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Alicia Fernandez
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Karin MacDonald
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Public Comment:

1. Maggie Bloetscher
2. Ken Vogel, San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
3. Betty Wilson, Business Council San Joaquin Valley
4. Florence Crowson
5. Astrid Zuniga
6. David Janiec, China Lake Alliance
7. Betty Avalos
8. Hernan Hernandez, California Farmworker Foundation
9. Gerard Campos
10. Randy Vegas
11. Fred Cruz
12. Don Watnik
13. Ronald Martin
14. Carmela Sanchez
15. Imelda Ceja-Butkiewicz, Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties Central Labor Council
16. Claire Fidiacci
17. Terri Diaz
18. Jacqueline Lowe
19. Tammy Tyler
20. Unidentified Female
Public Comment (Cont’d.):

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22. Sean Hancock
23. Felipe D. Jesus Perez
24. Sunny Barbanel
25. Nathan Alonzo
26. Jolene Daly
27. Michael Wood
28. Unidentified Female
29. Unidentified Female
30. Joyce Francis
31. Unidentified Female
32. Veronica Vasquez
33. Angel
34. Unidentified Female
35. Pat Patrick
36. Unidentified Male
37. Nancy
38. Debbie Hunsaker
39. Stuart Wile
40. Luisa
41. Cecilia Delgado
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CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: All right. Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome, and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest, or COI, Input meeting. I’m Commissioner Vazquez and I will be Co-Chairing today’s meeting with Commissioner Trena Turner.

Today, we are offering two language lines for Spanish and Punjabi language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have each of our Interpreters provide our call-in numbers, starting with Spanish?

So Spanish listeners, please call 888-831-6084 and enter Meeting I.D. 8470665. Again, that number is 888-831-6084, and please enter Meeting I.D. 8470665 for Spanish listeners.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Thank you.

And for Punjabi, for our Punjabi listeners, can you please call the number 888-323-9693 and enter meeting code 8248860. Again, Punjabi listeners, please dial in to 888-323-9693 and enter meeting code 8248860.

I heard the last Interpreter. I’m not sure if --

MR. MANOFF: Rama, are you there? Rama Kant or
Navjit, are you available for Punjabi interpretation, please?

[Instructions read in Punjabi]

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much to our Interpreters.

All right, I think we are ready for roll call.

Ravi, that’s you.

MR. SINGH: Yes. Yes, Chair. Thank you.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Vazquez?

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thanks for much, Ravi.

So I’m going to start today by sharing a little bit about the Commission.

Every ten years, after the Federal Government publishes updated Census information, California must redraw the boundaries of the Congressional State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts so that the districts correctly reflect the state’s population.

In 2008, California voters authorized the creation of the Commission when they passed the Voters First Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new district lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts. And then in 2010, the Congressional Voters First Act added the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to the Commission.
The 14-member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

When we receive Census data, the Commission begins drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. One of these is minimizing the division of counties, cities, neighborhoods, and community of interest to the extent possible.

We can obtain the city and county information from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and communities-of-interest information from Californians directly. That’s why we have launched these Communities of Interest Input sessions to get that valuable information from you directly. We encourage all Californians to participate in this process.

If you would rather submit COI input over the internet, you can do so from our website, or by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. Skip the line, go on-line.

Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for all 14 Commissioners, for additional information, or to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at
wedrawthelinesCA.org. And please also follow the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at wedrawthelinesca. There you will find a lot of useful information about redistricting and updates from the California Commission.

And with that, I will begin with my Co-Chair, Commissioner Turner.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Chair Vazquez. I am Trena Turner, and I am so excited for yet another exciting input session, and would like to say welcome to Californians here, but particularly for my people in the San Joaquin Central Valley. This is my home. I’ve been here now 26 years. And I serve from Bakersfield all the way through San Joaquin County and live in the amazing City of Stockton. So I’d like to say welcome. And I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you on today.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Ahmad?

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi California. It’s so nice to be here again with you. And we’re looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you in the Central Valley and really looking eagerly, wanting to hear about your
CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

Do we have Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good afternoon, California, and particularly the wonderful San Joaquin Valley. My name is Jane Andersen. I’m coming to you from Berkeley, California. And I can’t wait to hear about your communities of interest and what makes them the special place that they are to live in.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Speaking Spanish.) Ga, California, especially those from Fresno, Kern, King, Madera, Merced, Tulare, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus. My name is Alicia Hernandez. I’m from the county up north in Yolo. And I do -- I did say my introduction in Spanish, and I know that I’m interpreting, but I also said I need to keep practicing my Spanish, so that’s why I’m going to continue to do it. And I’m looking forward to, once again, hearing about your communities.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you. And I think I’ll just practice in English this time. I’m Neal
Fornaciari. I’m coming to you from Tracy, California. It’s a little bit south of Commissioner Turner’s location in Stockton. And we’re both in San Joaquin County. Looking forward to hearing from the San Joaquin Valley and what is important to you with regard to your communities and redistricting. Thanks for joining us.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, everyone. I’m joining the meeting from my home in (indiscernible) Valley, which is a rural Joshua Tree gateway community along Highway 62 on the way to Joshua Tree National Park. I’m looking forward to hearing from everyone about their communities in the Central Valley and what makes your community special to you. Thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Do we have Commissioner Le Mons? Okay.

And Commissioner Sadhwani?

All right, Commissioner Taylor, you’re up -- or sorry, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: No problema. (Speaking Spanish.) Good afternoon, Californians. It’s an honor to serve you from San Diego. I’m Patricia Sinay.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great.
Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Commission Sinay. Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. My name is Derric Taylor. I’m joining you from L.A. County. I’m looking forward to hearing about the San Joaquin Valley. I hope to be driving through very shortly with my eldest as we tour schools in and around the area, so I’m looking forward to hearing all that you have to say about your communities.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair, and good afternoon, California. Buenos dias. My name is Pedro Toledo and I hale from Petaluma, California, up in Sonoma County and in the heart of wine country. I’m looking forward to hearing all about your communities and spending this afternoon with you.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I am Russell Yee and I’m here in my hometown of Oakland. Looking forward to hearing from residents of San Joaquin County, which is really the heart of California. And just today, I learned that there’s a point in Madera County that
actually is the geographical center of California, and I hope to visit that someday.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Very good. And with that, I am Angela Vazquez, your Chair for this first part of the afternoon session, coming to you today from Los Angeles, California. And I just wanted to say that, as always, I am very excited to hear from the Central Valley in particular. I recently learned that my father’s family can trace their roots to the Central Valley to before the Mexican-American War, so I am truly a Californian at heart. So, again, very excited to hear about your communities of interest today.

Before we continue, could I please have each of our Interpreters provide our call-in numbers one more time, starting with Spanish? I don’t know if the Spanish Interpreter is ready.

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[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Thank you. And for Punjabi, can I have our Punjabi listeners please call 888-323-9693 and enter meeting code 8248860.

MR. MANOFF: Navjit, are you available to interpret in Punjabi, please?

(Background conversation.)
CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

As a reminder, these numbers are for listening to the meeting only. If you will be providing public input and do not have an appointment, we will provide our speaker telephone number later. And it is available on the livestream page, as well.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: All right. So this meeting is primarily for communities of interest testimony focused on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties and their surrounding areas. However, anyone in California can call in to provide input. General public comment will take place at the end of the meeting.

Although the Commission has divided up California into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission created the zones to assist Commissioners and Staff in their outreach efforts only, not as an indication of planned boundaries.

Today, we are joined by our Line Drawing Team, Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who will be displaying a map of the area that attendees describe. Please start with the area that you would like to discuss.
and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of
where your community is located. It is our goal to find
the area on the map you would like to discuss prior to your
testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of a
large city, please mention it by name.

Once we are able to locate your area, your timer
will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their
screen.

We are also joined by our interpreters, and Katy,
our Comment Moderator, who will be introducing attendees
when it is their turn to speak. When you join the meeting,
please use the raise-the-hand button at the bottom of your
screen to enter the queue. If you have registered for a
timeslot, we encourage you to call in during your
appointment timeslot. When it is your turn to speak, Katy,
our Comment Moderator, will be identifying you by your
assigned unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to
the session with the ability to enable your own video
and/or audio.

If you do not have an appointment and wish to
call in to provide public input, the number is 877-853-
5247. Again, that number to provide input is 877-853-5247.
You will need to enter Meeting I.D. 83802139425. You will
need to dial this new number in order to give public input.

If you will be using an interpreter to provide
input, there will be an interpreter for you at this
speakers’ call-in number.

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

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

At the beginning of your input you will see a map
on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
would like to see on the screen and, as we said, be as
specific as possible about the boundaries of where your
community is located.

Registration is not required to participate in
this public input meeting. The public has the option of
calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to
speak. The call-in information and access code is also
listed on the livestream.

If at the conclusion of the meeting there is
still a need to allow for members of the public in the
queue to speak, we will continue this COI input meeting at
a new date and time and will attempt to schedule the
remaining members of the public to speak for the allotted three minutes. Please monitor the website as we expect to post a continuation of this agenda within 48 -- or excuse me, within 48 hours.

And with that, we will talk about the Communities of Interest Tool.

So while there are no clear rules on how to define your community of interest, we’ve identified ways for you to describe your community.

Number one, begin with your county or city.

Number two, mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community.

Number three, what are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community? Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas you do not want to be in a district with? Why or why not? Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads or health centers in your neighborhood?

We also invite you to use the Community of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. This website has translation into 16 languages. Skip the line, go on-line and submit your COI input today.
We will now begin the public input session, and I will pass this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator. We will start with people who are registered, and then open the phone lines if there is time before the next session. If you are calling without an appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose your place in line.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

Good afternoon.

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

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

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.
It is the Commission’s goal to find the area on the map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area, your three- or six-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

If you will be using an interpreter, we will be in the consecutive mode. Please make sure to speak slowly and break up your testimony into two or three sentences at a time so that our interpreter can interpret your testimony. If you will be using an interpreter, please identify the language you speak as soon as you are connected so your interpreter can interpret the moderator’s testimony -- or moderator’s instructions.

At this time, we will be going to 005. And up next will be 004.

005, I will be promoting you now. 005, your speaker order number is number one, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MS. BLOETSCHER: Yes. I’d like to discuss Three Rivers and Visalia and Tulare County.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.
MS. BLOETSCHER: Oh, I would, but now I’ve lost my document when you took over. My name is Maggie Bloetscher and I live in Three Rivers, California. I’m sorry about this. Gosh. There. My name is Maggie Bloetscher and I live in Three Rivers, California, located at the southern entrance to Sequoia National Park in Tulare County. I am here to advocate for the Three Rivers-Visalia COI.

The residents of Three Rivers have a long history and a mutually beneficial connection to Visalia and the neighboring valley communities along Highway 198. These communities include Woodlake, Lindcove, Ivanhoe, Exeter, and Farmersville. Geographically, the beautiful Kaweah River and Sequoia National Park are prominent in our community’s live as Three Rivers and Visalia consider themselves, quote, “The Gateway to the Sequoias,” end quote.

A majority of Three Rivers residents commute to Visalia and the other neighboring communities for employment. Our shopping is done in those communities, even groceries. Our children attend high school in Woodlake. And higher education is offered at the COS Campus in Visalia, along with the Fresno State and Fresno Pacific Satellite Campuses. Kaweah Delta Hospital, Kaweah Health Network, Family HealthCare Network, and many private
health providers, all located in Visalia, provide most of our healthcare.

As Visalia is the county seat, all of our relevant county business is located in Visalia, including the Sheriff’s Department, Planning Department, Assessors Office, courthouse, and Elections Office. The nearest Social Security Office and DMV are located in Visalia.

Cultural and enrichment opportunities, such as the Sequoia Symphony, Fox Theater, Arts Visalia, and other local theater productions are enjoyed by many Three Rivers residents. Movie theaters, restaurants, outdoor events, and Visalia’s Minor League Baseball games provide entertainment for those of us living in this area.

And in the reverse, the valley community residents frequent Three Rivers for recreation at Lake Kaweah, the Kaweah River itself, and surrounding -- excuse me -- foothills here in Three Rivers and, of course, Sequoia National Park.

Hand in hand with our shared appreciation of the beauty of the Sierras is our shared stewardship of our environment and the very real and serious threat of fire, water availability, and air quality.

Currently, we are located within Congressional District 23, which includes Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, and even Lancaster located in northern L.A. County. We do not
travel or have any connection to Bakersfield or any of
those communities on a regular basis.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BLOETSCHER: Bakersfield is three times
further from us than Visalia. We even drive north to
Fresno for air travel, larger entertainment productions,
higher education and shopping, rather than Bakersfield.

I grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and have been
a resident of Three Rivers --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. BLOETSCHER: -- for 43 years. I cannot
emphasis enough how much and how strong our daily lives are
tied to this described Three Rivers-Visalia community of
interest.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 004. And up next, we have

004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your
speaker order number will be number 2, if you will please
make note of that for future reference? You can now enable
your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
screen. If you will please provide the area what area you
would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MR. VOGEL: Yes. I’d like to discuss San Joaquin
County. When do I start?

MR. MANOFF: You can go ahead, please.

MR. VOGEL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to address your Commission today. My name is Ken Vogel. I am Vice President of the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau, member of the San Joaquin County Board of Education, and retired San Joaquin County Supervisor.

Today, I’m representing San Joaquin County Farm Bureau. I had the opportunity to speak before the previous Commission ten years ago when this process first appeared. We were pleased that San Joaquin County was included in the 5th State Senate District by that process and feel that this is a good model for the future.

San Joaquin County’s economy is an agricultural-based economy with almost $6 billion being contributed to our economy, not only through the production of crops, but also the processing, marketing, and transportation of these products. We also have major suppliers of farm-related products, fertilizers, and farm equipment located in our county, and all of these jobs created by this industry.

With two major transportation links of two interstate highways, an airport, and the Port of Stockton, our county is unique as related to its economic and socioeconomic issues. Our county has also become one of the mains state distribution centers for Amazon.
Our county has a cultural and ethnic diversity that your Commission looks at when structuring congressional and state districts. We believe that when the Census data is released, we will have the population numbers to be represented by one congressional district, one state senate district, and two assembly districts.

Should other areas be considered, I want to point out the affinity our county has with the other counties in the Central Valley, that we have similar agricultural-based economies, have similar water needs, and are all in the same Air Quality Control District.

Thank you for your consideration and an opportunity to speak.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 003. And up next will be 008. 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your speaker order number is number 3, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? If you’ll please -- you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you’d like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

Unique I.D. number 003?

MS. WILSON: Hi. I would like to speak regarding San Joaquin County. Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Betty Wilson, and I
am the Executive Director for the Business Council San Joaquin County. I would like to speak today regarding San Joaquin County.

Our county is a very culturally diverse community with a population of approximately 783,000 people. We are a major agricultural region, providing $5.732 billion in total economic contributions to the county and a bustling transportation center. We are also very different than most other communities as it relates to economic and socioeconomic issues.

Over the years, San Joaquin County has developed the ability to work together to build a better future for all of our residents while understanding the needs of a multicultural community with the data showing almost 41 percent of our citizens speak another language than English at home. We are asking that we are not split up.

We believe, once the Census data is released, we will have the population numbers to have one senatorial seat, one congressional seat, and to assembly seats. This proposed model would support representation of equal population, cover the Voting Rights Act, show contiguity, and respect geographical boundaries and nesting.

Due to our unique issues, agricultural, water, air quality, transportation needs, health equity, education, and workforce development, the data supports
unified representation to both State and Federal Government is well deserved and much needed for the people of San Joaquin County to prosper and have a better tomorrow.

Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now we will have -- excuse me -- right now we will have 008. And up next will be 010.

008, I will be promoting you now. 008, if you will please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know the area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. CROWSON: Hi. Yes. My name is Florence Crowson. I am from Merced County. And I will be talking about Merced County and Stanislaus County.

So I’m from Merced County. And I would ask you to keep Merced with other similar Central Valley counties. I am an IHSS homecare provider. My work helps seniors and people with disabilities in my community to stay in their homes and avoid institutionalization. Sorry. My work takes me up and down Highway 99 and I-5, making sure clients and patients that we care for are safe.

I want to make sure our valley cities and communities are kept together as districts and not included with nearby foothill or mountain counties. Cities like Merced, Atwater, Livingston, Ceres, and even the more rural
areas like Newman/Patterson all share a common lifestyle and interests. Communities here in this, in the valley, are very different from communities in the foothill areas of Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties. We have different economies and different daily experiences.

Here in the valley, we have larger cities and are more focused on ag, water, housing issues, and healthcare access for those that need it. Here in Merced, we are particularly closely tied to Stanislaus County. The two are sister counties. The people of Merced and Stanislaus are connected by Highway 99. And we often travel across county lines for work, school, shopping, and to get our healthcare.

Please remember these common bonds and draw the valley north and south, not east.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be 010. And up next will be 012.

010, I will be promoting you now. 010, it appears there may be some connectivity issues. I’m going to use the allow-to-talk option which is audio only. Hi, 010, you are un-muted. Your speaker order number will be number 5, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. Hello?
Can you hear me?

MS. ZUNIGA: Yes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

MS. ZUNIGA: I apologize. I’m having difficulties with my video, but my picture is there, nonetheless. My name is Astrid Suniga and I am from the Stanislaus-Modesto region. And so --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead

MS. ZUNIGA: I’m sorry. I am an IHSS provider who cares for my adult son with autism. My union, UDW, advocates for policies that protect my son’s care and help him be safer in the community. I currently serve as the Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Central Labor Council for Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties. And you may hear my son in the background, so apologize.

I can tell you firsthand that organizing working men and women is a different challenge in the valley versus the Sierras and all across the state. It is through that experience that I am asking you to not draw Stanislaus and Tuolumne into the same districts. They’re both great places to live and, respectively, I love going to Tuolumne, but they are also very different.

Despite the rural reputation, the valley has many growing communities. Modesto, where, as I said earlier, I
live, has 200,000 people. That is about four times more
than live in the entire County of Tuolumne and we are very
different demographically. While Stanislaus is nearly 50
percent Latino, Tuolumne is only about 10 percent, and we
are very different demographically.

If keeping valley communities in the valley means
splitting a city or county, do so in a respectful manner.
For example, South Modesto, where I do live, below Highway
132 is more diverse and more issues around healthcare
access and old infrastructure than North Modesto which is
where new affluent neighborhoods are popping up.

Please ensure the valley and its areas each have
their own separate representation, as well as many of the
other communities on either east or west of the Central
Valley.

Thank you very much and you all have a wonderful
day.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now will be 012.
I’d like to invite 009 to use the raise-your-hand
button at the bottom of your screen. Perfect.

So right now will be 012. And then up next will
be 009. 012, I will be promoting you now. 012, your
speaker order number will be number six, if you’ll please
make note of that for future reference? And if you’d
please let the mappers know what area you would like to
discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. JANIEC: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
name is David Janiec and I am a 40-year resident of
Ridgecrest and Kern County, and also the Executive Director
of the China Lake Alliance. And they are that I would
like -- ah, your mapper is already way ahead of me. You’ve
got the Kern County and all of the Kern County up and
that’s what I wanted to talk about. So as I said, good
afternoon.

Ridgecrest is a remote and isolated rural
community located on the eastern side of Kern County and
adjacent to the naval -- or China Lake Naval Air Weapons
Station. The base contributes about 85 percent of the
total economy here, and in the valley, that’s about 38,000
residents. As a remote and isolated community, we are
dependent on our close ties to public services, business,
labor, healthcare, education, and public safety alliances
with Kern County.

The Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake is
part of an aerospace technology corridor focused on
research, development, and testing, including Edwards Air
Force Base, NASA Armstrong, the Air Force Research
Laboratory, and Mojave Air and Space Port. All these
entities are participating in Kern County-wide initiatives
to support and grow the aerospace sector in close
coordination with the advancing renewable energy sector.

The agricultural and oil industries in Kern County are under severe pressure. And the growing aerospace and renewable energy industries in the Indian Wells Valley, Ridgecrest, China Lake, Edwards, Mojave, and Tehachapi are important to the future economic viability of all of Kern County. Being located in a district where these industries have and will get coordinated priority and nurturing is -- nurturing is critical, not only to strengthening both local and regional economies, but also to developing and recruiting top talent to supply these industries.

The two military bases, China Lake and Edwards, share a unique mission of research, development, and testing and require unique knowledge and understanding of that mission in order to provide proper representation, especially at the federal level. The funding infrastructure and encroachment issues are different from the more usual military training- and operation-based missions.

The two major earthquakes of July 2019, they were devastating, did over $4.1 billion to the base, but they visible -- or vividly demonstrated the interdependence we share across Kern County and the critical importance and
advantage in aligned federal, state, and local representation for disaster recovery resources in remote areas. It is vitally important that Ridgecrest remain within Kern County’s state --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. JANIEC: -- federal and district lines -- state and federal district lines during this time of rebuilding at China Lake from the damage done. Changing representation now could lead to unintended delays and consequences for the next five years of rebuilding at China Lake.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. JANIEC: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We certainly understand and appreciate the difficult task you Commissioners have before you.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Really quick, just a friendly reminder to our community members to please speak slowly during your testimony, especially if you are reading, in order to help our interpreters interpret what you are saying. Thanks so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be 009. I will be promoting you now. 009, your speaker order number will be number 7, if you’ll please make note of that for
future reference? You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will please let the mapper know the area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. Hello? Can you hear me? You are un-muted.

MS. AVALOS: Hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

MS. AVALOS: Oh. Hello. My name is Betty Avalos and I -- the area map I need includes Visalia, Three Rivers, and Sequoia National Park.

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

MS. AVALOS: Okay. I’ve lived in Three Rivers for 11 years. And Three Rivers should be a community of interest with its closest major city, Visalia, and with smaller cities along the 198 Corridor. This is where our residents travel to work, shop, and conduct business. Our children go to high school in Woodlake. And many continue their education at College of the Sequoias in Visalia. Most residents receive their medical care in Visalia. And Kaweah Health is our closest hospital.

Three Rivers property owners pay their taxes to Tulare County. A variety of county services must be accessed in Visalia and the City of Tulare. The closest DMV and Social Security Offices are in Visalia. Our cultural and recreational activities frequently take place
in Visalia, Sequoia National Park, and Lake Kaweah.

Congressional District Headquarters are in Bakersfield which is one-and-a-half hours away. This is a hardship for our constituents to travel there. Visalia is a 30-to-40-minute drive.

Three Rivers has a strong connection to Visalia and the surrounding communities and minimal connections to Bakersfield, Lancaster, Ridgecrest, and the smaller cities in Kern and Los Angeles Counties. It makes complete sense for us to be part of a Three Rivers-Visalia community of interest.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to invite unique I.D. code 011 to use the raise-your-hand button at the bottom of your screen if you are ready to give comment as you have an appointment during this session. That is for unique I.D. code 011. If you’ll please use the raise-your-hand button at the bottom of your screen, indicating you wish to give comment at this time. Unique I.D. code 011, hi. Are you ready to give comment at this time? Hello? Can you hear me? You are un-muted.

Oh, did they go away? Oh, they went away. Okay. One moment.

At this time, we do not have any other
appointments in the queue. So I believe at this time we
will be -- I will be reading the call-in instructions. And
I believe those will also be interpreted, as well, if I’m
not mistaken.

To call in dial the telephone number provided on
the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
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nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says,
“the host would like you to talk,” and to press star-six to
speak.

If you would like to give you name, please state
and spell it for the record. You are not required to give
your name to give public comment.

That’s the end of the instructions that I have at
this time.

For those that have called in, please press star
nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give
comment. We will start with caller 5517. And up next will
be caller 5833.
Caller 5517, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 5517, you are un-muted.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. My name is Hernan Hernandez --

COMMENT MODERATOR: One comment.

MR. HERNANDEZ: -- Executive Director --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, one moment. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order --

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- number will be number 8, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you will please let the mapper know the area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Perfect. I would like to discuss the Central Valley, Kern County, Tulare County, Fresno, and Madera County.

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

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. My name is Hernan Hernandez, Executive Director with the California Farmworker Foundation, a 501(c)(3) data-driven organization based out of Delano, California that works for the betterment of farmworkers working with the agriculture industry in order to provide better jobs and better quality of life for farmworkers.

I think it’s crucially important to keep some of
the communities in which we serve, rural Latino communities, like Arvin, like Richfield, Parlier or Kerman together because it’s important that these are the communities when we look at data, when we look at education attainment rates, when we look at house disparities, that require the most attention.

So from my comment is that we’ve got to keep these communities together. We’ve got to find a way where they can have somebody that would advocate for them. And after looking at this pandemic and how it affected some of these communities in which we serve, just to give you a brief, the Central Valley, during a time when other areas, like the Bay or L.A., were getting 0.34 percent vaccination rates, we were getting 0.17. When we look at data of some of these rural communities when it comes to vaccination administration rate, or when it comes to even access to healthcare, we know that we’re falling behind and we know that we’re lacking.

So I think it’s crucially important for these communities to have a voice, for them to be together, so that, hopefully, we can continue working for the betterment of these communities and we can improve the quality of life for them and the next generations that come.

Thank you for your time.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller, if you could hold just
a moment. If we could ask you either for a list of the communities you are referencing that you’d like to be kept together, do you have a list or can you name the communities you want to make sure are together?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. You know, I think about Senate 14 and maybe like a good representation example of how some of these rural communities are together. So you look at Arvin, you look at Delano, you look at Richgrove, you look at Palier, these are all rural communities that are in one district. So I think that’s a good representation of what we might look for in the future with all of these communities banned together.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much. And if, in the future, you would like to be more specific, you’re always welcome to email us a map using the Draw My CA Community Mapping Tool. Thanks so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will have caller 5833. And up next will be caller 1658.

Caller 5833, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 5833, your speaker order is number is number 9, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? If you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. CAMPOS: Hi. Yes. My name is Gerard (phonetic) Campos. I live in North Modesto. The cross
streets are Prescott Road and Standiford Road. And I’m actually going to speaking on Stanislaus County and, predominantly, San Joaquin County in northern San Joaquin Valley. I work as a regional transportation planner in San Joaquin County, although I live in Stanislaus, so I’m very familiar with both counties.

One thing that I’d like to say to you, currently, Stanislaus County, the whole county is within Congressional District 10. And I believe that my community wants to keep Congressional District 10 or all of Stanislaus County within Congressional District 10.

Also, portions of San Joaquin County lie within Congressional District 10. Communities of Ripon, Escalon and Manteca, those communities, although they are across the Stanislaus River, they are -- they, culturally, economically, are really tied to including Modesto. I’ll give you an example.

The City of Escalon, they have one fixed bus route, and that is the Escalon eTrans. However, they -- that bus, they just keep contracts with the City of Modesto to have that one route, one route to go from Escalon to North Modesto where the mall is. Escalon, although it’s in San Joaquin County and the county seat is Stockton, their bus route goes to Modesto in Stanislaus County.

Same thing with Ripon. They only have one bus
route. It’s a fixed route. They’re choosing to spend
their money on their bus route for their city and have it
tavel to Modesto. That same area in Modesto has the mall
and it has the Kaiser Hospital. Well, a lot of people from
Manteca, Ripon and Escalon, they all travel to the Kaiser
Hospital in Modesto and the Vintage Fair Mall.

And so -- and, also, the Irrigation District,
Modesto Irrigation, Oakdale Irrigation District, and South
San Joaquin Irrigation District, they all share the
Stanislaus River when it comes to the water flows and
distributing the water within our area.

So I strongly think it’s really important to keep
those communities, Ripon, Escalon and Manteca, within
District 10, within the rest of Stanislaus County.

However, contrary to what other people were
saying about San Joaquin County, I don’t believe or a lot
of folks that I speak to don’t believe it should remain
split and it should not be full. And why do I say that?
It’s because San Joaquin is very diverse. San Joaquin
County is to the east of the Bay Area and south of
Sacramento. And it plays a very crucial role when it comes
to those mega -- this mega region.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. CAMPOS: A perfect example is the City of
Tracy. It’s currently in District 10 with the rest of
Stanislaus County. However, Tracy is blowing up population-wise, and all people commute to the Bay Area. They don’t farm.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. CAMPOS: They’re not agriculture. It’s a Bay Area suburb now. They even say the Bay Area’s newest suburb is the Tracy Hills community. So I don’t believe Tracy should be with Stanislaus County in District 10. More so, we --

MR. MANOFF: Time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be caller 1658. And up next will be caller 3489.

Caller 1658, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 1658, your speaker order number is number 10, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you’d like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. VEGAS: Hello. My name is Randy Vegas. I’m a professor of political science and a PhD candidate at UC Santa Cruz. I would like to discuss the neighboring counties of Kern County and Tulare County. I recently moved to Visalia, but I’ve lived in South Kern for most of my life and, therefore, I want to speak to some of those communities of interest.
Is it okay if I begin?

MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead, please.

MR. VEGAS: Thank you. Broadly speaking, I’m very happy to see that we have several Central Valley Commissioners on this Commission because I want to emphasize that, you know, these communities are home to various immigrant communities, including a large Hmong community in Fresno and Merced, and a large Filipino community in Delano, a large Punjabi community throughout Kern and the region more broadly. But historically speaking, we’ve also seen these communities, historically, redlined and segregated through both formal and informal practices. And so, often, our shared interests come together around having the necessary resources and spaces to survive and thrive within the Central Valley.

And, therefore, I would like the Commission to really take a look at the district boundaries for Congressional District 21, as well as Assembly District 32 and Senate District 14, particularly because communities like South Kern, when we look at areas around Hoskin, (indiscernible) Acres, they’ve come together to advocate for important issues, such as improving schools for youth of color who have been disproportionately suspended and expelled, advocated for roads and sidewalks in areas like (indiscernible) Acres, and for access to community health
centers all throughout the valley.

And so I do think it is important to maintain certain rural communities, like Arvin, Lamont, East Bakersfield, South Bakersfield within these Congressional Districts, such as Congressional District 21 and Assembly District 32, but to also incorporate neighboring communities that are alike in size, population and demographics, such as Porterville in Tulare County and Visalia in Tulare County, so when we take a look at the, currently, 21st District as it stands, California’s 32nd Assembly District, and the 14th Senate District, they all fall under similar areas.

But, I mean, when we look at the 21st, we see that the District stretches all the way, far down as Eastern Bakersfield, goes all the way far north and as far west as Firebaugh and Mendota County, around 150 miles away.

And so rather than this sort historical cracking of communities along Highway 99, I highly encourage the Commission to look at those the 21st District, Congressional District, the 32nd Assembly District, and the 14th Senate District might do a better job of incorporating and representing communities who share culture, services, and communities on both sides of that 99 freeway, particular when we look at cities like Visalia,
Porterville, Woodlake, and some of these neighboring areas between Kern and Tulare Counties, because it is increasingly difficult for both constituents and residents to have consistent access to their state and federal legislatures, as well constituent services when they need those services.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. VEGAS: And so, therefore, I highly encourage the further incorporation of Visalia and neighboring Tulare County cities incorporated as part of the 21st Congressional District, 32nd Assembly District, and the 14th State Senate District.

Thank you for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to invite or ask for -- never mind. I will just be doing this in English.

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Right now we have caller 3489. And up next will be caller 1447.

Caller 3489, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 3489, you are un-muted. Your
speaker order number will be number 11, if you will please
make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll
please let the mapper know what area you’d like to discuss,
the floor is yours.

MR. CRUZ: Thank you, Commissioners. The
specific area I would like to discuss is Kern Congressional
District Number 10, which is the northern part of
Stanislaus County and the southern part of San Joaquin
County.

And, oh, I’m sorry, my name is Fred Cruz from the
City of Modesto. I’ve been a resident in the Modesto area
since 1981. Just a couple of general -- and I’m,
basically, just making comments as a private citizen. I’m
not representing any organization or group.

Just as a little background, I did do some
volunteer work for the City of Modesto as a planning
commissioner for about eight-and-a-half years. So from a
planning perspective, my general comments basically relate
to keeping the Central Valley representation within the
Central Valley and not including whether it’s part of
Stanislaus County and/or San Joaquin County with the
neighboring foothill counties of Tuolumne and Calaveras
Counties. I think the economics of the Central Valley are
unique and, basically, are somewhat different than those in
the foothills, and most -- certainly most different than
the coastal areas of the Bay Area and Santa Clara County.

Those are, basically, my comments. I think, from a redistricting standpoint, I think it’s important to keep the Central Valley as representative of Central Valley areas and/or counties.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate your listening to my comments.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 1447. And up next will be caller 5524.

Caller 1447, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 1447, your speaker order number is number 12, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you’d like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. WATNIK: Yes. I’d like to discuss Fresno County.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Don Watnik. I am a resident of Clovis. And I wanted to join this call today to give my perspective on the community my family and I live in and what makes it special and worthy of continuing to be its own district.

Our community in North Fresno, usually defined as north of Bullard, and the City of Clovis share school districts, sports leagues, proximity to the same shopping,
transportation corridors, service clubs, and places of worship. As a community, we share water districts, the Clovis Veterans Memorial District of which I am a board member. We share public safety protection and amenities that do not exist in other parts of Fresno or in other cities throughout the county.

Our community of North Fresno and Clovis have traditionally been a part of the same legislative and congressional districts because of the similarity and unique features that differentiate us from other parts of more urban, central, and southern Fresno, or ag-based smaller communities in rural Fresno County. North Fresno and Clovis continue to grow in population and in the unique features that have made us our own district in the past. Our representatives and this Commission have traditionally respected and taken into consideration the characteristics that make North Fresno and Clovis one community.

I’d continue to ask for that same position going forward. North Fresno and Clovis are best represented as a district in our legislature and in congress, the same way that Central and South Fresno and the outlying cities in our county are best represented in their own.

Thank you very much, Commissioners. Thank you for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now we have caller 5524. Up next will be caller 2770.

Caller 5524, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute. Caller 5524, your speaker order number will be number 13, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference?

MR. MARTIN: All right.

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

MR. MARTIN: I would like to discuss the City of Fresno, particularly the portion of it south of Shaw. I submit that this area should not be divided up but kept in the district because of common interests. The area south of Shaw tends to access shopping and other amenities in that area, and the area north of Shaw, also, accessing shopping in their area.

And these areas are different in their emphases in terms of voting and interests. The area north of Shaw tends to be interested in lower taxes and fewer regulations, whereas the area south of Shaw would be more interested in clean air, and well-funded programs, and a government that works for them.

So did I give my name? I’m Ronald Martin, R-O-N-A-L-D M-A-R-T-I-N. I’m a member of the Sierra Club
and Fresno First Baptist Church.

   Thank you for taking my comment.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

   I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment at this time.

   And right now we have caller 2770. And then up next will be caller 7773. And I do see those hands. Thank you. You will be coming up.

   Caller 2770, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 2770, your speaker order number will be number 14, if you’ll please make note of this for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. SANCHEZ: Thank you, Commissioner. My name is Carmela Sanchez, and I am a resident of Calaveras County. That’s in District 4 of the Congressional Districts. I just wanted to call in today and make my public comment about keeping the district being the same.

   Our rural communities, you know, are similar in demographics and populations. We share the same common interests. Many of us in Calaveras County actually cross over to Tuolumne County to do our shopping and to have access to an additional hospital. We are so much different than what you would consider, you know, the industry and
the populations of the valley floor.

The valley is, primarily, focused on ag. And although we do have some ag in our community, our primary industry is tourism. We have, you know, a range from second homes to forested-wooded areas to where our concern, especially this time of year, is fire and the valley’s concern is water. I think that we should keep our districts close as far as keeping them together with, you know, similar type of communities, like Tuolumne and Amador and those areas. And I would say that I would like to see them kept together so that we have a collective voice on similar issues in our communities.

Thank you very much for taking my comment.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 7773. And up next will be caller 5228.

Caller 7773, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 7773, your speaker order number will be number 15, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. CEJA-BUTKIEWICZ: Hello. This is Imelda.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

MS. CEJA-BUTKIEWICZ: Hello. This is Imelda Ceja-Butkiewicz, Bakersfield, Kern County. And I serve as
President of the Kern, Inyo, Mono Central Labor Council.
And I also serve on the Board of Registered Nursing for the
State of California. Our Labor Council represents
thousands of working people in Kern County. Even though we
represent Inyo and Mono, a large majority of our members
are in Kern.

Just this past Saturday, I gave public input for
the Kern County Board of Supervisors redistricting. And
because this process is so important to me, I want to give
state redistricting input today. I am advocating to keep
the communities of Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter,
Arvin, Lamont, and Eastside Bakersfield together because
they are all a community of interest.

The pandemic has highlighted how reliant our
community is on essential workers. The pandemic also
highlighted inequities in our communities that were always
there but now are undeniable. The communities I mentioned
were hit hard by COVID with higher rates of infections
because these are communities where many low-income and
essential workers live, like farmworkers, grocery workers,
and other service providers. We did not see these issues
as much in the West Bakersfield, Tehachapi, or Ridgecrest.

The Central Labor Council worked with many local
partners and elected officials to increase COVID testing,
and now, to provide vaccinations specifically for those
communities and neighborhoods.

In addition to being disproportionately impacted by COVID, these communities also face hardships around water and air poll, lack of housing opportunities, older roads and sidewalks, and a need for better internet.

It is very important to keep Delano, McFarland, Wasco, Shafter, Arvin, Lamont, and Bakersfield together. Together, they are a community of interest.

As we all begin to turn towards recovery post-pandemic, these communities will have a stronger collective voice together when advocating for resources and funding in Sacramento and D.C.

Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 5228. And up next will be caller 0617.

Caller 5228, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 5228, your speaker order number will be number 16, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. FIDIACCI: Hello. I’m calling about Kings County. My name is Claire Fidiacci (phonetic). I live in Hanford in the northern part of Kings County. I am in
Assembly District 32, State Senate District 14, and Congressional District 21. I generally feel that my state and congressional representation works well for me. And like everyone else, I would like my districts to stay the same, but I understand that it will be necessary to split some cities and counties to be able to respect and protect some communities of interest.

I live in Hanford, so in the top quarter of Kings County. A general community of interest is the bottom three-quarters of Kings County that include the cities of Guernsey, Stratford, Corcoran, Kettleman, and Avenal. These communities generally are -- have a high percentage of Latino residents. There are a lot of agricultural workers. And they generally do not have the representation through city, county, and state government that I think they deserve.

So even though I live in the top part of Kings County, this area that I live in is more affluent than the bottom three-quarters, so northern Lemoore, Hanford, and the moving east, even into Tulare County, is a community of interest. Most of the folks in this area can, you know, afford to put water purifiers in their homes. In the bottom portions of Kings County, people can’t drink the water. I mean, all of us have trouble breathing the air. But we need to protect those citizens that aren’t affluent
enough to buy bottled water or install systems to clean the water that they have in their homes.

So as much as I would love to keep my districts exactly as they are, I understand that it is necessary to create equitable districts, and some cities and counties are going to be divided. And I appreciate the challenge that --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. FIDIACCI: -- this Commission has to try to figure out how to make that happen.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller, if I could have you pause. I have a question for you if you’re there?

MR. MANOFF: Caller 5228, the Chair had some additional questions for you, please.

MS. FIDIACCI: Yes.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you. Could you provide a bit more detail about how far into Tulare County you are talking about?

MS. FIDIACCI: So I think northern Lemoore, Hanford, and then as it travels east over to Visalia, and communities going east, even including Exeter. I mean, I’m not -- I’m not, you know, a redistricting person. I just know that those are more similar communities to, say, northern Lemoore, northern Hanford, as we move east on the
map.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Perfect. Thank you. That’s what we needed.

MS. FIDIACCI: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 0617. And up next will be caller 4290.

   Caller 0617, if you could please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 0617, your speaker order number will be number 17, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

   MS. DIAZ: Thank you for taking my call. My name is Terri Diaz (phonetic) and I’m from Clovis, and so the Clovis-North Fresno area is what I would be speaking about. I feel that we’re well represented by those individuals that represent us and I would prefer to keep it as it is.

   And I thank you for taking my call and giving us the opportunity to make a comment.

   Thank you.

   COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

   Right now we have caller 4290. And up next will be caller 7770.

   Caller 4290, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 4290, you are un-muted.
Your speaker order number will be number 18, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. LOWE: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. I would like to discuss Congressional District 21, Kings County, and then the City of Hanford, those three areas which are all part of Congressional District 21.

My name is Jacqueline Lowe. I’m 77 years of age. My family has lived in Hanford since 1880, so I have a pretty long perspective on this district.

I think the first thing I want to advocate for very strongly is keeping District 21 intact. It has worked very well. And I have a perspective on this. I remember when one side of the aisle dominated, and then another side of the aisle dominated. And when the last district lines were drawn, both parties have had a chance to elect officials and the records will show that. So if keeping -- having districts be fair and sound is important, then I think keeping this district as its currently composed is very important.

Secondly, I’m going to advocate very strongly to keep the City of Hanford together. It is the hub of Kings County. All of the surrounding communities, Corcoran, Avenal, Lemoore, Kettleman City, they all look to Hanford
as being the hub. And we have a common interest in agriculture. And those of us that live in the slightly rural areas also look to Hanford as being the hub of interest.

I think that I would also like to make the point that I’ve seen a lot of change in Kings County, and specifically in Hanford. I’ve seen a growth in a diverse population. And, to me, that is a plus for a community. It adds diversity in thought for education. It adds diversity in thought for culture and for political thinking. And I think if you split that City of Hanford or you split the district in another way that that is going to diminish the real strength that brings this agricultural community together.

I do not see that we have common interests in the cities to the east of us, so east of 99, nor to the far north part of the east part of Fresno County.

So, again, I would say I strongly advocate for, first of all, District 21 to remain intact and not to split the City of Hanford, and keep Kings County together, as well.

Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

We do have time for one more comment at this time before break. I would like to invite those that have
called in to please stay on the line, as we will be going
to a 15-minute break after this next caller. Please do not
hang up as we will be coming back.

And at this time, well, we have caller 7770. If
you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time?
Caller 7770, if you will please press star six and un-mute
at this time?

Well, now at this time, we are now within the
window of not having enough time to take a comment prior to
break. And it appears that we are not getting them un-
muted. One more try.

Caller 7770, if you will please follow the
prompts to un-mute by pressing star six? Yes, at this
time, we -- oh, there you are. You are un-muted. Your
speaker order number will be number 19. Hello?

MS. TYLER: Hello. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: I sure can. Your speaker
order number is number 19, if you will please make note of
that, the floor is yours.

MS. TYLER: 19 and 0, thank you so much. Good
evening, everyone. My name is Tammy Tyler and I represent
California City and Kern County. The significant locations
that I’m aware that we actually deal with, coming from an
African American community, is Ballistic Park (phonetic),
Waffle Avenue, the Cactus Shopping Plaza, 72 Boulevard,
Isabella Boulevard. Our community is primarily -- consists of about 39 percent African Americans. And our issue, our concerns with our community, is underrepresentation.

Being that our community is underrepresented, we don’t have any local government agencies that represent us. And when I speak about local agencies that represent us, I speak about education and, also, local law enforcement.

With our education, with us having 39 percent of African American students enrolled, we have 37 percent of them failing. Also, with that failing, with the Mojave Unified School District, we would like to see equitable maps and opportunities.

The cities that we would like to see redistricting together, we believe that would help us, would be Cal City, Mojave, Lancaster, and Rosamond because we have a high demographic of African Americans in those cities that represent us and believe, if we redistrict and come together as that, we will have better opportunities for equality, education, and start funding -- and our local city, our local government is funding right now privately the California City Police Department.

We do not want to correlate ourselves, redistrict ourselves, with Tehachapi for Tehachapi has no interest in our community. And, also, surrounding areas around us, for instance -- what is that city, sorry -- some areas around
California City that do not have any interests within our community. And it’s important to us, as well, because we have -- we can stop having external involvement with the Attorney General’s Office because our local government is not doing what they have to do to ensure that we are represented.

And that is all I have to say. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much, everyone.

Oh, actually, do we still have our caller? Has our -- did our previous caller jump off?

COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

MS. TYLER: Yes. I’m still here.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much.

Would you include Edwards Air Force Base in your community of interest, or do you consider that not in your community of interest?

MS. TYLER: They are not in our community of interest.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much.

MS. TYLER: Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Okay. We are going to head into a 15-minute break.

Before we head to our break, I would just like to
say, if you have called in, please do not hang up. You will lose your place in line if you do hang up. So we’re heading into a break. Please wait and do not hang up.

And with that, thanks so much, and see everybody in 15 minutes.

(Off the record at 5:33 p.m.)

(On the record at 5:45 p.m.)

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission COI, or Community of Interest, Input meeting. We also encourage you to visit the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmycacomunity.org.

Before we move on, if I could ask our interpreters to read the call-in instructions, starting with Spanish. So I will give our Spanish Interpreter a moment to read the call-in instruction. Sorry, it’s reading the site translation of the full call-in instructions.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

Now can I ask for our Punjabi Interpreter to please read the site translation of full call-in instructions? Is our Punjabi Interpreter available?

MR. MANOFF: Rama Kant or Navjit, are you
available for Punjabi interpretation at this time, please?

        PUNJABI INTERPRETER: And I do not have those
instructions on my screen, sir, and I ask, can you send me
the instructions, please?

        MR. MANOFF: Yes.

        CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Yes.

        MR. MANOFF: Stand by, please.

        CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: We will get you those.

        MS. MARX: Rama, it’s in your Zoom chat, if you
can read it from the Zoom chat?

        CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Rama, did you get those
instructions in your Zoom chat?

        PUNJABI INTERPRETER: No, ma’am, I don’t have
those in my Zoom chat.

        CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Got it. Okay. I will read
the instructions for you. And if you could do live
translation?

        PUNJABI INTERPRETER: Sure.

        CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. All right.

        [Instructions translated simultaneously in Punjabi]

        Our Punjabi listeners can please call 888-323-9693 and
enter meeting code 82488 -- sorry -- 60. Again,
Punjabi listeners, please dial 888-323-9693 and enter
meeting code 8248860. This number is for listening to the
meeting only. If you will be providing public input and do
not have an appointment, we will provide our speaker telephone number later. And it is available on the livestream page.

Great. Thank you to our interpreters. All right.

And with that, I will be handing it over to Katy, our marvelous Comment Moderator, to continue with public input. We will start with people who are registered and then open the phone lines if there is time before the next session.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

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

If you will be using an interpreter, we will be - if you will be using an interpreter, we will be in the -- it will be in the consecutive mode. Please make sure to speak slowly and break up your testimony into two or three sentences at a time so our interpreter can interpret your
testimony. If you will be using an interpreter, please identify the language you speak as soon as you are connected so your interpreter can interpret the moderator’s instructions.

All right, at this time we will have 014. And up next will be 015.

014, I will be promoting you now. 014, your speaker order number is number 20, if you will please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss -- oh. You can also enable your own video and audio in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi. Yes. I’d like to discuss the Three Rivers-Visalia community of interest that’s being proposed. And this community of interest consists of Three Rivers, Sequoia National Park, Woodlake, Lemon Cove, Lindcove, Exeter, Farmersville, Ivanhoe, and the largest city is Visalia. And these communities have many shared interests.

A prominent one is that we are all within the same watershed, the Kaweah River, which originates in Sequoia National Park. The snowpack, the rivers, and streams from the park provide a good portion of the water
that supplies foothill and valley community, agriculture, and associated businesses. With recent drought patterns, we will all need to work together to protect and manage our shared water resources. And having this sort of shared community of interest could facilitate those needs.

Sequoia National Park attracts tourists from all over the world. Visalia and other valley communities, as well as my community of Three Rivers, play an important role serving tourists in our restaurants, grocery stores and hotels, and other businesses. And Sequoia National Park and Visalia have a partnership providing shuttle bus transportation to tourists to and from Visalia and into various locations in the park. And many residents from local communities also visit Three Rivers and the park frequently to enjoy outdoor activities like swimming, boating, fishing, camping, hiking. Residents in Three Rivers also travel down to Visalia and other local communities for grocery shopping, dining, and enjoying entertainment opportunities.

So as Three Rivers is also in Tulare County, all of our relevant county business is located in Visalia. And Three Rivers is reliant on Visalia and other communities for specialized medical care and emergency services.

The students who attend our K-8 school in Three Rivers go on to attend high school in Woodlake. And many
also start or complete college at College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

So our community shares many interests with those in the valley. And we are very connected to the environment around us, whether it’s through outdoor recreation, public land enjoyment, or agriculture. And -- but we’re currently in -- Three Rivers is currently in the District 23, which includes Bakersfield, Ridgecrest and Lancaster, and that’s three times further for us to drive than Visalia to get to access our congressional representative. There’s also no public transportation from our community to Bakersfield and there is to Visalia.

So the connection between the valley and all of the valley communities --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- is longstanding, and significant in our daily lives, and mutually beneficial. So I feel that the Three Rivers-Visalia community of interest should be included and represented in our next congressional district. It would really help strengthen our communication --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- with our officials and with each other.

Thank you.
CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. If I could have our caller -- could you let us know if Patterson Tract and Goshen, are they part of your community interest or not?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: They are just -- so I know Goshen is just west of -- sort of a little northwest of Visalia, so it could certainly be -- yes, it is, you’re right. I think it is. It’s sort of a different color on that map you’ve just put up, Goshen is, for some reason, but it could certainly be included.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: All right.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: And Patterson Tract, yeah, I wasn’t familiar with that but, yes. I didn’t name those, but they could be included for sure.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thanks so much.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now will be 015. And up next will be 018. And I’d also like to ask Margarita if she could please interpret the instructions for 013 to raise their hand at this time?

[Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Margarita, can you let them know that I do see their hand and that they will be coming up after the next two speakers?

[Instructions read in Spanish]
COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Gracias.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now it will be 015. I will be promoting you. 015, your speaker order number will be number 21, if you will please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. TARR: Good evening. My name is Stephen Tarr. I live in Hanford, so my community of interest for the mapper would be Kings County, please. Again, good evening.

Gerrymandering is the manipulation of the boundaries of an electoral body of voters so as to favor one party or class.

For example, Michigan is profoundly gerrymandered. During the past decade, even though democrats received more overall votes, republicans actually won more seats in their house and senate elections, winning over two-thirds of those state races with fewer votes. The GOP would typically win their races by tighter margins while democrats captured safe seats by wide margins. The result was that virtually all of the democratic wins were limited to Detroit. It’s as though Republican Party bosses would just concede Detroit to democrats in order to achieve better odds outside of Detroit. This is where, instead of
the voters picking the candidates, the candidates, in this case, GOP Party bosses, picked the voters. It’s brilliant, evil but brilliant.

So here, in our racially-diverse Kings County, we currently remain intact because of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 wherein section 5 required preclearance authority from the U.S. DOJ. This authority protected authorities’ voices from being diluted or concentrated by the effects of gerrymandering. Indeed, over the years, since preclearance, state and congressional districts have been well-drawn and quite competitive, actually, as a result.

Those rules helped to keep our elected officials more accountable to all constituents. Without those VRA rules, Kings County residents must now fend for ourselves to ensure communities are not splintered up into small bits and absorbed by bigger bits, causing us to become diluted into a voiceless community.

An attempt for another county to absorb specific parts of Kings, as an example, would certainly diminish Kings’ voices. This is why we’re here with you today. We’re not vulnerable to myriad efforts taking place nationwide designed specifically to make sure that Brown and Black people won’t vote, or make it very difficult to vote, discouraging them from doing so. It must be our mission to make sure we remain protected as a community and
to not split us apart for other’s political gains, much the way the State of Michigan struggles.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 018. I will be promoting you now. 018, your speaker order number is number 22, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

DR. HANCOCK: Good evening. I’m before you this evening to discuss District 23 in Kern County. I’m Dr. Sean Hancock and I’m President of Cerro Coso Community College located in Ridgecrest, adjacent to the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station. I’m also part of the Better Bakersfield and Boundless Kern Aerospace Cluster Workgroup. And I also serve on the board for the China Lake Alliance.

Cerro Coso Community College is part of the Kern Community College District which also includes Bakersfield College and Porterville College, currently, all part of the existing 23rd Congressional District. All three of our colleges serve many of the rural communities located throughout our service areas and that represent a community of interest.

East Kern should not be carved out of the 23rd District given the commonalities between our communities
and the interdependence countywide. This is both an economic interdependency and, for East Kern, one of necessity with regard to public safety, as was demonstrated during the 2019 earthquakes. If we were to be absorbed into other surrounding districts we would, most certainly, lose our voice.

Kern County as a whole has very little in common with some of the other adjacent districts, such as L.A. and San Bernardino which have larger urban centers. Representatives serving those areas are likely to be disconnected, at best, from the needs of our area and, at worst, would be inclined to support competing interests.

We also work closely with the China Lake -- with China Lake and Edwards Air Force Base and are a significant part of countywide efforts to support and grow the aerospace technology sector.

Cerro Coso Community College is satisfied with the current district lines drawn in 2010 by the Citizens Redistricting Commission at that time. We are interested in remaining districted with our sister colleges who share our mission and values and who recognize the needs of our smaller, more rural communities.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now, Margarita, if you will please
interpret for me?

013, I will be promoting you now.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: 013, your speaker order number 23 --

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Go ahead.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is 23.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

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

[Instructions read in Spanish]

MR. PEREZ: (Via Spanish Interpreter.) Hello. My name is Filipe Perez and I’m from Fireball, California in -- located in Fresno, which is 30 miles east of the 99 -- excuse me, west of the 99 and east of the 5.

We are a small community that is covered by five council members and one administrator. And what I would like is for our community boundaries, as they are called, to be kept the same because it would be better to be governed by people who are local rather than having people from other areas who are not familiar with our areas who might just pass by once to the area.

I believe that this nation was created by immigrants. Those grandparents and great-grandparents that were born here were immigrants. And beyond being
republican and beyond being a democrat, we all deserve to have rights. All immigrants deserve to have rights, as well. And we are here in this earth for a limited amount of time, and we should reflect on how all people need to be respected and need to be listened and heard.

There are many politicians who are children or grandchildren of immigrants. And many times they forget who put them in their seats or who elected them. And, you know, there are people that I am happy with that represent us, like Senator Anna Caballero, and also the Representative Arambula. I think they do show their face and they come to us, as well, and they have been helping us. And what I would like is for the lines to be kept the same, the geographic lines, so that we can be allowed to make decisions for ourselves for the support that we need.

Thank you very much for the opportunity. I think this is something that is open to everyone. And I do speak both languages, but I wanted to speak in Spanish because I feel more open in that sense.

Thank you and have a great evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Again, please press star nine for those that have called in during
this session.

Right now we will have caller 8753. For those in the queue, if you wish to raise your hand, please press star nine on your telephone keypad.

Caller 8753, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time?

And up next will be caller 5701.

Caller 8753, your speaker order number will be number 24, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. BARBANEL: Hi. My name is Sunny Barbanel. And I’m a resident of Fresno in the Craycroft Village, which is northwest between Bullard and Herndon and Common Fruit (phonetic). I want to thank you for this opportunity to join this call-in order to give my perspective on the community and what makes it -- one of the things that makes it special to me and worthy of continuing to be its own district.

Our community of Northwest Fresno and Clovis have traditionally been a part of the same legislative and congressional district’s public safety, protection, and other amenities that do not exist in other parts of Fresno or other cities throughout the county.

I have lived and worked in Northwest Fresno for
52 years, being a young 80-year-old. It has been a great place to raise my family. In order to achieve integration and diversity, and do so in a voluntary mechanism, Fresno developed the Magnet School System. I was able to drive my children across two to get the kind of education and experiences that I wanted for them. My house of worship is just one block away from where I live.

My community has been protected and represented by people who share and my -- share my values and I would like to keep it that way.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 5701. And up next will be caller 0210.

Caller 5701, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 5701, your speaker order number will be number 25, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. ALONZO: Sure. Good afternoon, Commissioner. My name is Nathan Alonzo. I am a resident of Central Fresno. I live on Gettysburg, in between Cedar and Maple. I am calling to give my perspective and share some thoughts about the community that I live in and that my family calls home.
We are best represented, and we have always been best represented, by Central and South Fresno. We feel that, based off of our transportation corridors, our shopping places, the cultural arts community, the educational opportunities, the diversity, and a myriad of the other things that make our part of the City of Fresno special, that we should be not only considered as our own community of interest but continue to be represented as a community by the members of the legislature that have represented us previously.

So when I refer to Central Fresno, I refer to it from about Bullard Avenue on down through the end of the city. And we would like to continue to be put together as Central and South Fresno and be part of those same legislative and congressional districts.

So that is my perspective. And I appreciate your time.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Hi there, caller. Could you please hold a moment?

MR. ALONZO: Absolutely.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Could we get a bit more detail about whether Central Fresno and South Fresno are included in your community of interest?

MR. ALONZO: Yes. So the community of interest, as I would define Central and South Fresno, would be from...
Bullard Avenue, which is pretty much where Central Fresno starts, on down.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: And where is Central Fresno and South Fresno in relation to each other? Our mappers are trying to make sure that they’re specific.

MR. ALONZO: Yeah. They touch each other. So I would say that Central Fresno is from Bullard to about Shield Avenue from side-to-side in the City of Fresno. And then South Fresno would probably be defined from Shields Avenue all the way down to where it becomes Unincorporated Fresno County.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you so much.

MR. ALONZO: So that is what I refer to. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 0210. And I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad to raise their hand, indicating they wish to comment at this time. Again, star nine on your telephone keypad which will raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. I see those hands.

Caller 0210 will be right now. And up next will be caller 0311.

Caller 0210, if you will please follow the
prompts to un-mute by pressing star six. Caller 0210, your speaker order number will be number 26, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. DALY: Good evening. My name is Jolene Daly and I’m calling in regards to District 10 which, primarily at this point, encompasses Stanislaus County and some outlying cities, such as Manteca, Tracy, and Escalon.

I wanted to call and communicate in regards to the fact that Stanislaus County is an agricultural community. I’ve been in the area my entire life and we are proud of that fact and want to remain with other rural communities because that’s the culture that we kind of identify with and understand, which means that we would much rather be aligned with individual places, like Linda and Lockeford, Farmington, maybe up to Lodi, rather than going more west into the Tracy area.

And that’s all I have to say for this evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 0311. And up next will be caller 2734. And for those of you that have just called in, please press star nine if you wish to raise your hand.

Caller 0311, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 0210, your speaker order number will be
number 27, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. WOOD: Hello. My name is Michael Wood. I would like to speak about the 10th Congressional District. I live here in Stanislaus County, Modesto. I’ve lived here all my life.

I would encourage the Commission or the Redistricting Committee to align us more with Lodi down to Lockeford, and as we’re -- we have more in common as a farming community as Tracy is more the community of -- of commuters that live within the -- that commute to the Bay Area. So I would encourage them to also keep Oakdale within the 10th Congressional District as I, as many, travel to Oakdale quite a bit, we shop there, we attend events there, so -- and that’s all I had to say.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 2734. And up next will be caller 4789.

Caller, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 2734, your speaker order number will be number 28, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. I’d like to
discuss Kern County and Bakersfield. I’m calling in today to advocate for equitable maps and equitable boundaries.

I live on the east side of Bakersfield. That is vastly different from west Bakersfield. Residents in East Bakersfield have had to consistently fight with city governments for sidewalks, sewers, a pool, funds skate parks and recreational activities and facilities. These are basic infrastructure improvements that members of the same district never have to worry about.

These communities should not be in the same district. East Bakersfield is largely Latino with an agriculturally-based economic while West Bakersfield has more White affluent neighborhoods.

I want to also recognize Arvin, Lamont, and Weedpatch together as a community of interest, and one that’s actually currently being exploited by West Bakersfield. Right now, district lines lump vastly different types of people with vastly different cultural backgrounds working in different industries, speaking different languages, all while dividing communities with exact, if not very common, interests who work in similar industries and speak the same language.

Our communities are currently represented by elected officials who have no connection to us and, in fact, go to lengths to avoid responsibility and
accountability. And this lack of representation translates into a lack of resources and has been a matter of life and death during the pandemic and, historically, has led to higher rates of cancer and lower life expectancies.

Now Kern County has a rich history of redlining and racially-restrictive covenants in the 1930s which are not only about discrimination against Blacks and people of color, it’s also about enriching White people, their families, their ability to create generational wealth. Now the fact that this was legally sanctioned and encourage best practices enabled the level of inequality we see in our neighborhoods, schools, and district lines today. Our neighborhood City of Taft, in fact, was even (indiscernible) downtown.

So the settling of Kern County in the last quarter of the 19th century from largely southern and border states, attempting to pick up and to restart their agricultural economy, brought with them, not all of them, but many of them brought a culture of White supremacy. And because of this history, residents throughout the Central Valley have elected representatives that do not feel responsible for their needs. And furthermore, many of these counties have been in violation of the Voting Rights Act for years.

Now I’m really glad that this Commission will be
considering the ranking criteria of the --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- (indiscernible) Act of 2019 and for their willingness to undo the dilution of the voting power of underrepresented rural valley (indiscernible) communities. This Commission has the power to unrig our democracy to do undo --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- the severing of the connection between the ballot box and the people’s will. We have had enough, and we demand fair and equitable district lines, we demand a people-powered maps, and are looking forward to seeing and reviewing this Commission’s equitable maps and boundaries.

Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Done.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller, if we could -- we have a couple of questions for the previous caller.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes?

MR. MANOFF: Caller 2734, the Chair had some questions for you, please.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Absolutely.
CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Where do you consider the divide between East Bakersfield and the rest of Bakersfield? Do you have a boundary?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Well, I knew that question -- I don’t know have boundaries but I will be happy to submit a map using your online tool.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. That would be incredibly helpful.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Absolutely. My pleasure.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Thanks so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time will have caller 4789. And up next will be caller 8700. And I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad, indicating they wish to give comment.

Right now, caller 4789, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 4789, your speaker order number is number 29, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I’d like to discuss San Joaquin County. I live in Linden. And San Joaquin County is divided up into three districts. When you divide a pie up into three districts it dilutes it. It dilutes the power that they have as a voice.
We would like to be considered as one community
with other communities in San Joaquin County, Lockeford,
Plymouth, Stockton, Lodi, Ripon, Manteca, Escalon. We
commute to those areas. We shop in those areas. Our
children play sports and have friends in those areas. When
it’s divided into three different districts, we don’t have
a voice. We get ignored by three different districts
because we’re so small.

That’s the end of my discussion.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be caller 8700. And I would like
to remind those calling in to please press star nine to
raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Please
press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to
comment.

Caller 8700, if you’ll please follow the prompts
to un-mute? Caller 8700, your speaker order number will be
number 30, if you’ll please make note of that for future
reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what
area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. Hello.
Can you hear me?

MS. SAMSUS: I would like to -- hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Go ahead. The floor is
yours.

MS. FRANCIS: My name is Joyce Francis and I live
in Stanislaus County just north of Modesto City limits.

Do you have feedback? I’m hearing feedback on my part.

MR. MANOFF: You sound fine. You may want to mute your livestream audio.

MS. FRANCIS: Thank you, Commissioner, for hearing me. And I would like to discuss the area of Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County. I would like to consider that Tracy be taken out of our area. And we have all of Stanislaus County and eastern and southern San Joaquin County, such as Manteca, Ripon, Farmington, Linden. We do share cultural and social values. We share the Gallo Art Center. We share bus lines. We share shopping malls. And we are more in tune with each other than the Tracy and Mountain House area.

Thank you for hearing me. That’s all I have to say. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 9843. And I would like to ask those calling in, if they would like to give comment, to please press star nine on their telephone keypad. This will raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment. Please press star nine on your telephone keypad.

Right now we have caller 9843. If you’ll please
follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller, your speaker order number will be number 31, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I would like to begin in Kern County, but I will also discuss Kings, Tulare and Fresno, as well.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I live in West Bakersfield. And I would like the Commission to recognize my community of interest which consists of the south boundary of Panama Lane, a western boundary of Highway 43, a north boundary of 7th Standard Road, and an eastern boundary of Highway 99.

As has been indicated by previous speakers, there is absolutely a divide between East and West Bakersfield. And that dividing line is Highway 99. I actually drive across town to take my kids to school. And, progressively, we see fewer and fewer trees, more and more potholes, fewer and fewer sidewalks, more and more degradation and neglect.

In particular, my community of interest that I just defined has a lot in common with the Kern River Corridor and the Rosedale Census-designated place and has a lot in common, also, with adjacent areas that I would also like the Commission to recognize as communities of
interest, namely the Choctaw, a Census-designated place, the La Cresta (phonetic) Census-designated place, Oildale, a Census-designated place, and Highway 178 leading on up to Tehachapi and the Ridgecrest area.

I would also like the Commission to recognize that we have a lot in common with the western areas heading out towards the coast along Highway 46. A lot of people in my community of interest have second homes in San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach. And many, many, many people that I went to high school with went to school at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. We have a lot in common with those areas.

And we also have a lot in common with some of the burgeoning areas to the south. I used to live kind of near Pumpkin Center, which is on Taft Highway. There was a rideshare that I would pass every day for folks who were commuting into Los Angeles. And in particular, I believe, we have a lot in common with Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, Valencia, and Newhall. It’s only getting more in common with those folks as people are engaging in remote work.

I also would like the Commission to recognize a community of interest as the mountain communities, Frazier Park, Lebec, Fort Tejon, Lake Isabella, Havilah, Bodfish, and Kernville.

And, finally, I would like the Commission to recognize a community of interest from North Hanford,
Lemoore, heading eastward toward the area --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- north of Tulare and south of Visalia, specifically Highway 198 would be that northern boundary and Cartmill Road would be the southern boundary, Highway 99 would be the western boundary, and Mooney Boulevard would be the boundary to the east, because I believe those communities have a lot in common with Three Rivers and the Sequoia National Forest.

Thank you for your consideration.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

At this time I’d like to invite those in the queue to please press star nine if they wish to give comment. Please press star nine on your telephone keypad to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment at this time.

Chair, I will defer to you. I do not have any raised hands.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. If, perhaps, we could read the full call-in instructions? And we’ll stand at ease for a couple of minutes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, we do have one raised hand. Would you like to do the full call-in --

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Oh, yes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- instructions before or
CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: But let’s do it, actually, let’s do it before.


CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Yes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

The Commission will now be taking public input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the Meeting I.D. Number provided on the livestream feed, it is 86802139425 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

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

Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down the livestream volume.
We do have caller 3126. And caller 7268, you will be next.

Caller 3126, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 3126, your speaker order number will be number 32, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. VASQUEZ: Hello. My name is Veronica Vasquez. I serve as Mayor Pro Tem of Delano in Kern County. We are a majority Latino town with a large Filipino community and deep farmworker roots. We are historic site of the United Farmworkers 40 Acres where Cesar Chavez, Delores Huerta, and Larry Iknoron (phonetic) and many others started the farmworker movement. I am also a proud SEIU member and leader in Kern County, organizing working people in Bakersfield and rural Kern.

This Commission is tasked with drawing state and federal districts. But when creating those districts in Kern County, I please urge you to look at the district lines of Kern County Board of Supervisors Districts 4 and 5. These districts were created by a lengthy and successful lawsuit where MALDEF sued and settled with Kern County to create two Latino majority supervisor seats based on section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

It’s very important to keep Delano, McFarland,
Wasco, Shafter, Arvin, Lamont, and East Bakersfield together. The reason being is together these are long-lasting Latino-majority communities of interest. These communities all face the same challenges, and we will be stronger together when advocating for resources and change. What we currently face is need for more affordable housing. We have a lack of green space. We need more educational opportunity for our youth. Water and -- and then we have water and air quality issues, and old infrastructure.

So I really urge you to keep these communities together and the districts together so that we have a voice when it comes down for a strong representation in Sacramento and D.C.

Thank you for your time this evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now we will have caller 7268. And I’d like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad to raise your hand, indicating you wish to caller.

At this time we do have a raised hand with caller 72638. If you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 7268, your speaker order number will be 33, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. If
ANGEL: My name is Angel and I live in Tulare City and in Tulare County. I am calling because we are pretty much done with the exploitation. We are done with the gerrymandering and dividing Tulare into many different districts.

And furthermore, you know, when it comes to State Senate 16, Assembly District 26, and most importantly, Congress District 22, they don’t represent the values of the communities. They don’t represent the values of us, the people.

Now that you are doing the redistricting process, we need to ensure that we get their map, we need to ensure that we get the redistricting process that’s correct, and most importantly, that we get equitable maps. We also want maps with opportunities.

Let’s remember that the redistricting process needs to start in the Central Valley, in the floor of the Central Valley, and not in L.A. where the communities of interest is being outsourced by, you know, by lobbyists and money and dark money and all of that; right? Let’s make sure that our voices are heard here in the Central Valley. And let’s make sure that everything that goes on in the Central Valley, our voices are being heard.

Places like Tulare, Lindcove, Woodlake, Visalia,
Oroville, Earlimart, Pixley are communities of interest, and they need to stay together. Those areas are the areas where I live, where my friends live, and where we work. We need to ensure that we stay together. We have water problems, we have education problems, and yet we have air problems.

Furthermore, we were able to see that, with the pandemic and COVID, we need hospitals now more than ever. We need to ensure that our people are well taken care of. And we need to ensure that we have places where people can get vaccinated.

I urge all of the people that are working with redistricting to hear our voice and to ensure that we get fair maps, and we get the proper representation.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

We do invite those that have called in to please press star nine on your telephone keypad, indicating you wish to give comment at this time. Again, for those that have just called in, please press star nine on your telephone keypad. This will raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

Caller 5255, please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time. Caller 5255, your speaker order number will be number 34, if you’ll please make note of that for future
reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. PATRICK: Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. So I just was listening, you know, for a few hours of the comments, but there are some valid comments and statements that were made for San Joaquin County and Stanislaus.

I agree with a lot of the callers that came in for District 10. Stanislaus has grown so much, and so has San Joaquin County, that it’s time to redistrict. I don’t know, it’s been almost ten years. For the quality of life for both counties, District 10 should remain Stanislaus. And the only difference is that Manteca, Mountain House, and Tracy should stay separate from District 10 because Manteca is part of San Joaquin County. And both -- actually, all three cities are growing, and it is different than Stanislaus and we’re not getting the attention that we need, as previous years, because we are growing.

So please consider that when you do the lines. Keep District 10 in the Stanislaus County and Manteca, Tracy, and Mountain House separate.

Thank you. I appreciate it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to invite those that have called in
to please press star nine on their telephone keypad,
indicating they wish to give comment. As for those that
have just called in, please press star nine on their
telephone keypad, indicating they wish to give comment.

Caller 3913, if you’ll please follow the prompts
to un-mute at time? Caller 3913, your speaker order number
will be number 35, if you’ll please make note of that for
future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know
what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. PATRICK: Very good.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Go ahead.

MR. PATRICK: Hello. Hi. Yes. My name is Pat
Patrick. I run the Lodi Chamber of Commerce up here in
Lodi, California in San Joaquin County. And that is the
area that I would like to speak to.

Currently, we are -- have -- we are in Assembly
District 9. And we are an appendage of a South Sacramento-
Elk Grove District, and so we make up about 13 percent of
that district. And we just would like to have a stronger
voice in the assembly, and also the Congressional District
that serves San Joaquin County because we share that with
the East Bay.

San Joaquin County is now over 800,000 in
population and growing, like many other counties in the
great Central Valley, but are agricultural-based. Our
county is -- the number one industry is agriculture. In Lodi, the number one industry is agriculture and throughout our county.

We line up more closely with District 10, as has been stated before this evening, from Stanislaus County. And that would make sense for us to be joined with them. But with three different Assembly Districts carving up San Joaquin County, we are really split. And so we really need to be more unified.

And so I would then ask of the Redistricting Commission to consider San Joaquin County as a strong district at the tip of the northern San Joaquin Valley. Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I’d like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. For those that have just called in, please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment at this time.

And, Chair, we do not have any -- oh, I speak too soon every time I say that.

Caller 8539, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 8539, your speaker order number will be number 36, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what
area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I’d like the district lines to stay the way they’re drawn.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Were you -- caller, do you have a specific district that you are looking at?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Just Fresno in general.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: So the district lines in Fresno, you would like to stay the same?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah. And in Clovis, as well, because they’re side-by-side. So I think that would be --

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Got it.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- that would be efficient.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you for your comments.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Awesome. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad. If I could please ask Margarita and Navjit or Rama, we’ll start with Spanish, if you could please interpret pressing star nine to raise your hand?

[Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Margarita.

And Rama or Navjit, are you available to
interpret to please press star nine on your telephone keypad to raise your hand if you wish to give comment at this time?

And, again, for those in the queue in English, please press star nine on your telephone keypad.

Rama or Navjit, are you available?

And for those that have just called in, please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

I’m going to work on getting that translated into Punjabi momentarily.

PUNJABI INTERPRETER: Yes, ma’am.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Could you please interpret to please press star nine on your telephone keypad to raise your hand?

[Instructions read in Punjabi]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, sir.

PUNJABI INTERPRETER: You’re very welcome.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And, again, if anyone wishes to give comment, please press star nine.

And, Chair, at this time we do not have any raised hands, and we have done it in all languages.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Maybe we could -- let’s see, we’re heading up -- no. Well, maybe we could stand at ease for two minutes. If we still have no
callers, then we’ll go to a five-minute video break.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

(Pause)

MR. MANOFF: That’s two minus, Chair.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Let’s go to the five-minute video break.

(Off the record at 6:54 p.m.)

(On the record at 6:59 p.m.)

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Great. Welcome back, everybody. Before we get back to public comment, I first wanted to make a couple of announcements regarding our upcoming schedule.

So our schedule continues with three upcoming COI public input meetings.

The first meeting is on Monday, August 9th, focused on Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama Counties and their surrounding areas. The August 9th meeting will have a Spanish listening line and available interpretation.

Our second COI meeting is on Thursday, August 12th, focused on Los Angeles County and its surrounding areas, and will have Spanish, Armenian, Farsi, and Khmer listening sessions.

On Friday, August 13th, our COI meeting will focus on Imperial and San Diego Counties and their
surrounding areas, and will have a Spanish, Tagalog, and Arabic listening lines.

Registration for each COI meeting closes two calendar days before at 5:00 p.m.

Our next business meeting is this coming Tuesday, the 10th, at 9:30 a.m. You are not required to make an appointment to provide input at the COI meeting, however, it is recommended. You can also call in the day of the meeting.

At this time, our meetings are still held virtually, so anyone in California can provide input. Please go to our website at wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

Okay, and with that, I will turn it back to Katy to see if we have any callers.

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

Right now we have caller 4133. And up next, we will have caller 4000.

I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad.

Caller 4133, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute?

NANCY: Hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4133, your speaker order number will be number 37, if you’ll please make note
of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the
mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
is yours.

NANCY: Thank you. My name is Nancy. And I’m
interested in CD 10. And my comments are that I would like
to see Stanislaus County remain intact and go through the
Escalon to the right side of Highway 99 up to Lodi.

I feel that the agricultural and water needs,
political needs, everything, are more in common with
Stanislaus County. And by removing Tracy, Lathrop,
Manteca, it keeps it more in line with the agricultural
water needs of the local area as far as Tracy is more --
and Acton (phonetic) is the hub coming down from the Bay
Area and would be more intact with the CD 9 when it has the
parts of Contra Costa County and the other parts of the Bay
Area already in that district.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

NANCY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
4000. And up next will be caller 6187.

Caller 4000, if you’ll please follow the prompts
to un-mute? Caller 4000, if you’ll please follow the
prompts to un-mute by pressing star six.

Margarita, would you please ask if they could
press star six to un-mute themselves?
[Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias.
And Rama or Navjit?
Punjabi Interpreter: Yes, ma’am?
COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please ask the caller if they would like to press star six to un-mute themselves --
Punjabi Interpreter: I did it, ma’am.
COMMENT MODERATOR: -- just in case they speak your language? You did it?
Punjabi Interpreter: I did it, ma’am.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Thank you so much.
Punjabi Interpreter: No problem, ma’am. Let me do that again.

[Instructions read in Punjabi]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.
Caller --
MS. HUNSAKER: I think you can hear me now.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, yes, we can hear you now.
Lovely.
MS. HUNSAKER: Okay.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number --
MS. HUNSAKER: I apologize.
COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is number 38. One moment.
MS. HUNSAKER: Okay.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number will be number 38, if you’ll please make note --

MS. HUNSAKER: Okay. I’ve got it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And then, if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. HUNSAKER: Okay. I would like to -- I’m in District 22 in Central California, Fresno County. And I would like to discuss the North Fresno portion of that community. That includes north of Bullard, and also the City of Clovis. And my name is Debbie Hunsaker (phonetic) and I’m a long-time resident of North Fresno and have also resided in Clovis. And then I was also born and raised in Fresno, so I’ve been a part of this community my entire life, as well as we have our business here which is celebrating 50 years next Friday. So I wanted to join the call to give my perspective on the community my family and I live in and what makes it so special and worthy of continuing to be its own district.

The communities in North Fresno, usually defined, as I stated, north of Bullard, and Clovis, we share sports leagues, proximity to shopping, transportation corridors, service clubs, places of worship. We’re all like a family. And as a community, we also share certain water districts
and public safety protections and other amenities that
don’t exist in other parts of the city or the other
surrounding communities.

Our community of North Fresno and Clovis have,
traditionally, been a part of the same Legislative and
Congressional District because of the similarity and unique
features that differentiate us from other parts of the more
urban areas, such as Central and Southern Fresno, or the
ag-based smaller communities in rural Fresno County. North
Fresno and Clovis continue to grow in population. And the
city, it’s the unique features that have made our district
in the past.

Our representatives on this Commission have
traditionally respected and taken into consideration the
characteristics that make up our community and I continue
to ask for that same position moving forward. North Fresno
and Clovis are best represented as a district in our
legislature and in the congress, the same way that Central
and South Fresno are, and the outlying cities in our
county, are best represented in their own districts.

My family and I love North Fresno and the
surrounding Clovis area and know, personally, why keeping
this area together is important to retain that unique
neighborhood, just as they do other parts of Central
California. And I respectfully ask that you continue to
have North Fresno, which is north of Bullard, and the entire City of Clovis in the same Assembly --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HUNSAKER: -- State, and Congressional Districts.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 6187. And up next will be caller 6180.

Caller 6187, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Again, caller -- oh, there you are. Caller 6187 --

MR. BILE: There we go.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number will be number 39, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference?

MR. BILE: Thirty-nine. Good number.

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

MR. BILE: Thank you. My name is Stuart Wile (phonetic) and I’m born and raised in Fresno. I’ve lived here my whole life. I’ll be 70 years old soon. And I want you to know that Fresno has been a great place to live.

In the past, Fresno has been the butt of jokes
from Hollywood. They used to always make fun of us. But Fresno is one of the biggest small cities we have in California. We have a population of over 500,000 people but we’re still considered a small town. And that has attracted many of the people who used to make jokes about it as they’re moving to Fresno.

You know, growing up, going through high school and then attending college, many people left Fresno and had careers in other parts of the country, and many of them came back, and they came back for a reason. Fresno is a great place to live. And we’re finding a huge immigration of people coming out of San Francisco moving here, out of Los Angeles coming here. Other areas are coming here for a reason. It’s very family friendly.

And I think there’s really two reasons why. And I think the first reason is we just have really good people in Fresno. The Fresno people make a great population. And neighbors look after neighbors, they care about each other, and that makes for a really strong community.

And I think the other reason that it’s so good is we have a continuity of leadership in our elected officials. We have congressional people that work well with our state legislative people. And I think that continuity of leadership helps keep Fresno the way it is, and I want to see it continue. I want to see the North
Fresno area with Clovis continue to be -- have the same representation that we’ve had in the past and has worked so well. I would hate to see that change.

So thank you for a chance to give input and thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we will have caller 6108. If you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 6108, your speaker order number will be number 40, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

LUISA: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Luisa. I live Tulare County, District 22. My first interests are clean water, drinking water, for education for kids with and without the special needs, affordable housing for people, especially hospitals. I want to make sure that we have equality maps and that my community is fairly represented with my other communities of interest, like Delano and Earlimart, South Fresno, Parlier, and Sanger, Woodlake, Lindsay, and Strathmore.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we can have caller 6120. If you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 6120, your
speaker order number will be number 41, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. DELGADO: Good afternoon. My name is Cecilia Delgado. I live in Kern County. I am a resident of Bakersfield. My Assembly District is number 32 with Rudy Salas. And my Senate District is number 14 with Melissa Hurtado.

Our main shared interests are to fix the air quality of our area as many children suffer from asthma and breathing problems. Another interest is to have a high school in the City of Lamont.

Unfortunately, the city still has unpaved residential streets that, I am sure, our current people in office have not visited to even know about it.

Policing is also a concern in my community because we don’t see patrols in our area as often as we would like. Therefore, people tend to break the rules and make it a very unsafe community.

I would like to have East Bakersfield, Lamont, and Arvin to be kept together in the same district because we are mostly Latino, a Latino community, with the majority of agricultural workers. I don’t want to be paired in a district, such as Rosedale, as that is considered a rich
area of Bakersfield and their interests will be different from ours.

   Thank you.
   COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
   Chair, we are at break.
   CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Got it. All righdy. We will return, per our schedule, at 7:30.
   (Off the record at 7:15 p.m.)
   (On the record at 7:30 p.m.)
   CO-CHAIR TURNER: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I am Commissioner Trena Turner, Co-Chair for tonight’s riveting session, and I want to welcome you all back. We’re coming into the homestretch. So for anyone that’s joined us recently, we have been and we will continue offering two language lines for Spanish and Punjabi language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language, and a separate line for those who wish to provide public comment or public input.
   So could I please have each of our interpreters provide our call-in numbers, so starting with Spanish.
   Margarita, would you please read the site transportation of full call-in instructions?
   SPANISH INTERPRETER: I’m sorry. I was having a little bit of technical difficulty. Would you kindly repeat what area you would like me to do a site translation
CO-CHAIR TURNER: On the full on -- I’d for you, please, to read the full call-in instructions at this time.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Perfect. Okay. Thank you.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful, Margarita. Thank you.

And for Punjabi, would you please, Rama, read the site translation of the full call-in instructions at this time?

PUNJABI INTERPRETER: Yes, ma’am.

[Instructions read in Punjabi]

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful, Rama. Thank you, both, to our interpreters.

So this session is specifically dedicated to those that did not have an appointment. However, if you had an appointment and were unable to call in during your time block, we encourage you to call in now.

We’ll continue to take public input at this time and, also -- we’ll continue to take public input at this time, and we also invite public comment. Now the phone line for public input and public comment will close at 8:00 p.m. We will get to all the callers who were in the queue at that time, to include going beyond 8:00 p.m. if needed.
So at this time, Katy, we’re going to pass it back over to you, our Comment Moderator.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

The Commission will now be taking community of interest input and general public comment for items not on the agenda at this time. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the Meeting I.D. Number provided on the livestream feed, it is 83802139425 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

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

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

Right now we have caller 6722. And up next, we
Caller 6722, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 6722, you are un-muted. Your speaker order number will be number 42, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

VIRGINIA: Hi. My name is Virginia. I am calling to discuss Senate District 14, which is represented by Melissa Hurtado, and I believe it’s AB 32 that is represented, currently, by Rudy Salas.

I was born in East Bakersfield. I now live in Fresno. And I’ve worked with low-income communities since I was in university. I know the valley very well, as such, since being raised on the east side and going up to Merced for university, I now currently work for an energy efficiency space across low-income south valley communities that does focus throughout the Central Valley ranging from South Fresno to East Bakersfield, specifically focusing on those low- to moderate-income communities.

Although Bakersfield and Fresno are miles apart, they are strikingly similar. It makes sense to create some districts that connects them in some capacity because these communities are so similar. Fresno has a well-documented Tale-of-Two-Cities story where north of Shaw Avenue is more
affluent and connected to the City of Clovis. South Fresno
has more in common with East Bakersfield than it does with
Shaw Avenue.

Shaw Avenue south of -- Fresno south of Shaw
Avenue, I’m sorry, has older neighborhoods and is heavily
Latino and African American. South Fresno is more working
class and faces issues like air pollution, older
infrastructure, lack of park space, and disproportionately
impacted by climate change.

Bakersfield has big differences between westside
and eastside, very similar to Fresno. Eastside Bakersfield
past Highway 99 is heavily Latino and African American with
older neighborhoods and much more working class. The
neighborhoods also face issues around air quality, older
infrastructure, lack of green space, and face environmental
impacts. West Bakersfield has newer, more affluent
neighborhoods with many less issues.

I’ve seen this vividly in my work as a focus on
making sure low-income communities of color are able to
achieve energy equity in the marketplace. We see a huge
need for investment in resources in South Fresno, East
Bakersfield, and in many smaller Latino-majority rural
communities in Fresno and Kern Counties.

The best way to lift up these communities is by
giving them a voice and a chance to elect representatives
that will go to bat for them and push for investments in these underserved communities.

I hope the Commission will respect the vast Latino-majority --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

VIRGINIA: -- communities of interest in the south valley and take into strong consideration the similarities that tie South Fresno and East Bakersfield.

In the South Valley --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

VIRGINIA: -- Latinos are the majority and our districts should continue to reflect that.

Thank you so much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

Right now we will have caller 7139. And then up next will be caller 2966. And I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine on their telephone keypad. This will raise your hand, indicating you wish to give community of interest input or public comment at this time.

Caller 7139, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 7139, your speaker order number will be number 43, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.
MS. ZUNEGA: Hi. My name is Jasmine Zunega and I live in Stanislaus County. And I want to keep Stanislaus together in District 10 but I don’t think we share the same interests with the City of Tracy. Tracy leans more towards the Bay Area with their values.

I think we should remove Tracy and swap it with eastern San Joaquin County with areas like Farmington, and even up to Lodi.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 2966. And once again, I’d like to invite those that have called in to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

But right now, caller 2966, if you will please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 2966, your speaker order number will be number 44, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Oh. I would like to discuss the Clovis area.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: And I would just like to -- I would just like to say that Clovis has always been kept
together and that has allowed our community to thrive. Our schools have excelled. We have a quaint old town that attracts a lot of tourism. And I believe our city allows all people to thrive here.

So I just ask that Clovis all be kept together. And I believe, you know, I have gotten good representation in all the years I’ve been here.

And that’s it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 7722. And then up next will be caller 2009.

Caller 7722, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 7722, your speaker order number will be number 45, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. Hello?

Can you hear me?

MS. GOSSHART: Oh, hi. This is Wendy Gosshart (phonetic) and I’m from Turlock, California, and I’m calling in regards to redistricting.

Stanislaus County should be kept together. I’ve heard that one or more proposals under consideration takes away Oakdale from the 10th Congressional District. I think it makes more sense for Tracy to be removed than Oakdale. Tracy is largely a Bay Area commuter city. Their local
issues are not very similar and their interests differ from those of Stanislaus County.

Oakdale, on the other hand, shares significant common interests. Some of the interest Oakdale shares with Stanislaus County cities are the surrounding cities like, largely, Modesto, Turlock, and Ceres. They have community relations with Oakdale, both with residents and local government officials.

Oakdale has the same nearby population center as Modesto. Oakdale and Modesto work and shop in each other’s cities. Oakdale and Modesto share interests in connecting roads and other infrastructure. Oakdale has farming, just like Modesto, Turlock, and Ceres.

Water is a very important and critical issue that there is in this region surrounding water treatment. There’s a water treatment plant under consideration ten miles south of Oakdale. Oakdale gets power from Modesto Irrigation District. Oakdale uses the same library system, Office of Education, sheriff, and many other county services. There’s shared local banking, including Oak Valley Community Bank founded in Oakdale, and Valley First Credit Union, branches serving cities throughout our area.

I’ve heard that one proposal under consideration adds Lodi to our district. And I would not be opposed to Lodi joining because some common interests include water,
farming, and wineries.

So thank you for the time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 2009. If you will please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller 2009, you are un-muted. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 46, if you will please make note of that. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. MEJIA: (Speaking Spanish.)

COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

Margarita?

[Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. MEJIA: (Via Spanish Interpreter.) Hello. My name is Lupe Mejia, and I am from the Stanislaus County. And we need better and greater representation in Congress, specifically District Number 10, and to be separated from the Bay Area.

Tracy is more aligned, actually, with the Bay Area.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: And the Interpreter will ask the speaker to continue.

MS. MEJIA: (Via Spanish Interpreter.) So -- and Tracy does not represent the interests of the valley area,
so it would be best to remove Tracy from the district, District Number 10.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Margarita, could you please let the speaker know that her speaker order number was 46?

[Instructions translated into Spanish]

SPANISH INTERPRETER: You said 46; right?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Right. Okay.

[Instructions translated into Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

At this time, please press star nine for those in the queue if you wish to give comment. Please press star nine to raise your hands.

And, Chair, at this time we do not have any raised hands. I will defer to you, seeing the time of day we are at.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. So I just do want to give you a pre-last reminder that at 7:55 we will be closing our lines and so that we can conclude at 8:00 p.m. So please get in the queue in this last nine minutes so that we can listen to your input before adjourning for the day.

Just a couple of reminders. We do want to remind you to visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org,
wedrawthelinesca.org. And, of course, we still want you to sign up for our emails to learn more about the Commission meetings, about updates and announcements, so please connect with us on social media. We’re available on Facebook, Instagram. We’re available on Twitter, LinkedIn. And we have amazing videos on YouTube at wedrawthelinesca, so we draw the lines, that’s California, wedrawthelinesca.

So there are numerous ways to participate. And we want to make sure that you continue to do so. We thank you for your time today.

The COI, community of interest, public input meetings, they’re taking place throughout the summer. Make sure that you’re visiting our website for more information.

We also want to encourage you to utilize the Communities of Interest Mapping Tool. And you can find that directly by going to drawmycacommunity.org. That tool, we’ve been proud to say, is available in multiple languages, in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese and traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai. So there are tutorials also available in those same languages.

So our website is rich. It’s chalk full of information and we’d love to have you visit it and check out the information that is there.
We also want you to still know that you can email us by going to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.

And, yes, we still take U.S. Mail. There, you’re going to send it in to the California Redistricting Commission at 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

And as a reminder, if you need an interpreter to provide input on a day where there is no language line, please submit your request at least five business days prior to the meeting. You can submit your request via email to interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov on the Community of Interest, COI, Meeting Appointment Form.

And you can call our office, 916-323-0323. Now, our lines are closing in just a few minutes.

So, again, if you’re there, if you’re listening, we’d love for you to identify yourself by raising your hand because we do not want to miss your input or your public comment.

Katy, do we have anyone?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, at this time we do not have any raised hands.

I will ask those in the queue to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment in the end of our beautiful day today.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Katy, I’m going to read, again,
about our upcoming meetings. But should we have someone
that raises their hand, please just interrupt me.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I will.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Our busy schedule continues
with three upcoming community of interest public input
meetings.

The first meeting is going to be on Monday,
August 9th, which will be focused on Butte, Colusa, Glenn,
Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Is it Tehama?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Tehama, Tehama, potato,

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. But we

have a hand?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We do have a hand.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: All right. We’ll pick it up

right there after we hear from --

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was not meant in any

ill regard. Tehama, Tehama, I really -- that was not meant

in any ill regard.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: We’re going to get them,

however we pronounce it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: They’re going to be included.
But yes --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller --

CO-CHAIR TURNER: -- let’s take that hand.

COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Caller 9683, if you’ll please follow the prompts to un-mute? Caller 9683, your speaker order number will be number 47, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. Yes. I’d like to discuss Kern County.

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

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And so I’d like to identify the rural communities of Kern County as communities of interest. I believe the towns of McFarland, Delano, Wasco, Shafter, Arvin, Lamont, and parts of East Bakersfield, which is east of the 99, I’d like to identify those as a group. We share similar environmental concerns, mainly our lack of clean air, exposure to pesticides, and questionable water quality.

And I’d also like to identify the mountain communities of Kern County, primarily Lake Isabella, Wofford Heights, Glennville, White River, Lebec, and Frazier Park. These communities should be separate to -- when it comes down to redistricting, they should be in
their own districts, separate to the valley floor
districts. The environmental and economic concerns are
very distinct to the communities of the valley. And, yeah,
I’d like to identify them as a community of interest.

Yeah. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 3974. If you will
please follow the prompts to un-mute at this time? Caller
3974, your speaker order number will be number 48, if
you’ll please make note of that for future reference? And
if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would
like to discuss, the floor is yours. Yes. Hello. Can you
hear me? Caller 3974, you are un-muted. Can you hear me?
Caller with the last four digits 39 --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I can hear you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, perfect.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: I can hear you now.

Wonderful. Your speaker order number --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: -- is 48 and the floor is
yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It’s regarding the -- it’s
regarding the district lines. And I wanted to say that I 
don’t want the district lines changed. I’m happy with the 
representation I have.

CO-CHAIR TURNER: And can -- in which area, 
ma’am?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Do you need --

CO-CHAIR TURNER: What -- which district?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: -- the zip code or address?

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Or what district, Caller, would 
you like to remain the same?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I’m in the Clovis District, 
93619.


UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. Thank you. 

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

CO-CHAIR TURNER: Well, okay. I will continue 
where we were before we adjourn our meeting because I was 
announcing our next upcoming community of interest 
meetings. And we were talking about the meeting on August 
9th that’s focused on all of the amazing counties that we 
talked about, Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, 
Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama Counties and their surrounding 
areas. And wanting you to know that that August 9th 
meeting will have a Spanish listening line and available
interpretation.

Following that, the next community of interest meeting is going to be on Thursday, August 12th, which will be focused on Los Angeles County and its surrounding areas, and will have Spanish, Armenian, Farsi, and Khmer listening lines.

Now on Friday, August 13th, our community of interest meeting will focus on the Imperial and San Diego Counties and their surrounding areas, and will have Spanish, Tagalog -- Tagalog and Arabic listening lines.

So registration for each meeting closes two calendar days before at 5:00 p.m.

And our next business meeting, for those that would like to tune in, is this coming Tuesday the 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Now please note, callers, that the community of interest meetings are not limited to the specifically mentioned counties. You can call in at any time. We’re accepting input. We want to hear from you. You can visit the meetings’ page at our website to see a list of additional upcoming communities of interest input meetings at www.wedrawthelines.org.

So at this time I’d like thank you all for joining our community of interest input meeting today. I’d like to thank our interpreters. I’d like to always thank
Katy and all of the behind-the-scenes support that we have just to be able to make these meetings run seamlessly. And, of course, as always, we thank you, California, for calling in to give us the required information.

So at this time we’re going to adjourn our meeting. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.)
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