up, and maybe we can each keep a running list so that when it comes time for the discussion they'll either have been crossed off because they're irrelevant, or maybe they're just ones that we do need to bring up and discuss as an entire Commission.

Does this fall within that kind of area of broad guidelines that will help guide us, but not necessarily bind us and, you know, box us in, so. Okay. Thank you for this discussion. I just wanted to make sure we had some closure on that part.

And I appreciate -- I believe that Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Andersen, you will be -- will you will not be the sole source of all of it, because it does
fall under Line Drawer, you will be the lead guides on it, I'll say. All right.

Okay. So with that I just want to say thank you. We have not had any callers still call in while we were having our discussion. I just want to make sure that I am following our Agenda and not forgetting anything. I do believe that we have come to the end of our Agenda, and I don't see anyone else who --

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do want to make sure the public notices we have on the -- on our Agenda that we have at the end, we have upcoming scheduled meetings and that's -- we want to make a change on that. It's not -- actually, it's not quite correct.

The full Commissions are August 31st, September 7. Actually, there will be September 11, but it's September 15. It's not the 16th. It's the 17th and 18th. It is September 23rd, then September 28 and 29, not September 30. So I just wanted to bring that up and have the public be aware, because it's sort of written and then if they're looking at it -- and I know that that's going to be -- our Executive Director Alvaro will -- I mean -- Hernandez will be, you know, putting the different things on our meeting schedule online, as well.

They all are online. But I just want to make
sure the public knows that. It's not the 16th. It's not the 30th, but there is a September 11 and a September 17, 18.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And also, just one more reminder. We do have Communities of Interest input meetings tomorrow, which is Zone G, which is the communities mostly in the Eastern Sierras. And then we also have a meeting on Saturday, which is the -- which is Sacramento, as well as some of the other counties that surround Sacramento, Yolo County, I think, El Dorado County.

Unfortunately, or sadly, some of the areas that are facing, you know, the big fires, too. So do want to just note that we do have COI input meetings both tomorrow and Saturday, as well, too.

So with that I just want to say thank you to everybody. Thank you for your time. I know that -- woo-who -- we are going to get 20 minutes back, and I just want to thank everybody for all of your very thoughtful conversation, discussion, consideration, deliberation, and also all the hard work that our committees and Commissioners are doing, so -- and also, very much so our staff. I want to appreciate them, as well, too.

So thank you. Thank you to our -- also, our video team. Thank you. We are adjourned.
(Session adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until August 31, 2021.)
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