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3. Nino Lopez
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CO-CHAIR KENNEDY (via Zoom): Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome and thank you for joining us for today’s California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I’m Commissioner Ray Kennedy. I’ll be co-chairing today’s meeting with Commissioner Angela Vazquez, who will join us at 5:00 o’clock.

Today we’re offering one language line in Spanish, so that Spanish speakers can listen to that meeting in that language.

Could I please have our interpreter provide our call-in numbers, the Spanish Interpreter?

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita, the Spanish Interpreter. I will do -- is it the language line instructions?

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

Now we go to Ravi for roll call.

MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Thank you, Chair.

Commissioner Le Mons?

Commissioner Sadhwani?
Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.

MR. SINGH: “Present.”
Commissioner Toledo?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?
Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): Here.

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

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

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?
Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?
Commissioner Fornaciari?

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy? Commissioner Kennedy?
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Sorry. My laptop crashed.

MR. SINGH: No problem. Roll call is complete.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: So we’re back -- very good.

Thank you, Ravi.

MR. SINGH: You’re welcome.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Before we begin, we want to acknowledge all of those who are being impacted by the Caldor, Dixie, Monument, South, and other wildfires burning now in California. Know that we’re thinking of you, your families and your communities.

We understand that you may not be able to participate today, but we encourage you to do so later. Remember that you can call in to any of our communities of interest input sessions, not only the one focusing specifically on your area of the State. Your voice and the voice of all Californians is important to ensure fair and representative maps.

We’ll start by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every 10 years after the Federal Government publishes updated Census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the State’s population.
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. In 2010, the Voters First Act for Congress added the responsibility of drawing Congressional Districts to the Commission’s mandate.

The 14-member Commission is made up of five Democrats, five Republicans, and four not affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules contained in the State Constitution designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

The Census redistricting data was released the week of August 9th. Once the Official California Redistricting Database is available to us in late September, the Commission will begin drawing maps using those six line-drawing criteria set out in the State 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 launched these Communities of Interest Input sessions back in June, to get the valuable information from you directly. We encourage all Californians to participate in this process.

If you would rather submit your communities-of-interest input over the internet, you can do so from our website, or by visiting our on-line tool at drawmyCAcommunity.org. You can skip the line and go on-line.

Now I’ll call on the 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 e-mails, please visit our website at wedrawthelinesCA.org.

Commissioner Vazquez will join us at 5:00 o’clock. We’ll go next to Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and hello to everyone, and good afternoon. I am very excited to continue to learn about the communities in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and surrounding areas, and anyone else across California who may want to call in and provide their input. I’m looking forward to a great meeting.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

Commissioner Andersen?
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Good afternoon, California. And welcome to all those in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I look -- I’m coming to you from Berkeley, California, up in the north, and I’m looking forward to hearing all about your communities and how -- what makes them special today. Thank you very much.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos tardes, California.

[Introduction in Spanish]

Good afternoon, everyone, all Californians. I’m Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, and as a Commissioner, all of the Commissioners are saying, I’m looking to hearing more about communities. I learn a little bit more each time. So, thank you for joining us, and for forwarding the information.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good afternoon, California. I’m Neal Fornaciari. I’m coming to you from Tracy in San Joaquin County, at the northern end of the San Joaquin Valley. Looking forward to hearing more about
what’s important to you all when it comes to redistricting. Thanks for joining us.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI (via Zoom): Good afternoon. Apologies. I was still running a little late this afternoon. Very happy to be here. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I am calling today from Claremont, California, just on the border, almost into San Bernardino County, where I am a professor at Pomona College. So I’m looking forward to hearing more about your communities of interest this afternoon. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thanks, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

[Introduction on Spanish]

Hello, neighbors. I’m so happy to start my Monday hearing about your communities. It’s an honor to serve you from San Diego.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Commissioner Sinay.

Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Afternoon. My name is Derric Taylor. I’m joining you from Los Angeles County, so
I’m your other neighbor from Commissioner Sinay. I look forward to your testimony, learning more about your areas, your communities of interest. Without you our work in not possible, so keep it coming. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair.

I’m Commissioner Toledo from Petaluma, California, up on Sonoma County and wine country. I’m looking forward to hearing all about your communities of interest and learning more about your areas and what makes it unique.

Back to you, Chair.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.


Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Good afternoon, California, and especially those in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I’m Russell Yee, here at my home in Oakland. And many years ago for a time I was going to school in Dallas, and drove back and forth from Oakland to Dallas. And each time had to decide, would we take the northern
route on 40 through San Bernardino, or the southern route on 10 through Riverside? And it was pretty much a process, so I spent quite a bit of time on both. Beautiful country. Also, thank you, San Bernardino, for hosting the Big Bear Marathon, which I ran a couple years ago. It was my best race ever. Really enjoyed it. It’s such a beautiful run down Highway 38 down into Redlands, Redlands Sports Park, the finish line. I just had a happy, happy day there and thank you for that.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Back to Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you so much. I missed my entry call. And I’m Commissioner Trena Turner, and I would like to welcome you. I have other things going on in the background today, so you won’t be able to see my amazing face, but I am looking forward to seeing all of you all.

Welcome to this series. We’re looking forward to hearing from you, what is special for you, what’s important for you. We are absolutely enjoying every time you call in. And just want to say, welcome. I’m in the San Joaquin Central Valley, bringing you greetings from Stockton, California. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
I’m Commissioner Ray Kennedy. I was a Palm Springs resident for 15 years before moving up to Morongo Valley, which is on the rural Joshua Tree gateway communities in Southern San Bernardino County, a little over a year ago. Enjoying my life up here with my friendly roadrunners and rabbits, all the other wildlife up here.

Really looking forward to hearing from neighbors in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I understand that we have not only a full list of appointments, but we’re expecting plenty of call-ins as well. So, I’m anticipating that once again, San Bernardino and Riverside will show everybody else how it’s done as far as participation in this process. Really looking forward to hearing from everyone. Thank you so much.

We are active on social media, so please also follow the Commission on social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at wedrawthelinesCA. Following us on social media is another way to get useful information about redistricting and updates from the Commission.

Before we continue, could I please have our Spanish Interpreter provide our language line numbers one more time? That’s the Spanish language line instructions.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita, Spanish Interpreter. I will provide the Spanish
Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

We'll move on to our housekeeping rules.

This meeting is primarily for communities-of-interest testimony, focused on Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and surrounding areas. As I said earlier though, anyone in California can call in to provide input on their community of interest. We will also invite general public comment at the end of today’s meeting.

Although the Commission has divided California up into 11 zones, that is in no way related to or reflective of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission created the zones to assist us and our staff in our outreach efforts only, not as any indication of planned district 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 you would like to discuss, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where you community of interest is located. It is our goal to find the area on the map that you would like discuss prior to the start of 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 joined by our Spanish Interpreters and by 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-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, the 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.

We want to remind folks that registration is not required to participate in this public input meeting. The public has the option of calling in during the meeting to get in the queue to speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to provide public input, the number is 877-853-5247. Again, the number to provide input is 877-853-5247. You will need to enter Meeting I.D. Number 83046578304. This call-in information and access code are also listed on the live stream. You will need to dial this number in order to give public input.
Today there will be Spanish interpreters available to interpret non-English input at this call-in number.

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

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit for those speaking through 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 be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your community is located.

If at the conclusion of the meeting at 8:00 o’clock there is still a need to allow for members of the public in the queue to speak, we will continue this community-of-interest 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 the continuation.
of this agenda within 24 hours.

While there are no clear rules on how to define a community of interest, we’ve identified a number of ways for you to describe your community. First of all, begin with your county or city, mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community. What are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community?

Are there nearby areas that you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas you do not want to be in a district with? Tell us why. Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads or healthcare centers in your neighborhood? Let us know all that.

Also, we invite you to use the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. That on-line tool is also available in 16 languages. And you can skip the line and go on-line. Submit your Community of Interest Input today, and please encourage at least three other people to do the same.

As a reminder, even though we are focusing on Riverside and San Bernardino Counties this afternoon, Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to call
in and provide input on their communities of interest.

We will now begin the public input session, and we’ll start with those 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 don’t hang up, as you will lose your place in line. I’ll now pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator.

Take it away, Katy.

COMMENT MODERATOR (via Zoom): Thank you so much, Chair.

Good afternoon, everyone.

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 I will identify you by your assigned, unique I.D. number from your invite. 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.

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-minute or six-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen. At the end of your public input or at the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen-and-view-only mode.

At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

At this time will be 017, and then up next will be 001.

017, I will be promoting you now. 017, 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 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. RUH: Yes. Good afternoon. This is Bill Ruh. I am the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Montclair. I have resided in the City of Montclair my entire life. Montclair rests within San Bernardino County in the 52nd Assembly District, the 20th Senate District, and the 35th Congressional District.

In looking at the commonalities of our communities, as I said, a lifetime resident of the city,
I’ve gone back and looked at maps from 60 years ago, looking at the assembly, senate and congressional districts that were configured at that time, and I’m looking at the ones that move forward 50 years, 40 years, 30 years, 20 years, then 10 years back.

What is very common in all of these is that although Montclair rests in San Bernardino County, over the years our districts have been shared with those in the L.A. County area, specifically, the San Gabriel Valley. Over the years we have been linked with Pomona, Claremont, Laverne, as well as our neighbors in Upland, Chino, Ontario.

I believe that there’s a tremendous commonality of interest in all of these communities. We are working on the Gold Line, which will run from the Pasadena area to Pomona, to Claremont, and finally into the City of Montclair. We work with our representatives to help on the funding. Many of those representatives are in the San Gabriel Valley.

We share commonality of interest in the fact that most of our residents commute westward to work. That’s where they recreate, and most of our students for higher education, their four-year career, go to Cal Poly Pomona, the Claremont Consortium, the University of Laverne, and Azusa Pacific University.
That being said, we are very close to our neighbors in Upland and Ontario and Chino, sharing the Ontario-Montclair School District with Ontario. The Chafee High School District, and of course our Chafee College District, which encompasses Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills and Fontana.

I believe that in looking at this our residents have very much tied into the San Gabriel Valley and the near Inland Empire, the western end. These communities have grown up together.

MR. MANOFF (via Zoom): Thirty seconds.

MR. RUH: They move together, they work together. So I would ask you to keep that in mind when you look at drawing these maps. And I thank you for your time today. Good luck all of you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 001, and then up next will be 010.

001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your speaker order number will be number two, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. GAGNIER: Yes. Good afternoon. I will be
Honorable Commissioners and fellow members of the public, good afternoon. My name is Christina Gagnier, and I am here today in two capacities to advocate for the consideration of a particular community of interest within San Bernardino County, specifically the cities of Chino and Chino Hills.

First, although I come before you in an individual capacity, I am currently an elected member and the Vice President of the Chino Valley Unified School District Governing Board.

Second, I serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, which serves the business community in the greater Chino Valley region.

I was born in Chino and I currently live in Chino Hills. My reason for sharing this fact, clearly important to me, probably less so to you, is that when I was born in Chino I was technically born in what is now Chino Hills. These cities are now their own separate entities, but certainly share a common interest in institutions. These cities share a common school district in the Chino Valley Unified School District, a common fire district in the Chino Valley Fire District, and a common chamber of commerce.
commerce with the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Additionally, these cities both reside in the bounds of San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors District Four, alongside Montclair, Ontario and parts of Upland. Despite these commonalities and a mere freeway somewhat dividing the communities geographically, these cities currently have different members of the State Assembly, the State Senate and U.S. Congress representing them.

It is hard in these times to avoid a discussion of this pandemic, but the pandemic has shed light on the challenges of having six different elected representatives in state and federal office to seek support and communicate challenges to and with.

Given the shared interests and cross-community events, programming and other commonalities between the cities of Chino and Chino Hills, I advocate today for both of these cities to reside in the same California State Assembly, California State Senate and Congressional District, along the cities of Montclair and Ontario, this inclusion aligns with the county supervisorial district.

As this Commission is working to make decisions about the district boundaries for 2022, I would respectfully request that this Commission consider evaluating the following factors from my cities that I
collectively call home. These were the same cities. They reside in the same county. They are part of the same economic corridor. They have similar interests in transportation, regional growth and opportunity. They are represented by the same county supervisor. If this is not a community of interest, I’m not sure what is.

I would like to thank the Commission for providing this time for public comment and your commitment to this process. Thank you so much for your consideration.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have 010, and then up next will be 007.

010, I will be promoting you now. 010, your speaker order number will be number three, 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 let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. LOPEZ: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is Nino Lopez. I am a resident of Grand Terrace, California.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go --

MR. LOPEZ: Just some -- sure. Just some points I wanted to make. San Bernardino City’s whole median for a family home is for -- excuse me, a family home income
median is 45,000 annually. Median incomes in Redlands and Grand Terrace are in the 70,000 range. That’s nearly 50-percent higher than the City of San Bernardino.

San Bernardino’s poverty rates are nearly three times those of the City of Grand Terrace. There’s also a significant number of nurse and healthcare professionals who live in Grand Terrace and work in Loma Linda. Housing values are comparable between Loma Linda and Grand Terrace, in addition to being comparable in their diverse communities.

Once again, San Bernardino City demonstrates more, much more likeness to the cities of Ontario, Rialto, Fontana and Colton. And I ask that Grand Terrace be moved into districts with cities like Redlands and Loma Linda, so that representatives can focus on communities that share the same traits as us. Thank you very much.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 007, and then up next will be 011.

007, I will be promoting you now. 007, your speaker order number will be number four, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Good morning. I would like to
-- or good afternoon. I would like to discuss Big Bear Lake. Yes, that’s good. Thank you.

I’ve been a 38-year resident of Big Bear Lake. I currently work for the Visit Big Bear. We are a destination marketing organization to try to get visits to come up to Big Bear. We are a small, rural community in the San Bernardino Mountains. We’re dependent on tourism significantly for our income. That’s the majority of our jobs and activities.

We’re also unique in that we’re located completely within the San Bernardino National Forest. It completely surrounds us, and we have three highways coming in and out of Big Bear through that forest out to the rest of the surrounding community.

We -- as you -- as the Commissioner Kennedy mentioned earlier, wildfire is a real threat for Big Bear, and he mentioned that it’s happening elsewhere in the State, which we have had it before. It’s a very scary thing for us, people out in the rural communities.

While our community’s small, we share many commonalities with other communities across our mountaintop here in San Bernardino, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, Wrightwood, all of these communities depend on tourism and rely, like us, on the national forest to be well maintained and safe for our residents and our visitors.
I would ask the Commission to please keep these rural mountain communities together. Our community of interest is very strong across the mountaintop, all the way over to Wrightwood, which is across the freeway.

The other thing is -- excuse me (clearing throat), I would like the Commission to keep in mind that we have a connection with other rural communities off the mountain. We really do not feel a commonality with the San Bernardino area, the urban area. We feel a much more commonality and, frankly, a culture, with the desert.

And Commissioner Kennedy had also mentioned that me moved to the Morongo Basin, and we really -- Joshua Tree down in the Morongo Basin there, and Yucca Valley and that whole area, is a tourism area that we share visitors. When people come to Big Bear we tell them to go to Joshua. When they come to Joshua they tell the tourists to go up to Big Bear. There’s a great connection there.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: We have three corridors that are very important, Highway 38 down to Yucaipa, Highway 18 to Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley, and then Highway 138 goes the back way to Hesperia there, also.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 4: So thank you for your time today. Finally request is, please keep us connected to our
desert friends in the high desert. That is the greatest area of commonality for Big Bear. Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 011, and then up next will be 022.

011, I will be promoting you now. 011, your speaker order number will be number five, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. SABINO: Good afternoon. Can you hear me okay?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. SABINO: Wonderful. My name is Michelle Sabino, and I am a resident of the City of Grand Terrace. Okay. And I have resided both in San Bernardino, born and raised there, my family’s been there for almost 130 years, and as a resident of Grand Terrace. I’d like to just talk about how Grand Terrace aligns better and more with Loma Linda and Redlands as it does to such cities as Colton and the City of San Bernardino.

Grand Terrace has a population of approximately 13,000. It’s located along the 215 corridor between Riverside and San Bernardino County. So we’re right on
that border there. With Grand Terrace being proximately located to the City of San Bernardino, it has put us in the district with that city. However, Grand Terrace is vastly different from Colton and San Bernardino.

San Bernardino and Colton are equally comprised of 51-percent of households who speak a language other than English, as well as have a demographic that is approximately 65-percent Latino. Both cities should be included in a voting rights district. And if the district is the size of a senate seat, include (technical difficulties) Terrace being approximately 70,000 range.

If you also look at the comparison of both those areas, San Bernardino’s poverty rates are nearly three times higher than that of the City of Grand Terrace, with about 40-percent living 200-percent below the poverty line.

And so, you also have residents in Grand Terrace who are proximal to Loma Linda, who are healthcare workers and who are connected locally to that community itself.

If we’re looking at housing values pre the spike, both Loma Linda and Grand Terrace and Redlands also have comparable values, in addition to being comparable in diverse communities, which the diversity doesn’t -- is not demonstrated in areas like San Bernardino, Colton and those other areas.

Again, San Bernardino demonstrates more likeness
to Ontario, and we ask that Grand Terrace please be moved into districts with more likeness, with more comparable areas, such as Redlands and Loma Linda. So that way our representatives can continue to focus on communities that share the same traits. That is all. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 022, and then up next after that will be 005.

022, I will be promoting you now. 022, your speaker order number is number six, 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 will please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: I am calling about Assembly District 56 and 42 in and around the Coachella Valley.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Hello, Commission. My name is Karen. I am a life-long resident of the Coachella Valley, and a resident of the City of Indio.

Indio is the largest city in the region. We had a 17-percent population growth this -- in the last 10 years. Sixty-nine-percent of the population identifies as Latino. It is important that the City of Indio continue to form part of AD 56 in Coachella, and the -- sorry, with
Coachella and the unincorporated communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley. Together voters in Indio, Coachella and unincorporated eastern Riverside County passed a measure to incorporate ourselves into the Desert Healthcare District in 2018. This vote allowed that the Desert Healthcare District provide covid testing, vaccines, relief to these cities.

The Latino voter block in Assembly District 56 needs to continue to be protected so we can continue to advocate for ourselves and the needs that we have, including healthcare access.

Similar to the strong Latino vote in AD 56, the Black residents of the west side of the valley would have a stronger vote if Desert Hot Springs became part of Assembly District 42, and not an outlier. Desert Hot Springs is the fastest growing city in the Coachella Valley and deserves to be represented as such, with a strong Black and Latino vote. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 005, and then up next after that will be 012.

005, I will be promoting you now. 005, your speaker order number will be number seven, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. You can now -- if you will please let the mapper know what area you would to
discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 7: Yes. The area I’d like to discuss is southwest Riverside County.

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

SPEAKER NUMBER 7: Okay. Thank you.

Based on the many common factors among Lake Elsinore, Diamond Valley Lake and the Private Canyon Lake area, it makes sense for one senator to represent these recreational areas who share potential educational challenges and funding needs. A single advocate who understands the collective needs of these areas can be an efficient and effective voice for these communities.

California school districts receive funding from a variety of sources, the largest single source of funding is through the local control funding formula, also called LPSL. The per-district amount received is based on student average daily attendance by grade span. However, additional funding is provided for high percentages of targeted disadvantaged pupils, such as English learners, those who meet income requirements to receive a free or reduced-price meal, foster youth or any combination of these factors. Districts also receive restricted funds for certain student populations, such as English learners or students with identified learning disabilities.

My summary is focused on key data points that
relate to the K-12 educational aspects of these areas, since this is my background. I collected data from the California Department of Education to identify which school districts service these recreational areas, and looked at common factors, such as student enrollment, percentage of students that are identified as socio-economically disadvantaged, English learners, foster youth or special education, as well as the square miles serviced by the school district.

The California Department of Education web page shows that the Diamond Valley Lake area is serviced by the Hemet Unified School District, while Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake are serviced by the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. The data revealed several common factors.

These are unified school districts, meaning that they service students in grades kindergarten through 12. They have similar numbers of student enrollment, and each of these districts has a significant population of socio-economically disadvantaged students, English learners, foster youth and special education students. They service students over several miles --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 7: -- which means student transportation and associated funding is needed. Due to their commonalities it makes sense for one senator to
represent and advocate for these recreational areas. Thank you for your time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 012, and then up next will be 008.

012, I will be promoting you now. 012, your speaker order number will be number eight, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you. I would like to discuss the U.S. Forest Service property in San Bernardino County north of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga. This is currently in Congressional District Number 8.

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

MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you. My name’s Janice Elliott, and I’m a resident and City Council Member of the City of Upland, and I am speaking on my own behalf.

I’ve been hiking in these mountains for over 30 years, and I have gone to Washington, D.C. to lobby our federal representatives for wilderness designation of this area on two separate campaigns as a Sierra Club representative. I chose to move to Upland because of the proximity of these mountains.

Now I’m on the board of the West End Consolidated
Water Company that pumps water from the ground -- from groundwater in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains that’s recharged by runoff flowing from these mountains. The quality and quantity of our water is affected by water management practices and policies in these mountains.

The foothill community from Upland to Rancho Cucamonga have a strong interest in how the San Bernardino National Forest to our north is managed. Since these federal public lands contiguous to our communities, the cities of Rancho and Rancho Cucamonga and Upland need a member of Congress who can help obtain federal resources and influence the federal agency that manages the federal public land directly to the north of us.

These foothill communities south of the San Gabriel Mountains share many common traits and a very important relationship to our adjacent mountains. This makes our cities a common of interest, which should be in the same conditional interest as the San Gabriel Mountains, so that we could have that member of commerce -- Congress assigned to us.

Other issues that our community shares with these mountains to the north are zoning and fire safe structures, fire control and management, watershed management and flood control, recreational quality and availability, parking near trailheads, law enforcement. We have a high
propensity of visitors to these forests. We have historic
ties to the forest. We are concerned about the chaparral
ecosystem of these forests, the spatial orientation to the
forest. These forests, those beautiful mountains are our
scenic view from our communities. The weather influences
our community, and there are public policy issues in the
forest that concern us --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ELLIOTT: -- as well. The protection of
forest wildlife and plant species affect us.

In addition, as a City Council member of the City
of Upland but speaking on my own behalf, we are divided --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. ELLIOTT: -- from the Senate standpoint in
two separate districts of state senate. We would be
represented by the same state senator. So, thank you so
much, Commissioners, for taking great care to ensure our
district lines encompass communities of interest and for --

MR. MANOFF: Time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Kristian, we need to clarify a
couple things with her.

MR. MANOFF: Sure thing. Just a moment.

012, if you could please unmute. The Chair had
some additional questions for you.

MS. ELLIOTT: Okay. I think I’m unmuted.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Elliott. We just want to get a better sense from you. Are you wanting any sort of connection -- not only the connection to the mountains to the north of you, but is there also a connection between those mountains and the same national forest lands across the county line in Los Angeles County?

MS. ELLIOTT: My specific concern is the mountains where we share the watershed and trails --

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: All right.

MS. ELLIOTT: -- and the background. So I’m mostly concerned to the waters due north.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that is your concern. You’re not talking about or advocating for any sort of tie across the county line --

MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you for --

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: -- into Los Angeles?

MS. ELLIOTT: -- for asking for that clarification. No, I’m specifically addressing the area that’s now California Congressional District Number 8. It would be nice if that area were brought down so that we would be, we would all be part of the same district as those -- as that mountain region.

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

MS. ELLIOTT: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 008,
and then up next after that will be 019.

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

MR. MONSEN: This is a fortuitous pairing. I actually want to talk about the same areas, Congressional District 38 and 8, and the relationship of the cities just mentioned to the National Forest to the north. So we’re looking at Rancho Cucamonga, Upland and the National Forest to the north. Thank you very much.

My name is John Monsen and I work with Nature for All, a regional organization, part of whose mission is to protect our magnificent national forest lands between CA-14 and L.A. County and the I-15 in San Bernardino National County (sic).

So I’m going to be really focusing on the idea of how we locate public lands in relationship to nearby communities. So, I would also mention, took that our opinion is that Congressional District 27 and 28 are already very well drawn with the communities in the north, foothill communities of interest just below, and additional communities to the south.

So, that is one reason we’re not proposing any --
we’re really proposing -- talking about the section of the San Bernardino National Forest that’s in San Bernardino County, and it was not well-placed in the last, last -- in 2011.

Our basic logic is that public land should be located in the same congressional district as nearby communities that have a strong interest in their well-being and how they’re managed. Often these communities will form a strong community of interest based on the relationship with the public land and with each other. One common trait is a concern about wildfire, and these communities share high-risk fire zones right along the forest, and that’s another thing they have in common.

Since the last speaker went into a lot of the commonalities, I’m not going to go into them, but I do want to mention that if you stand in Rancho Cucamonga’s north Etiwanda Creek Preserve you can look up at the magnificent 800 -- 8,080-foot Cucamonga Peak, which is in a different congressional district than where you’re standing. In fact, if you hike from the preserve a few hundred yards, you can hike into a different congressional district, which is Congressional District 8. If you drive to Bishop, Bartow or Hesperia, you’ll be in the same congressional district as Cucamonga Peak. This makes no sense. We urge you to correct this.
Whatever congressional district you put Rancho Cucamonga and Upland in for that matter, include the San Bernardino National Forest to the north, in which they have a major interest. Draw the border along the northern national forest boundaries, or some other logical line that might include the 215 --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MONSEN: -- not the southern boundary as currently in the case, which means that Rancho Cucamonga does not have a member of Congress that has any clout about national forest issues.

We want to have people with public lands have -- the people at public lands, they have a high interest, and adjacent to them, have members of Congress --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. MONSEN: -- who will be responsive and authoritative when it comes to the constituents needs about those federal public lands.

And so we ask you to change the way that --

MR. MANOFF: Time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Monsen.

COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will have 019, and then up next after that will be 004.

019, I will be promoting you now. 019, your speaker order number will be number 10, if you’ll please
make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll
please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss,
the floor is yours. You are still on mute though. One
moment.

MS. BUTTS: I do apologize. Thank you, everybody.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

MS. BUTTS: I’m talking about Moreno Valley,
Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto.

My name is Bobbie Butts. I have in Riverside
County. I work in Riverside County. I am here to talk
about the African American community in the cities of
Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto. We need to
ensure that African American voice as a minority population
is not weakened according to the Voting Rights Act.

Currently the center of the community is
separated by two assembly districts, Assembly District 61
and Assembly District 42. Due to these changes we are
seeking the placement of the cities of Moreno Valley,
Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto be included in the same
assembly senate and congressional districts. This will
ensure the protection of voting strength of African
American communities who share a common history, culture,
celebrate the same cultural events, such as Kwanza and
Juneteenth, worship together in the same churches.
The community is deeply concerned about issues of racism, public safety, voting rights, education, and we share the same health issues, such as infant mortality, hypertension, colon cancer. Not including Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet and San Jacinto in the same districts would dilute our ability to elect our own representatives as a minority group, which would be a violation of the Voting Rights Act.

However, equally as important is to make sure that these cities are not included with the cities of Temecula, Lake Elsinore and Riverside, who do not share the same values, cultures or issues of concerns. We need to ensure that African American voice as a minority population is not weakened according to the Voting Rights Act. Currently the center of the community is separated by two assembly districts, Assembly District 61, Assembly District 42. Thank you for considering our community. Thank you for the time, and allowing me to share.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Butts.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 004, and then up next will be 015.

I’d also like to give 006 the opportunity to raise their hand, as you have an appointment during this session. 006, if you would like to use the raise-your-hand button option at the bottom of your screen to get in the
comment queue line, that will put you in line for your appointment.

004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number will be number 11, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you -- you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. MORGAN: Good afternoon. My name is David Morgan, and I’d like to discuss southwest Riverside County. When I say, “southwest Riverside County,” I specifically live in the City of Canyon Lake, which is the 47th Congressional District, the 28th Senatorial District, and the 57th Assembly District.

I moved to the southwest Riverside County approximately 18 years ago. As a single father raising a daughter, I moved here to have a safer community and strong academic programs for -- to raise my daughter in.

I was very pleased. I was living in the City of Menifee prior to it being incorporated at that time. I did move to Canyon Lake for more safety because of the hours that I (indiscernible), and I began to really appreciate southwest Riverside County.

I see a lot of growth taking place there. There’s still a lot of building. It’s a sort of rural, but
it’s -- it has its headaches because of the building that’s
taking place here, rapid growth. But we have water supply
issues, we have traffic issues, and I believe that if we
keep the same representatives that have been here dealing
with those issues, that we’ll have some success in what we
need to do.

So, I’m calling in today to ask that you keep our
area together as it sits, 42nd Congressional, 28th
Senatorial, and 57th Assembly. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 015,
and then up next after that will be 009.

015, I will be promoting you now. 015, your
speaker order number will be number 12, 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 will please let the mapper know what area
you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. BROWN: Thank --

COMMENT MODERATOR: That was my fault.

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

MS. BROWN: I will be discussing the region of
the Inland Empire, consisting of San Bernardino and
Riverside County.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

MS. BROWN: Thank you. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Natasha Brown, and I am a representative of the California Black Census and Redistricting Hub, and a resident of the Inland Empire.

I am calling in to summarize and uplift the communities of interest that our coalition members and our community members have -- they engaged, have identified in 11 community feedback sessions, with 31 Inland Empire residents. Our coalition partners BLU Education Foundation, Starting Over, Time for Change Foundation and spent months engaging members of the community on where they’re located and what issues are most prevalent for this region.

The each community session we held provided an opportunity for our community to come together and discuss the importance of the redistricting process, as well as the impact it will eventually have on future generations of Black people in the Inland Empire.

Similar to the Commission’s process, we were able to shed light on how they can engage in this process, and the significant opportunity we have to ensure equitable district lines are drawn.

During the community sessions many issues were identified that impact the daily lives of the Black
communities in Rialto, Desert Hot Springs, Victorville, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, Corona and Moreno Valley. Our communities are filled with hard-working people who care deeply about their environment and have been struggling economically. Each COI session held a similar message of decay in the local infrastructure, a mass closing of community and commercial businesses before and during the pandemic, and little to no assistance from their local representatives.

The Black community in San Bernardino has dealt with high rates of homelessness and poverty since the 2008 financial crisis and has never fully recovered. And if you travel west on the 210, the impact of vast food deserts, closed commercial real estate and escalated rates of crime during the COVID-19 pandemic has disabled most in Rialto.

These communities are mostly made up of blue collar, hard-working Black folks. We need better representation to deliver resources that all communities deserve.

The Black COI of Desert Hot Springs is segregated from the rest of the Palm Springs area. And for a community near some of the most cared-for places in the region, the commentary coming from our community members is that they feel forgotten and are not taken into consideration.
Throughout this COI phase --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BROWN: -- we have (indiscernible) the need for the Black community in the Inland Empire to be protected, and its need of advancement. You can help reverse the negative impact by drawing equitable districts that take into account the experiences we have uplifted this evening and in previous meetings.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. BROWN: Thank you for this open process, willing to emphasize and your service to our State. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Brown.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 009, and then up next after that will be 006.

009, I will be promoting you now. 009, your speaker order number will be number 13, 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 will please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.


Hello. My name is Dolores. I am a resident of the City of Chino. I am calling to ask that you please
keep Chino Hills in its current districts. As a resident of Chino, I can tell you firsthand that we do not share anything truly tangible with Chino Hills besides the name, “Chino.”

The City of Chino is primarily Latino, a blue-collar community that still has active dairy farms that date back to the 1800’s. The majority of homes in Chino are older, and the families are long rooted here. We share demographics, socio-economics, and lifestyle amenities with Pomona, Ontario, not Chino Hills. Chino Hills was established in 1991, and boasts newer housing developments, younger families and a growing API community, too.

Respectfully, I request that you please keep Chino Hills in its current district lines at the state and federal level, and keep my home, City of Chino, in its current state and federal districts. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be going to 006. And I’d like to invite all of those that have called in at this time to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad to raise your hand and get in line, as we will be moving on to callers.

Right now we will be going to 006, as they have an appointment during this session. And then up next after that will be 024, and then we will be moving on to the
caller’s hands. Again, please press star-nine to raise your hands, indicating you wish to give comment.

006, I will be promoting you now. 006, you may be having some connectivity issues. So let me try allow to talk.

One moment. I’m waiting to see if Zoom-land can connect to 006. It appears 006 has disconnected at this time. I will go to them if they come back.

So at this time we will be going to 024. At this time I will be going to 024. And then up next after that will be caller 5611.

024, I will be promoting you now. 024, your speaker order number will be number 14, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. JOHNSON: I will be discussing two areas, south Riverside County and the Coachella Valley.

My name is Rachael Johnson, and I’m the Executive Director of the Farm Bureau, which is the oldest and largest nonprofit agricultural membership organization in Riverside County. The gross value of agricultural crops in Riverside County in 2019 was 1.3 billion, and the total agricultural contribution to the County’s economy was over 3.6 billion.
Agriculture employs over 28,000 people in Riverside County. Riverside County is one of the most diverse agricultural counties in California, growing over 100 different commodities.

South Riverside County would be ideal for an assembly seat because of its several small but like cities and unincorporated areas that share similar characteristics that are important to the fabric of their communities. Some of these cities include Temecula, South Corona, Menifee, Lake Elsinore and Murrieta.

The above-referenced communities are located along the major transportation corridor that connects the communities. That would be I-15 and Interstate 215. The communities have a rich history of agriculture and still are considered one of the largest agricultural areas in Riverside County. They continue to farm citrus, row crops and they are host to a growing wine region that is one of the strongest in the State of California.

The communities face the challenges of water supplies, stress on local road network and overcrowding of schools. It is important that these communities continue to share the same representative, who is able to bridge all communities to address the concerns that come with a high-growth region.

The Coachella Valley has an even larger focus on
agriculture. The area farms citrus, row crops, table grapes, dates and mangoes. This area would do well to have their own assembly district. Some of these cities include Thermal, Coachella, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, Mecca.

While the cities along the I-15 corridor and the Coachella Valley are far from identical from a demographic standpoint, they both share tourism and agriculture. Both communities have significant agricultural components to them. For example, both communities are leading producers of grapes, just two different kinds.

Keeping the Temecula Valley and I-15 corridor and Coachella Valley in the same senate seat would allow one representative to focus on keeping these two vital agricultural economies strong. The two communities are linked by Highways 371 and 74. The communities do not belong together as an assembly seat as they are not exactly alike. However, neither the I-15 --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. JOHNSON: -- corridor or the Coachella Valley has enough population to make up a senate seat, and neither community fits with the Voting Rights Act senate seat that is likely to emerge in the northern part of the county, so we ask for your consideration to put them together.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
MS. JOHNSON: Thank you so much for your time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 5611, unique I.D. 039. And then up next after that will be caller 0232.

Right now we have caller 5611, unique I.D. 039. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 5611, your speaker I.D. number will be number 15, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. RUIZ: Good afternoon. My name is (indiscernible) Ruiz, and I’d like to discuss Perris, Moreno Valley and Riverside. I’ve been living, I have been working, I have been studying, I’ve been succeeding with my neighbors in these cities that I mentioned. We’ve grown together, we’ve learned together, we appreciate one another. And most important is, we get along and we are accepted. Please, please, please don’t separate us.

We’ve seen it all in the news. Most of our neighbors to the south aren’t too accepting or appreciative of people of my heritage, of my race. It is a sad topic that I have to bring up, because we are living in 2021, but again, I ask, please, please don’t separate us. The
communities that I mentioned have been strong, have been working -- we have been together in order to succeed. Please, please, please don’t separate us. Please don’t put us in harm’s way. Please, please keep us safe. Please keep all Latinos safe.

And I wish the best for all the other groups, but at this moment I believe that if separating us will waste our efforts. Please don’t waste our effort. Please don’t put us in harm’s way. And when I say, “harm’s way,” I mean not only people of my age or older people, but our youth. Our youth is all we have. Please keep us safe. Thank you for listening, and I wish everybody a wonderful day. Good-bye.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Ruiz.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 0232, and then up next after that will be caller 8499.

Caller 0232, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. One more time, caller -- there you are. Caller 0232, your speaker order number will be number 16, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 16: I would like to discuss Lucerne Valley and -- Lucerne Valley, California, and
county is San Bernardino County. I oversee a church out
here on the north side of Lucerne Valley, and it is off of
Camp Rock Road. I’ve been down here for 26 years, and we
have a lot of abandoned houses up here. The north side
where I oversee the church, there’s nothing over here.
People come out to share the tourism for Big Bear, Joshua
Tree, all these cities have been here. The land is cheap.
People want to be out here, but they say there’s nothing
out here.

Then I’ve been out here for 26 years, in the high
desert for over 30 years. And I would like to see some
things from the south side of Lucerne Valley at least share
with some of the things on the north side, like the water.
And the houses being fixed up or either tore down. We have
a lot of growing -- I don’t know if it’s cannabis, organic
fruits or what have you, but there’s a lot of the water
trucks that’s coming down here and up the road.

We do have meetings out here once a month to
share the -- advocate for the services that’s out here, for
better schools, roads and different things like that, but
we still don’t have roads paved. And I’ve been out at the
Mt. Zion Church for -- well, I only been here 30 years, but
the church been here almost 70 years, still no roads here.

They have fixed up some of the roads a little
bit, and we do have some medical -- one extra medical
facility that we can come out and use. But we are all sharing the same commonality as retired singers live out here.

We do have little -- kids out here, that’s why I moved out here, for retirement and to have a little luxury for the people who want a tour, but Lucerne Valley seems to be not a part of that. They use everything we have, but we don’t have any services that -- on the north side that the service on the south side has. But my concern is to try to have a little more something on the north side, as well as what we have on the south side, and try to tear some of these abandoned buildings down --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 16: -- or either fix them up. Fix them up and make them better living for the seniors that’s out here. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 8499, and then up next after that will be caller 0057, unique I.D. 033.

Right now we have 8499. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-six. One more time. Caller with the last four, 8499, if you please press star-six to unmute at this time. There appears to be some connectively issues at this time. We will be going to
our next caller.

Caller 0057, unique I.D. 033, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 0057, unique I.D. 033, your speaker I.D. 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Rolanna (phonetic), and I would like to discuss the cities of Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley.

I have been a native of the City of Perris for more than 19 years, and have created many connections with my local -- with my local neighbors of Riverside and Moreno Valley. On a day-to-day basis I commute to Riverside to continue my education, where many of students with (indiscernible) share the same struggles as myself, commuting from a Hispanic community.

On a day-to-day basis, my family and I commute to Moreno Valley for my -- for our house care. Creating a separation between the three cities will cause harm, harm to not only (indiscernible) individual, but harm to all of us.

We all share the same struggles -- we all share the same struggles, and many of us, due to the struggles that we have faith, because of how united we are as the
three cities, we have empowered one another. And by
creating a separation of the three cities and redistricting
our (indiscernible) to other -- and to other cities and
districts, it will cause -- it's going to take away, take
away the power that after so long and with unity that we
have created with the generations and ages, it's going to
become a very harmful situation.

I ask for you guys all to please do not separate
the redistricting, and continue redistricting us together,
as we all share the same cultural similarities, the same
struggles. Although we are different and look at -- we
look different, that at the end of the day, Riverside,
Moreno Valley and Perris have that piece of grain that
makes us -- that creates a unity to one another. And I ask
for all of you to please keep us together, and to not
redistrict us. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Romero
(phonetic).

COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will go to
caller with the last four 1766. If you will please follow
the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 1766, your
speaker order number will be number 18, if you will please
make note of that for future reference. And if you will
please let the mapper know what area you would like to
discuss, the floor is yours.
MR. HALILY: Yes. I’d like to discuss the community of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale.

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

MR. HALILY: Commissioners, thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Bobby Halily (phonetic). I am with the National Ecumenical Forum for Filipino Concerns, the Inland Empire Chapter. One of the partners of the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance. My ethnic background is Filipino, and I immigrated to the U.S. in 1980.

I live in a community that is bounded on the west by Archibald Avenue, on the north by the 60 Freeway, on the east by Mission Boulevard, and on the south by Central Avenue. The cities of Eastvale, Jurupa Valley and the northern portion of Riverside make up my community.

For the past six years living within this community has been a very positive experience. There are a variety of multi-ethnic and linguistic groups, Filipino, Hispanic-Latino, Korean, African American and Caucasians who are of middle-class backgrounds, that meet each other in church, board the MetroLink Pedley Station, shop in the same stores, and dine in a variety of restaurants. Although we are a diverse community, we respect each other’s cultural backgrounds and ethno-linguistic differences.
Our community faces a lot of challenges, such as the environmental dangers posed by the ever-growing number of big rigs parking on our north side, a growing number of homeless living in some of our streets, and lack of affordable housing, however, we have been able as a community to come together and address this issue. I, therefore, would like the Commission to keep my community together. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 7519. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 7519, your speaker order number will be number 19, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

Caller with the last four, 7519, can you hear me? You are unmuted. Hello? Caller with the last four, 7519, you are unmuted. Can you hear me? We cannot hear you at this time. Well, you have re-muted yourself.

If you would please press star-six one more time. There you are. Are you there? Can you hear me? Is your phone on mute?

MS. DIAZ: I’m sorry about that. Can you hear me now?
COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. We sure can.

MS. DIAZ: Okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number --

MS. DIAZ: Sorry about that.

COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay. Your speaker order will be number 19, 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.

MS. DIAZ: Thank you. Perris, California. My name is Yesenia Diaz (phonetic). I am a resident of Perris, California.

I’ve been living in Perris, in the City of Perris, for most of my life, where I’ve found (indiscernible) incredible people, such as neighbors, friends and amazing people. Perris really makes me feel like home. (Indiscernible) interest, as you know, communities are Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley, where we go to school, do our -- go to work, do our regular every day-to-day stuff.

We also bring warm (indiscernible) Latino culture with our roots. Please don’t separate our communities.

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, at this time we are up against a break.
CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: We are up against a break. So with that, we will take a break. When we come back from break at 5:45, we will start with individuals who are registered for an appointment timeslot, after which we will open the phone lines again if there is time. And my colleague, Commissioner Vazquez, will be in the chair for the next session. So, thank you, everyone, and we will see you at 5:45.

(Off the record at 5:28 p.m.)

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

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ (via Zoom): All right. Welcome back, everyone. I’m Commissioner Angela Vazquez. Thank you so much to my colleague, Commissioner Kennedy, for allowing me to share this facilitation space with him.

We are -- we are encouraging you to visit the communities of interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org.

And for anyone who has joined us recently, we are offering language lines for the Spanish 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.

And so, could I please have our interpreter provide our language line number and information to provide public input?
So I think our Spanish Interpreter, if you could please read the cite translation of full call-in instructions.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair, this is Margarita, Spanish Interpreter. I will read the full call-in instructions.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Thank you so much.

As a reminder, even though we are focusing on specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to provide input. So, with that, I will pass this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator, to continue with the 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.

I’d also like to invite the Spanish Interpreter to follow me.

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 I will identify you by your assigned unique I.D. number from your invite. You will be reconnected to the session with the ability
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.

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 is 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.

At the end of your public input, or at the end of
your time, you will be reconnected in a listen-and-view-
only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind
the mapper of what area you would like to see on the
screen.

And, also, I would like to extend the instruction
to those that have called in with an appointment this
evening to press star-nine to raise your hand.

If Margarita could then follow me? You are on
mute still.

SPANISH INTERPRETER:
COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Please stay on with us.

Right now we have caller 5612, unique I.D. 035. Caller 5612, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this time.

And one last time, caller 5612, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this time.

There may be some connectivity issues, so we will come back to them. If you could please let them know that.

Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 9879, unique I.D. 046. And then up next after that will be caller 3198, unique I.D. 38 -- or 038, sorry.

Caller 9879, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 9879, your speaker order number will be number 20, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. DOMINGUEZ: Hi. My name is Jimena Dominguez (phonetic), and I’m calling from the City of Perris in Riverside County. My cities of interest are Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.
MS. DOMINGUEZ: The cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris are my cities of interest, and this is where I got to school at the community colleges and where I work. I believe that these cities should stay united because many years of work have gone to these communities and (indiscernible) days where you see more awareness being shared about the Latino community. So bringing a case in these districts would affect all the hard work that has been done. So please keep Moreno Valley, Perris and Riverside united. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now will be caller 3198, unique I.D. 038. And then up next after that will be unique I.D. 026.

Caller 3198, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 3198, your speaker order number will be number 21, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 21: Hello. My name’s Ricardo. I would like to discuss the areas of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

SPEAKER NUMBER 21: Like I mentioned, my name is Ricardo. I’ve lived in Perris for about 17 years, almost
18, so almost the entirety of my life. I believe these cities should stay united because of our Latino community or minority community, so -- or African American. Like we’ve done so much to unite each other and keep each other safe from racial attacks. I believe if we’re connected with, united with Temecula, more racial activity will happen, more racism. So, please don’t unite us, and that’s pretty much it. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
And right now we will have 026, and then up next after that will be 025.

026, I will be promoting you now. 026, your speaker order number will be number 22, 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 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. ANDERSON: Hi there. My name is Ben Anderson. I’m a resident of the City of Temecula, and I’m hoping to discuss Temecula, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center and Escondido.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. I’m the president of the Temecula Valley Neighborhood Coalition, which is a community organization that represents Temecula residents
on housing priorities.

And I wanted to testify on behalf of my neighbors to request that Temecula’s put in the same district as other inland communities that I mentioned, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center, Escondido. These communities are important to stick together because they represent the I-15 corridor. I know that many of my neighbors rely on this freeway to go to work. Thousands of Temecula residents work in San Diego County, including Escondido, Fallbrook, other areas even as far as Carlsbad or down closer down into the City of San Diego.

And it’s also home to many active-duty Marines who rely on the 15 Freeway to go to Camp Pendleton. And actually I have just recently a couple neighbors moved into my neighborhood who both work at Camp Pendleton. So they’re utilizing this daily. So, ensuring Temecula residents have a strong voice regarding freeway improvement projects on 15 south is vital.

And additionally, many other north San Diego County communities, like Fallbrook, Bonsall, Escondido, also either commute to Temecula for their job or they drive to Temecula for shopping, dining, wine country, old town experiences. So keeping them going, you know, going that way, keeping them together is very important as well.

And then all those communities share similar
housing priorities. They’re all a mix of rural and suburban neighborhoods. They all have their own character. Having a unified voice in the legislature to discuss having priorities I believe is very important. So, for these reasons, I’m requesting that Temecula be kept in the same district as those other similar inland communities on the I-15 south corridor. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will go to 025. I’d like to invite those that have called in that have appointments to please press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

025, I will be promoting you now. 025, your speaker order number will be number 23, 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 let the mapper know what area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. LABEAUD: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Olani LaBeaud. The areas that I would like to be discussing are within the Inland Empire, so Rialto, San Bernardino, Fontana and Colton.

Hello. My name’s Olani LaBeaud, and I work with BLU Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization in San Bernardino County. I have lived and worked in these communities for several years, and I’m able to witness
firsthand the advancement in other areas, while others continue to be in a state of decline.

The main mission that we have is to increase representation access to social and political power to ensure all constituents and their needs are addressed. As years go by, there are illustrations of housing and employment inequity, and this is important to me as I have witnessed how the lack of representation with similar values has led to personal agendas being the focal point, rather than the needs of the community.

Our mission is to ensure that access and resources are provided to demographics who are often overlooked. We strive for the inclusion of individual agency coupled with collective drive towards equity.

So often Black and Brown voices are often overlooked, and I’m here today to show you that using your voice and experience is vital to the evolution of the political realm into a space for all, and not only the elite.

Redistricting is important as we see how it has the possibility to further advance us or deter us from social advancement equity. And not only does this process connect us to the community with those who will serve and will be a voice, but also the nature of the potential policies and focal points politically.
So, understanding the importance of the redistricting allows one to envision a future filled with equality, a rare experience that is felt by Black and Brown constituents in these areas.

At the core of those who are selected to formulate and implement various laws and regulations is this process. So there must be an understanding that at the core of this process is that those doing the selecting of these individuals will hold the futures of numerous citizens ranging from birth to seniority, in order to create an environment leaving the fairness power in agency should be given back to the constituents.

It is essential -- I’m sorry. It is essential that we continue to speak out against the processes that have continued to deter Black political power, and there are many areas that have continued to decline as the communal needs lacked importance for those in power.

So growing up I was able to witness them in communities of color and their plethora of livelihood, while today their representation continues to decline, as many minority-owned businesses continue to dissipate due to public policy created by those lacking similar communal interests.

So, we must understand that we must speak out against the processes that have continued to deter this
Black political power and uphold systemic racism in various institutional settings.

We must protect the agency of community and ensure that their experiences and voices are heard and comprehended in order to fix or amend the issues that are faced by my community, in addition to other regions --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. LABEAUD: -- respective -- we must not limit the power and the voice of those facing the consequences. If someone is going to be vouching for the community, it is only right that their mission is representative to the people it will be affecting.

This redistricting will play a major role in determining the destiny of not only individuals, but the collective agency of the community and their respected environments. It is our job to ensure the racial minorities and their respective voices and experiences are not diluted nor glanced over. Therefore, these inland communities shall be grouped to ensure their values are reflected through their governmental representation. Thank you for your time, and have a great evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

For those in the queue that have made appointments this evening, which would be caller with the last four 2398, unique I.D. 044, caller 5211, 032, caller
5612, unique I.D. 035, caller 561 -- no. Caller 6171, unique I.D. 042, unique I.D. 016, unique I.D. 028. For those that have called in, if you could please press star-nine on your telephone keypad indicating you wish to give comment this evening. And for those that have joined via Zoom, if you could use the raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen indicating you wish to give comment.

And Margarita, if I could have translation to press star-nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is Joanna, the interpreter. Yes.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: They raised their hand.

Thank you so much.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: You’re welcome.

COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will be going to unique I.D. 016, and then up next after that will be caller 6171, unique I.D. 042.

Unique I.D. 016, I will be promoting you now. Unique I.D. 016, your speaker order number will be number 24, if you will please make note of that for future
reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what
area you would to discuss, the floor is yours. You are
unmuted. Can you hear me? We can see you, we just can’t
hear you.

    Unique I.D. 016, you are unmuted. Now you are
not unmuted. Check your microphone options under audio
settings in the lower-left corner of your screen, and just
make sure your microphone is set to the microphone that you
want to be using. And then if you’ll unmute again.

    You are unmuted again. Can you hear me? You
want to try the different microphone options. I just click
them all until they work.

    At this time I will have to go on to the next
caller, unless -- wait.

    MR. BENOIT: Test, one, two. How about now?
COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are.

    MR. BENOIT: Hey, I’m sorry about that.
COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay.

    MR. BENOIT: I’ve been battling a computer issue
all afternoon, and my apologies for running late.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: That’s okay. No problem.

Your speaker order number will be number 25 (sic), 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.
MR. BENOIT: Very good. Thank you very much. My name is Ben Benoit and I live in the City of Wildomar. And the City of Wildomar is uniquely placed almost in the center of southwest Riverside, or what I like to refer to as sort of the southwest Riverside part of the Riverside County. Yup, right down there.

And one thing that we’ve seen in the past with some districts was where different cities in our area get sort of combined with either a San Diego County district or an ocean -- a Orange County district. And what I would really like to push for is just to make sure that we keep the southwest City of Riverside -- southwest Riverside cities together, all the way from the Temescal Valley, Lake Elsinore, Lake (indiscernible), Wildomar, Temecula, Murrieta, all the way down, Menifee. And then also we usually include Hemet and that area as well.

And if there is to be a larger senate district, I think that the one that currently serves sort of our part of the county, as well as parts of the Coachella Valley, does work rather well. And I do happily appreciate how that sort of connects those two areas, because I grew up in the Coachella Valley, and then moved out to the City of Wildomar. So it’s an area that to me makes sense. It sort of combines rather well, if there has to be a larger senate district. Although I know the population growth in this
area has been quite large, so I’m not sure if there will be
a change in that. But just the biggest thing is just to
make sure, please, that we keep that southwest Riverside
area from being sort of sucked in to either San Diego or
Orange County. I don’t think that serves us quite as well
as being part of Riverside County and keeping Riverside
County together.

So I just want to make sure I got that comment
in, and I really appreciate your patience tonight. And my
apologies for not having my computer up and running
earlier.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Not a problem, but your
speaker order number is actually 24, if you could please
make note of that. That was my bad. Thank you so much.

Right now we will be going to caller 6171, unique
I.D. 042. And up next after that will be caller 5211,
unique I.D. 032.

Caller 6171, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.
Caller 6171, your speaker order number will be number 25,
if you will please make note of that for future reference.
And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you
would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 25: Hi. Good afternoon. My name
is Mariella, and I would like to discuss Moreno Valley,
Riverside and Perris.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

SPEAKER NUMBER 25: Thank you.

Like I said, my name is Mariella, and I’m from Riverside County. I was born and raised in Moreno Valley, California, and lived there all my life, went to some school there. And my surrounding communities of interest are Perris and Riverside for -- I go -- I work currently in Perris, and I have done some schooling in Perris as well.

I have family and friends from all three cities. Riverside I did my high schooling there. A lot of cultural activities and different community events, efforts that have gone on within the cities are very important, for I’ve seen the cities mentioned grown culturally, driving and growth economically.

So I believe that we together are very united in different ways, shapes and forms, and I would like to continue seeing these cities united throughout the districting. So, I hope this is taken into consideration and thank you for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I’d like to please ask for the Spanish Interpreter -- actually, they already raised their hand.

For those that have joined us with appointments this evening, if you could please press -- if you could
please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the comment queue line 028 and 023.

Right now we will be going to caller 5211, unique I.D. 032, and then up next after that will be caller 2398, unique I.D. 044.

Caller 5211, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 5211, 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. GOMEZ: Good afternoon. My name is Monserrat Gomez, and I am a resident of Perris, California. And I’d like to discuss Perris, Riverside and Moreno Valley, these neighboring cities for today.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

MS. GOMEZ: Okay. So, as I mentioned before, I am a Perris resident. I moved out to Perris during my last years of high school, and I am currently now attending a third year of college. And in that short time that I have lived here I’ve been able to explore and learn about what the cities have to provide for myself, my neighborhood -- my neighbors and my family.

In Perris and in Moreno Valley and in Riverside, I have found communities which share my cultural diversity,
and they also share many events and many resources for our neighboring communities and ourselves.

In that time I’ve -- that I’ve been here, I’ve gone to school in those different cities. I graduated from a school in Perris, and then I continued going to Moreno Valley College. Moreno Valley College and the Riverside community colleges have programs in which students are able to commute and to the colleges to attend different classes. So they are connected in many forms through education, and as well as representation for members of the Hispanic and Latino community, and even the Black community.

There is many programs within the schools that have been able to give resources during the hard times, during this -- during the pandemic, and our communities continue to thrive together.

For this same reason I ask that these communities stay together throughout redistricting, because we have grown and we continue to grow together. These resources are able to be shared within these communities time and time again. And for that I am thankful, and for that I wish that these communities continue growing together.

Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be caller 2398, unique I.D. 044, and then up next after that will caller 5612, unique I.D.
Caller 2398, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Again, caller 2398, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this time. And one last time. Caller 2398, will you please press star-six to unmute at this time.

There appears to be a little bit of connectively issue. We will come back to you.

At this time we will go to caller 5612, unique I.D. 035, and if I could ask for a Spanish interpreter. Caller 5612, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this time.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Caller 5612, your speaker order number will be number 27, if you will please make note of that. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours, and the Spanish interpreter is here for you.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. ACOSTA (through interpreter): Yes, good afternoon. My name is Barbara Acosta, and I am advocating for Perris, Moreno Valley and for Riverside to remain united because I work in the City of Perris, I go to school
in Riverside, and I do my shopping in Moreno Valley. And I ask you for this favor to please, again, for this favor, to keep us united, united in Perris, Moreno Valley and Riverside. Thank you so much and have a good evening.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

If the Spanish interpreter could just stay on, we’ll be going to unique I.D. 023, who has also requested interpretation services. We will be promoting them now.

All right. We will be doing the audio-only option at this time.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: If you could please use the unmute at the lower-left corner of your screen.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, they had lowered their hand, so maybe they -- we will come -- they had raised it and then had lowered it, so we will come back to them. So we let them -- wait. No, hold on. They are unmuted.

MS. LEON: Buenos tardes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Buenos tardes. Your speaker order number is number 28, if you will be please make note of that. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.
SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. LEON (through interpreter): Good afternoon. My name is Elizabeth Leon, and my communities of interest are Riverside, Moreno Valley and Jurupa Valley. And it’s an interest to me because I live in Riverside, and my daughter attends UCI, and these communities we share a lot of things in common. We go to the same church, we attend the same recreational spaces. I work there, we work there, and we have a lot of things in common. We participate with a lot of things, similar things with the community.

And I am very interested in this -- these communities to remain united, because we are growing as a community, and we want to continue developing that growth. We want to stay together and continue enriching our communities. That’s all I wanted to say. Have a great afternoon. That’s -- that was my point.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Now we will be going to caller 2398, unique I.D. 044. And then up next after that will be unique I.D. 028. Caller 2398, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 2398, unique I.D. 044, if you will please press star-six to unmute at this time. Caller 2398, if you will please press start-six to unmute at this time. There you are.
SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Hi, yeah.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Hello. My name is Christopher. Hi. I’m calling from the City of Moreno Valley.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Can I just one -- a couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 29, if you’ll please make note of that. And you’ve already let the mapper know. The floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Okay. Cool. I’m sorry about that. My name is Christopher. I’m calling from the City of Moreno Valley. Just calling to inform that they should definitely consider keeping the cities Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris intact.

I work in Perris. I’ve been to the -- both Moreno Valley and Riverside school -- community colleges. The public transportation also is very -- to keep them intact is very crucial to getting around in those cities, especially for students that need to take classes on both campuses. The public transportation should be intact as well with -- and then, also, we need to have -- I think we’re on our way to have the representation we’re kind of getting on a -- as far as a representation of a population in our area as well. So I think that’s just important to keep the cities intact.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now we will be going to unique I.D. 028.
And then I’d like to invite those that have
called in this evening to please press star-nine on their
telephone keypad to raise their hand indicating they wish
to give comment.
At this time we will be going to 028, and then up
next after that will be caller 3800.
Unique I.D. 028, I will be promoting you now.
028, your speaker order number will be number 30, 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 will please let the mapper know what
area you would to discuss, the floor is yours.
SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Hello, everyone. I would
like to discuss the City of Coachella, which surrounded --
which surrounds the area of the eastern valley and the
Riverside County for today.
MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.
SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Yes. I would like to say
that I have lived practically in Coachella for 19 years.
My community is located in a rural area, and the majority
of the community are minorities and they work in the
agricultural fields.
I would like this -- I would like these
communities to stay united as we are growing together and we’re focusing on the challenges that we face as a community. We also have several events that take place in these communities that bring us to unite. And I would like to say that I would really appreciate if they could stay together as we continue to grow. I hope you take this into consideration. Thank you for your time.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller? Before you leave, if you could -- if you could help us understand which communities you’re referring to, either by specific community names, cities. You’re muted.

SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Yes. I would like to focus with Coachella, Thermal and Mecca. Those are the communities I want them to stay together.

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

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will be going to caller 3800, and then up next after that will be caller 8044.

Caller 3800, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 3800, your speaker order number will be 31, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 31: Hello, and thank you for
allowing me to speak. My name is Michael. I’m calling
about Grand Terrace.

       MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.
       SPEAKER NUMBER 31: So Grand Terrace is a small
city, about 13,000 people, located on the I-215 corridor
between Riverside and San Bernardino. Grand Terrace is
located next to San Bernardino, and the last commission
mistakenly put the two cities in the same districts in its
legislative plans.

       San Bernardino is much more like Colton, where
Grand Terrace is much more like Redlands. The City of San
Bernardino has over 200,000 residents. Fifty-one-percent
of these homes have someone who speaks a language other
than English. Fifty-one-percent of the Colton homes has a
person who speaks a language other than English, where less
than half of the City of Grand Terrace has someone who
speaks another language other than English.

       The fact is that Grand Terrace is more like Loma
Linda and Redlands, along with housing values comparable in
those cities, and the communities are more diverse. Once
again, San Bernardino City is much more like Colton.
Please help get Grand Terrace into districts with cities
like Redlands and Loma Linda, so that representatives focus
on communities that share the same traits. Thank you.

       COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now we will have caller 8044, and then up next after that will be caller 0495.

Caller 8044, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 8044, 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. COLLIER: Good evening, everyone. My name is Keisha Collier (phonetic). I’m a resident of the high desert region, in specific, the City of Victorville. And many of the cities in our area, community of interest would be Victorville, Apple Valley, and all the surrounding cities in that high desert region. Where we’ve been advocating for years on multiple issues, health equity, affordable housing.

Just recently one of the things that we advocated for has started to come to fruition. There is supposed to be a new hospital being built in the high desert region, partner is -- Kaiser and St. Mary’s partnering together to build this hospital.

My concern is to ensure that when this hospital is built, that the hospital along with the surrounding communities that it will serve, which would include Victorville and surrounding cities, are kept together
because they have the shared interests. One is the health equity, and as I mentioned, affordable housing and food security as well. So, thank you. Thank you for creating this space, and thank you for allowing me the time to share.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

At this time we will go to caller 0495, and up next after that will be caller 4726.

And again I’d like to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment. That is star-nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

In fact, if I could have an interpreter please share those instructions as well.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will go to caller 0495, and then up next will be caller 4726.

Caller 0495, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 0495, your speaker order number will be number 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.
MS. HOWARD: Hello. Good evening, Commissioners.

Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. HOWARD: Thank you. I thank you very much for the opportunity to present my community and requesting to draw the lines with Assembly District 67. My name is Martha Howard (phonetic), and I’m with the Latina Association of Riverside County in partnership with LULAC and NALEO Educational Fund.

I am a retired military spouse, and I have lived in Temecula for 27 years. The boundaries in my community are Date Street to the north that borders with Murrieta. On the south is Temecula Parkway. It borders with San Diego at the Rainbow Creek Point. Winchester Road to the east border with the City of Winchester, and Jefferson Street next to the Santa Rosa, and the Santa Margarita Plateau to the west.

(Indiscernible) Temecula is under Assembly District 75 and three-quarters of this District belongs to San Diego County. When drawing the new boundaries please keep in mind that our community of interest does not share the same economy nor industries with the cities of San Diego. We’d rather our City of Murrieta, Menifee, Wildomar, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, (indiscernible) on Assembly District 67 that share a community of interest with them.
And the reason is that we attend common shopping centers, medical facilities, explore parks and entertainment areas with Temecula. There is absolutely nothing in our daily lives that connect us, our socioeconomic interests with Escondido, San Marcos, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Valley Center and San Diego County.

Our main economies are service providing with emphasis in retailing and tourism. Within the spring, a yearly balloon and wine festival takes place at wine country in Temecula that’s providing us substantial revenue to our community.

It does not make sense to have a community in my neighborhood with its boundaries attached to San Diego County, because we do not share similarities as previously mentioned. I thank you for your time, and please keep my community with Assembly District 67, instead of Assembly District 75. Thank you so much for everything you do. Greatly appreciate it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Up next will be caller 4726. I’d 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 we will go to caller 4726. Caller 4726, if you will press star-six to unmute at this time. Caller with the last four, 2726 -- there you are. 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 34: Please put up the following
cities, Chino, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland
Heights.

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

SPEAKER NUMBER 34: So I’m calling from City of
Chino. I’m requesting that you retain my city within its
current district lines, and not group it with Chino Hills.
I have much respect for my neighbors to the west, but just
because we are both named Chino does not mean that we are
the same. In fact, we are quite different.

For example, based on recent ACS data, Chino
Hills residents are much wealthier than we are. The median
family income on the Hills is $100,327, which is 44-percent
higher than residents here in the valley whose median
income is closer to 70k.

Chino Hills and its neighboring communities,
Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights, are predominantly
API communities, while Chino, Pomona, Montclair and Ontario
are predominantly Latino communities, with the majority
being blue collar.

While we may share the same school district, our
children have different needs when it comes to dealing with English as a first language, access to tutors, and pathways to higher ed based on income and cultural pressures.

Both cities need to be in districts and have legislative leaders that can speak to their unique concerns and issues, and that can relate to differing cultural issues and concerns. Thank you for your hard work.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will be going to caller 2829, and then up next after that will be caller 6562.

Caller 2829, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 2829, if you will press star-six at this time to unmute. Caller 2829, 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 35: Yeah, the area I’d like to discuss is all of Imperial County and eastern Riverside County, which is the Coachella Valley all the way to the Arizona border, including Blythe.

I live in the City of Brawley. I work in the entire county of Imperial and have worked for many years with the communities in the Coachella Valley. I think we have a lot in common. There are cities that are very poor,
cities that are much wealthier. We have the very common demographic and -- including highly Hispanic and Spanish speakers only.

We share a corridor for transportation along Highway 86, which connects Interstate 8 and Interstate 10. And this has been considered a very important corridor for transportation of cargo, and a lot of the jobs surrounding are dependent on that corridor.

In addition to that, we have quite a bit of agriculture in the Coachella Valley and in Blythe, Palo Verde Valley and Imperial County. And that’s one thing that’s very common to all of us.

One of the major issues in our county is the Salton Sea, which affects Riverside County and Imperial County. It’s something that we need to work on together. We -- majority of our water, most all of our water comes from a single source, which is the Colorado River, which feeds the Palo Verde Valley, Imperial County and the Coachella Valley.

In addition to that, one of the things that’s very important to us is our relationship with Mexico and the border. And we think that representation of -- a representative that services the Imperial County and Coachella Valley is very important.

In addition to that, I think statewide it’s very
important that we have multiple representatives representing the border region, because the San Diego-Imperial County is so diverse, and currently we just have one senator and one congressman that represents the entire border region.

Texas has, I think it’s as many as half a dozen or more representatives that represent the border. And so it’s very difficult for us represent that area.

So these are the reasons that I think that Coachella Valley and Imperial County should be linked together and have a representation, as well as the Palo Verde Valley. And that it’d be must better served with a representative serving both areas, and focusing on the health issues, air quality issues, transportation issues, and the high rate of poverty in much of our region. Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 6562. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 6562, if you’ll please press star-six to unmute. Caller 6562, 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 36: Thank you. Hi. My name is
Dalena (phonetic), and I’m calling you from Yucca Valley in the Morongo Basin. We are a gateway community to the Joshua Tree National Park and we are a High Desert community. Besides the fact that our local newspaper is called the “High Desert Star,” we have common cause with other High Desert communities, which is why I wanted to ask the Commission to keep us with the San Bernardino County High Desert communities.

Like the rest of the High Desert, we rely on water from the ground and in areas like the Coachella Valley, which has an abundance of water, we are always trying to conserve the precious resource, irrespective of drought conditions in the rest of the State.

That is why you won’t see many lawns here in the Morongo Basin, but Coachella has large green spaces. Also, unlike folks down the hill, our air quality is generally cleaner, although we have concerns over high winds kicking up dust and particulates. That is why we share an air quality management district with the rest of the High Desert, and not most urban -- more urban areas.

Also, we have a strong connection to the military and veterans because of our military base and 29 Palms, something we share with a number of High Desert communities, like Barstow and Victorville.

Please don’t dilute the voice of our rural
residents by putting us in districts down the hill or in areas that don’t share our concerns. Keep our High Desert communities together. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Up next will be caller 1582, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 1582, 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 37: Hello. My name is Angelina, and I live in Alta Loma. Alta Loma’s the north and west portion of Rancho Cucamonga. We are a unique foothill community that runs across the San Gabriel Mountains. Our community has its own school district, the Alta Loma School District.

When businesses register they’re able to use either Alta Loma or Rancho Cucamonga on official documents, like business permits. And we have our own post office and zip code. If you send a letter addressed to Alta Loma instead of Rancho Cucamonga, then that will be delivered.

I wanted to call today because I want to make sure our community is kept out of any district base in Los Angeles community. Right now we are in an assembly district that is based in Pasadena, and I feel that we are
often overlooked or forgotten because of that. That is why I want the Commission to keep our community with other San Bernardino County communities, and given the history of Alta Loma, which used to be farmland.

And given our concern of forest management and wildfire, I request you keep us with other communities that share our issues and concerns. These communities might include mountain communities, like Wrightwood, or other rural foothill communities like San Antonio Heights or Yucaipa or other rural areas, like the High Desert.

I appreciate the work you are doing and appreciate being given the opportunity to talk about my community. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Up next will be caller 3076. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 3076, your speaker order number will be number 38, 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?

SPEAKER NUMBER 38: Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure can.

SPEAKER NUMBER 38: Okay. Hi. My name is Brian, and I’m a -- hi. My name is Brian. My cities of interest
are Perris, Riverside and Moreno Valley.

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

SPEAKER NUMBER 38: As I said, my name is Brian. I am a resident in the City of Perris, and I have lived my whole life in the City of Perris. My family and friends have lived here for so long, and I currently go to high school and plan on going to college in one of the cities local. Because it makes me feel like I’m in home because of all the Latino culture.

Please don’t separate our cities. Thank you. Thank you for your time and have a great day.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Up next will be caller 3598. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 3598, your speaker order number will be number 39, 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.

Caller 3598, can you hear me? You are unmuted. Is your phone on mute? That was an issue earlier.

SPEAKER NUMBER 39: Hello. Can you hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Now we can. The floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 39: Hello. My name is Brandon. I’ll be focusing on the cities of eastern Coachella Valley,
such as Coachella, Thermal and Yucca -- and Mecca, sorry.

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

MR. TEAPILA: All right. As I said, my name is Brandon Teapila. I’m part of the Council of Mexican Federation, also known as COFEM. Thank you for allowing me to testify. I’ve lived in Coachella Valley for about 20 years, (indiscernible) to be specific, for about 10. I work as a server in a restaurant in Palm Springs and I intern as COFEM in Coachella.

One of the things that I have witnessed the most in my community as I commute to the valley is the difference between the eastern Coachella Valley and the western part. The eastern Coachella Valley includes Coachella, Indio, Thermal and North Shore. They are predominantly communities of mixed status, mixed-status families and farm workers, undocumented essential workers and Latinx families.

The Coachella Valley is all connected by the I-10 freeway, and Highway 111. Traveling via any of these roads will show you the differences in scenery in terms of how the cities are kept. Now that the State is slowly opening back up as to the pandemic, and even before the pandemic, you are seeing that a lot of eastern Coachella Valley families are lacking resources and stable living conditions compared to some of the other cities, like Palm Desert and
Palm Springs.

When drawing the lines for the redistricting, I’d like for the eastern Coachella Valley to stay together due to common issues they face. I believe this would mean more inclusion and resources that eastern Coachella Valley needs post-pandemic, and considering that it’s populated by so many essential workers that are able to bring food to our tables. These resources would help them receive healthcare and better living situations. Thank you for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR:  Thank you so much.

I’d like to invite those that have just called in to please press star-nine on your telephone keypad if you wish to give comment this evening. This will raise your hand.

Right now we will go to caller 8971. And up next after that will be caller 8059.

Caller 8971, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 8971 --

SPEAKER NUMBER 40: Hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. 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.
SPEAKER NUMBER 40: Hi. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you today about this important issue. My name is Jared, and I’m from Barstow. We’re a small city in the High Desert. Most people think of us as a place to stop in on the way from Vegas, and those tourist dollars are important to us.

We also are home to the Marine Logistic Base, Veteran’s Home, and are close to Ft. Irwin. These facilities all provide our community with jobs, and have led us have a large veterans population here.

So, that’s why I wanted to ask the Commission to keep our community with other High Desert communities like us. Obviously, we share a major transit route on Highway 15 with Victor Valley, but we also share a common transit authority. We share a water agency that oversees our water, and we share an air quality management district. Also, the fact that that Victor Valley once had George Air Force Base means like us, they have a large veterans population.

And then the Morongo Basin has a similar economy to ours. We both have military bases. They have the base in 29 Palms. They provide high-paying jobs to communities, and like us, they have an important tourist economy from the National Park. And like the Victor Valley, we share a water agency that oversees our water, and we share an air
quality management district. 

So, please keep our High Desert communities together and ensure that we have a voice, and are not drowned out by the other population centers. That’s all. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we’ll be going to caller 8059, and up next after that will be caller 6433.

Caller 8059, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Once again, caller 8059, if you’ll please press star-six at this time to unmute. Caller 8059, 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.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: You want me to give her the speaker --

COMMENT MODERATOR: Her -- your speaker -- yeah, I’m sorry.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: That’s okay.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number is number 41. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would discuss, the floor is yours.
SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. CASTRO DE ORTIZ (through interpreter): I’m going to focus on the City of Coachella and the east valley area.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Imelda Castro de Ortiz. I am a civic promoter of the organization, COFEM organization. It’s the Council for the Mexican -- the Mexican Federation Council in North America.

I have lived in Coachella for 18 years, and I have three children who have studied in this valley. I work as a housekeeper, and in my community there are a lot of people who are Latin immigrants who work in the fields, who work in construction, who work in gardening and landscaping, et cetera.

And we have not had the same resources as the American communities, like those who are citizens or residents, such as full medical -- full Medi-cal, or a good education, or the resources that the Government has provided, like the help due to covid. Plus, my community needs a hospital, a general hospital that would provide all services. Since the closest ones are in Moreno Valley and in Loma Linda, my community also deserves to be treated fairly.
I would like for the Commission when they draw the new district lines to maintain my community and the east valley together. That would include Coachella, Thermal, Mecca, North Shore, Oasis and Indio. This way we can continue maintaining or keeping our culture. Thank you in advance for -- thank you in advance for hearing me and taking my opinion into consideration. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will be going to caller 6433, and then up next after that will be caller 1007.

I’d also like to again invite those that have just called in to please press star-nine to raise your hand so you can get in the comment queue line.

Caller 6433, 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.

MR. HART: Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. HART: Well, thank you for taking my testimony. My name is Ian Hart and I’m calling about Alta Loma, which is north and west part of Rancho Cucamonga.

I grew up here and my family still lives here today. And I currently work as a homebuilder and I’ve built projects throughout the Inland Empire. In my job I
have to figure out the unique DNA of each community I build in. A lot of folks don’t realize, but when Rancho Cucamonga incorporated its plots together three distinct communities, Alta Loma in the west, Etiwanda in the east, and Cucamonga in the south.

South Rancho Cucamonga, basically everything below baseline is much more urban, with higher density apartments and more industrial parks.

Each community still largely refers to itself by its old name and has its own school district, Alta Loma School District, Etiwanda School District, et cetera. The post office will deliver mail sent to Alta Loma or Etiwanda. But I want to talk about Alta Loma, because it’s the unique area. It’s much more rural than most areas or other parts of the city. We have larger lot sizes, and, you know, fewer sidewalks. We have a number of equestrian trails and parks generally are parks -- there are generally much less dense developments.

The folks here also have unique concerns because we interface with (indiscernible), with the environment more because of our proximity to the mountains and wildlife. All fires are a major concern for us because of this issue, which is not true of many other areas or even in our own city.

The last commission put Alta Loma into an
assembly district with Pasadena, and politicians before have drawn us into districts primarily based in Los Angeles, and I don’t think that’s right. I really, I just, I don’t, I don’t think that’s right. I don’t see how anyone could see that that’s right.

Our community is distinctly rural, and San Bernardino County, and we would like to be with rural San Bernardino County communities because that’s our makeup. That’s who we are. And looking around communities like San Antonio Heights to North Upland, Yucaipa, another rural foothill community, and rural communities in the mountains and High Deserts share our concerns with wildfires and management of public lands, and share our rural interests.

And I would request to be in a district with them, rather than Los Angeles or with more urban and developed communities like Ontario or Fontana. Thank you so much for your time. And that is all.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Caller? Could I ask you, if you can, to give us some street boundaries for Alta Loma? Where do you consider --

MR. HART: Sorry.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: -- Alta Loma?

MR. HART: You kind of -- you kind of cut out a little bit. Can you say that again?

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: Could you give us some
boundaries, maybe some street or freeway boundaries, for what you consider Alta Loma?

MR. HART: Yes. Everything north of the 210 and west of Haven Avenue.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: And that’s within Rancho Cucamonga, correct, what is now known as Rancho Cucamonga?

MR. HART: Technically speaking, yes.

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


COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now we will be going to caller 1007, and then up next after that will be caller 6225.

Caller 1007, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 1007, 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.

MR. ENRIQUEZ: Yes. So I’m -- my name’s Michael -- sorry. My name’s Michael Enriquez. I am calling from the City of San Bernardino. I’m slightly concerned because the cities of Rialto, Colton and my city of San Bernardino are -- we’re essentially very similar, I mean, all of our demographics are made up almost the same. We all fit in
between the 210 and the 10 freeways, but currently our state senate district has us separate.

It just really doesn’t make sense to me why we would ignore these already-made barriers and landmarks that would easily split us into one senate district. Then on top of that, in terms of senate seats, the regions southwest of 210, east of Fifth Street and north of San Bernardino City Airport, it’s heavily Latino. It belongs with Rialto and Colton, but for some reason the last commission put the State Senate seat, it stretches up to Big Bear and down to Hemet. It really needs to be fixed.

Also, a City like Grand Terrace, which is far lower concentration of Latinos, fewer renters, and it’s more like Redlands than Colton, just doesn’t belong in the district that is Rialto and most of the City of San Bernardino.

Finally, the City of Chino, which has far lower Latino-percentage households, that costs $200,000 more than the City of SD is 20, it’s the same district. Chino has far higher incomes and very different concerns than the cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, Colton or Fontana. Thank you very much for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 6225, and then up next after that will be caller 7739.
Caller 6225, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 6225, 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.

SPEAKER NUMBER 44: Hello. I hope you guys are all doing well. My name is Desiree. I am calling from Yucaipa. Me and my family and I we are equestrians, and we participate in our rodeo that we have in town and the towns across the Inland Empire.

Rodeos, they can provide an economic boost to other communities that host them by bringing in the tourism and the boost in dollars and jobs. We also share similar cowboys, cowgirl culture. We have a respect for the animals that we take care of, and we are a more rugged and have a sense of patriotism and values.

We just wanted to call in today to ask the committee to treat the little rodeo towns, like Yucaipa, as a community of interest. Having been all around the Inland Empire, I know there are other towns with a similar culture that we could be distracted (sic) with as well.

So, the communities like Yucca Valley, Apple Valley and Hesperia all have equestrian centers where people can take care of the animals, but each one of the
towns also host a rodeo, as well as Barstow, Big Bear and Needles. All of these communities are generally more rural than other areas in the Inland Empire, and I think they do deserve to be with similar areas, and not lumped together with big, urban areas that don’t share their culture.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will be going to caller 7739. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 7739, 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.

MS. CHAVEZ: Hi. Hi, good afternoon. My name -- we’re High Desert and -- well, my name is Melina Chavez (phonetic), and I have lived here in the High Desert for over 20 years. My family and I move up here to get away from the, you know, from the urban places, and to join the (indiscernible) life up here. You know, it’s a good life here, you know.

And I currently, I live in the incorporated part of Apple Valley, just out of the town of Vandry (phonetic), on the -- the town of Vandry.

I’m calling because I really want to urgent the
Commissioners to keep our San Bernardino High Desert communities towards the right -- communities together, you know. Right now I live in the state senate district that is based, it’s in Bakersfield. Well, it’s just a couple of blocks from here, you know, from the incorporated town of Apple Valley and -- instead of Hesperia.

My neighbors are represented by the state senator and district that is mostly in L.A. County. This is not fair. Our High Desert is unique and a special place. Our needs are much different than the population centers of the senate district we are in, you know. And we are not an agriculture area like, you know, like Bakersfield, and we don’t have like the huge water reserves, you know, like the -- like in L.A. does.

You know, we are -- rely on the groundwater and have to manage our water regularly, you know. And also, whether or not we’re not in -- right now we’re in droughts, you know. And regularly, you know, if the weather is -- the Victor Valley, you know, the Morongo Basin, the entire High Desert shares that concern about the water. You know, we all concerned about that.

And also, I think that if commissions need to add communities, that there are other, like San Bernardino County communities like will be more appropriate to put us with, communities like Lake Arrowhead, like Wrightwood and
Big Bear, that we share important transitions occurring with us. Or even those --

    MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
    MS. CHAVEZ: -- rural places. Uh-huh. Well, thank you so much, you know, for listening to me, okay. Thank you. I really appreciate it.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
    Right now we have caller 2657. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

    And one -- there you are. Caller 2657, your speaker order number will be number 46, 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 today, the floor is yours.

    MR. ORTIZ: Buenos tardes.
    COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.
    MR. ORTIZ: Yes.
    COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have an interpreter, please?
    SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes.
    COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 2657, your speaker order number will be number 46, 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,
SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MR. ORTIZ (through interpreter): Hello. Good afternoon. I’m going to focus on the eastern side of Coachella Valley, like Thermal, Mecca, Oasis, North Shore and Indio.

Commissioners, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to testify today. My name is Jorge Ortiz, and I am a promoter for the Mexican Federation Council. I have lived in eastern Coachella Valley for more than 20 years.

Our community is made up of essential workers that include field workers, construction workers, gardeners, et cetera, et cetera, and housekeepers. With the pandemic we have suffered a lot because the work has decreased and it has really affected the immigrant community because we do not qualify for a lot of financial support. And we need for the communities to be kept together, for example, Mecca, Oasis, Coachella and North Shore. Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And with that we are up against a break, Chair.

CO-CHAIR VAZQUEZ: All right. Let’s go to break. And when we return -- we’ll return in 15 minutes at 7:30
sharp, and I will be passing it back to my colleague, Commissioner Kennedy. Thank you.

(Off the record at 7:16 p.m.)

(Back on the record at 7:30 p.m.)

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to today’s California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting.

For anyone who has joined us recently, we are offering a language line for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in that language, and a separate line for those who wish to provide public comment or public input.

Could our Spanish Interpreter please read the cite translation of full call-in instructions?

MR. MANOFF: You are on mute.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Sorry about that. Hi, Chair. This is Margarita, the Spanish Interpreter. I will read the full call-in instructions.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, Margarita.

This session is specifically dedicated to those that did not have an appointment. However, if you did have an appointment and were unable to call in during your time block, we would encourage you to do so now.
As a reminder, even though we are focusing on Riverside and San Bernardino Counties this evening, Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to provide input on their own community.

We will continue to take public input at this time. We also invite general public comment. The phone line for both public input and public comment will close at 8:00 p.m. Having said that, we will get to all the callers who are in the queue at that time. We’re happy to stay here after 8:00 p.m. if we are needed. So, don’t be shy. Call in, stay on the line. Even after the lines close, we will be happy to take your call.

I’ll now pass this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator, who’s been doing a fantastic job for us.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking community of interest input and general public comment by phone.

To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the live stream feed. It is 83046578304 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

Once you have dialed in you’ll be placed in a
queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says, “the host would like you to talk,” and to press star-six to speak.

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

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

And again for all those that have called in, pressing star-nine on your telephone keypad will raise your hand and enter the comment queue line. So, please, press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

We will start with caller 9240, and then up next after that will be caller 5554.

Caller 9240, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 9240, 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.
Hello? Can you hear me? Caller 9240, if you can hear me, I cannot hear you. Does your phone happen to be on mute? Let’s try one more time. Caller 9240, if you will please press star-six on your telephone keypad this will unmute you one more time. Caller 9240, can you hear me? Make sure your phone is not on mute. You are not unmuted in Zoom, but make sure your phone itself is not on mute, because we cannot hear you.

MR. ROMERO: Yes, yes.

COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. I hear you. Buenos noches?

Interpreter?

MR. ROMERO: Uno momento.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: You said number 47, is that right?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

MR. ROMERO (through interpreter): Commissioners, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to give my testimony today. My name is Javier Romero, and I live in the east side of Coachella Valley. I am focusing on the areas of Thermal, Mecca, Indio, North Shore and Oasis.

I’ve been living in the east side of the neighborhood for 22 years already, and before the pandemic
we were enjoying, my family and my children and I were enjoying ourselves in the area.

We enjoyed the local parks, the local programs, recreation, and we would often visit the national monuments in the area. Everything is opening up again, but everything is limited.

My -- the people in my community have many things in common. We speak the same language, and we are immigrants. We work in labor work, and we are also promoters for civic work for COFEM, for the Council of Mexican Federations in North America.

I also participate in church programs in my neighborhood. And I would like for the Commission to keep my community together due to the similar use of parks and transportation routes, and we also have the same challenges in our communities and families.

So, mentioning the areas that are of interest are Coachella, Oasis, Indio, Thermal and North Shore. And thank you very much.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias, (speaking in Spanish).

MR. ROMERO: Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller 5554, and then up next after that will be caller 8015.

Caller 5554, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 5554, your speaker order number will be number 48. If you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

Caller -- Interpreter?

MS. ROMERO: Si, por favor.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Interpreter.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. The speaker order number is number 48.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. ROMERO (through interpreter): Yes. My focus areas are the east part of the Coachella Valley, and specifically the areas of Mecca, Thermal, North Shore, Oasis and Indio.

Commissioners, thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Sylvia Romero. I live in the eastern part of the Coachella Valley, and my areas of focus Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, North Shore and Indio.

I have been living in this urban area for 22 years in this neighborhood. I am a mother of three children. I work in gardening. There’s a lot of agricultural work. There are a lot of essential workers
here in my community.

There is a lot of need for affordable housing and for there to be equality for everyone. I am a civic promoter from the COFEM organization, and I participate in the missionary program in -- at my church in my local neighborhood. There is a need for health programs for everyone here.

I know people from different organizations that live in my community who share a lot of things in common. I would like for the Commission to maintain my community together with the common interests, so that we can continue advocating for the challenges that we have together, that we share together.

We are different from the other communities in the valley of Coachella, such as Rancho Mirage and Palm Springs. Thank you so much in advance.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now we will be going to caller 8015, and then up next after that will be caller 6429.

And I’d like to invite those that have called in to please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating they wish to give comment.

Caller 8015, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 8015, will you be needing an interpreter this
evening?

MS. HERRERA: Si.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is the Interpreter.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias. The speaker order number will be number 49, if you’l please make note of that. And the Interpreter is here.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. HERRERA (through interpreter): Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Clara Herrera, and I am a civic promoter of the organization COFEM.

Today I’m going -- I am focusing on the eastern part of the Coachella Valley, which is -- which is formed by Mecca, North Shore, Oasis, Indio and the eastern part of Coachella.

I have three children who have attended the same schools, the same schools in Coachella. Those schools are Palm View, Bobby Duke Middle School, and Civic High School. I have been in this country since 1965, where I have lived in this same area of the Coachella Valley.

This country has given me the best parts of my life, however, I have been tested with very difficult tests, but nothing impossible, such as helping my children
move forward in life by myself. I have faced many challenges that I have been able to overcome, but I love my community. I feel like I belong here, and this is why I am here to fight for it, so that we can live in a healthy environment.

We live in a community, we are surrounded by the deserts where we face a lot of challenges in the valley, such as climate and, you know, in times such as the winter, let’s not even get into the summer time.

As far as my personal focus, I have been focusing on the educational school system and how it works. In my opinion, and without disrespecting anyone, we have lived through many years having issues with people who have been in charge of our children’s education who have not known how to hold that office. To bring more -- or pay more attention to our district and to bring more people who are well-prepared and who know our world well, and hoping that we can then achieve our goals.

And just wanted to repeat to the Commission, to keep together our communities of Coachella and the eastern part of Coachella, because the problems that we face are very different to the other parts of the valley of Coachella, such as Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HERRERA: Thank you. That’s all, and thank
you for listening to me.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: And this is the Interpreter. Just wanted to add that one of the challenge that the caller mentioned was the bad weather in the area.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias. Just a final reminder. It is now five minutes of 8:00. The phone lines will be closing at 8:00 o’clock. If you have called in by 8:00 o’clock, we will stay to hear you. So if you do have something to share with us, I would encourage you to call in before those phone lines close at 8:00 p.m.

Katy, back over to you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Right now we will go to caller 6429, and then up next will be caller 7745.

Caller 6429, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 6429, will you be needing an interpreter:

SPEAKER NUMBER 50: No, I don’t. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number will be number 50, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 50: Thank you, and I appreciate
being given the opportunity to express my comments as it respects -- in respect to the redistricting.

I am a full-time resident in Palm Desert. I would be District 42. I am in support of our one continuous assembly district including all the Coachella Valley, which would extend possibly to Palo Verde Valley, and then the Arizona border.

We are large enough to have one assembly district, and our community is currently gerrymandered, which by law this basis is illegal.

Our population increases above 100k in the winter months, although these visitors are not necessarily residents of the area, it speaks to the increase in size of our community, and that should be factored in when drawing the new lines.

The Coachella Valley is unique due to the fact that it is a resort destination. Therefore, I feel it’s necessary to reiterate the need for one contiguous assembly district. Sadly, when there is division and separated into legislative districts, it is difficult to get a fair representation in the state legislature. And I do not feel we are fairly represented in the state legislature at this time.

It is also sad to me that after many years of fighting for disintegration -- disintegration, people are
now advocating to segregate. If we sincerely want to stop racism, we must live and work together very peacefully. And I do believe by making this one district we will move towards that goal. So thank you for your time, and I appreciate it. Have a nice evening.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling in and sharing your thoughts on this.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to caller 7745, and up next will be caller 6348.

Caller 7745, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Once again, caller with the last four, 7745, if you will please press star-six on your telephone keypad to unmute at this time.

Caller 7745 --

SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Hello.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Your speaker order number will be number 51, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference.

SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Thank you.

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

SPEAKER NUMBER 51: It is Palm Springs and surrounding area, meaning Coachella Valley.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

SPEAKER NUMBER 51: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you for all the hard work you do. I’m an immigrant from the Middle East, and I’ve been living in the United States of America for over 35 years. I would like to approach this topic, and I’ve been watching all your meetings and presentations.

I just feel -- I’d like to bring two topics. One, I’ve heard a lot from communities that they are afraid if you do the redistricting, that’s going to split their community. And what I’d like to have somebody explain to them, that’s not going to happen, because the small community really rely on the outside resources. And I’m going to give you example.

I live in Palm Springs of California. We are facing shortage of low-income housing, medication, you name it, the crime is up. We are short on lots of resources. And we rely on seasonal tourist or the snowbirds. If this goes away, we really are nothing. So we really rely on everybody in the Coachella Valley to strengthen our economy, our identity. And so this way we don’t feel like we are isolated. So it’s very important that you make your audience aware that this lining is not to split communities, it actually will strengthen their community by bringing in resources, and one (indiscernible)
presentation, more money for the whole area. We rely on them and they rely on us. So I really, truly encourage you to have one district for the entire Coachella Valley, and explain to the smaller community that if they stay alone it’s a loss, and they will not stand. I know that as an immigrant. I appreciate you taking my consideration, and I hope you do the right thing. Have a great evening.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for calling, and thank you so much for following some many of our meetings.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to caller 6348, and then up next will be caller 5898.

Caller 6348, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six. Caller 6348, will you be needing an interpreter this evening?

SPEAKER NUMBER 52: No, I’m okay. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Your speaker order number will be number 52, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 52: Good evening, Commission. I want to thank you for taking my comment. My name is Carolina, and I live in the Victorville, in the High
Desert. I am calling because I wanted to make sure you keep our High Desert communities together in the same districts. This includes the Victor Valley, Morongo Basin, the outlying unincorporated areas, like southern Lucerne Valley, and all the way out to Barstow and Needles.

These communities all share similar concerns when it comes to public health. For example, all of the communities I listed have one water master to manage all the underground water we are relying on. Other areas like the Coachella Valley have abundant water supplies, and don’t share our need to conserve water whether or not we are in a drought.

We also belong to one air quality management district, because whether you are in Morongo or the Victor Valley, we all have issues when it comes to winds kicking up dust and particulates. However, our air is generally cleaner than other areas down the hill or in Los Angeles, and our problems are much different than theirs.

A lot of times our High Desert communities get into odd districts with representatives that live hours away in L.A. County or elsewhere. And I believe it is really important to keep our San Bernardino County High Desert communities together. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will go to
Caller 5898. Up next after that will be caller 0162.

Caller 5898, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 5898, will you be needing an interpreter this evening?

SPEAKER NUMBER 53: No, thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number will be number 53, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 53: Hi. My name is Jocelyn, and I would -- I live in 29 Palms. My family and many others like mine work on the Marine base just outside of our city. Our city is also home to a large number of veterans who have also served on the base.

I would like the Commission to keep the families like mine and others in mind when creating new districts. In fact, a number of communities in the High Desert also have concerns like mine, whether it’s the Marine Logistics Base in Barstow, Ft. Irwin, or the old George Air Force Base in Victorville.

Our communities were built up around military bases, and this is the reason (indiscernible) jobs that go along with them, and now we all have large veteran populations among our communities.
We all share concerns over resources and our local economics are built around the bases and the veteran community we serve. In fact, the High Desert is home to the only veterans home in the Inland Empire, the Barstow Veterans Home.

So please don’t divide our communities and put us with other areas down the hill, but keep the High Desert and the veteran and military populations together. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have caller 0162, and then up next after that will be caller 0597.

Caller 0162, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 0162, will you be needing an interpreter this evening?

Hello, 0162, can you hear me? Buenos noches?

MS. GROGAN: Hello?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Will you be needing an interpreter?

MS. GROGAN: No.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

MS. GROGAN: No, thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Your speaker order
number will be number 54, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. GROGAN: Okay, yes. Hi. This is Pam Grogan with the Nehemiah Charitable Fund, and I’m here to represent the Black communities for the cities of San Bernardino, Rialto and Fontana, which are geographically defined by the two -- the 210 freeway from the north, and the eastern border of the 215 freeway.

Currently these cities represent a strong voting block for the Black community. And I strongly recommend that they remain within the current districts to preserve and protect the Black vote.

In years past we have come together as a community to successfully elect African Americans to various political offices from within these districts, and this success would be in jeopardy if the cities of San Bernardino, Rialto and Fontana do not remain together.

These communities are connected by the same culture, history, schools, church associations and business affiliations, including the Black Chamber of Commerce. Shared interests include affordable housing and healthcare, better paying jobs, K through 12 schools, and crime prevention.
To break up this geographic area would be viewed by many local leaders as an attempt to weaken the minority voter -- minority voters’ efforts to elect their own representative and, therefore, would be in violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Once again, we ask that the Commission keep our communities together. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide public comment.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for taking time to provide your comment.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be caller 0597, and then up next after that will be caller 4233.

Caller 0597, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 0597, will you be needing an interpreter this evening?

SPEAKER NUMBER 55: No, thank you. I appreciate it.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Awesome. Your speaker order number will be number 55, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 55: Hi, everyone. I am calling
from the Coachella Valley, the eastern Coachella Valley to be specific.

This is an amazing, humble community populated mainly by Latinos. And I just wanted to point out the issue that that community and the City of Mecca, and of course other cities in the eastern Coachella Valley, do not have access to certain cleaning maintenance services, such as sweeping the streets. And as a own people, do not take the time and action to clean the streets.

These are seen in muddles of water, and at times a funky smell starts coming out. Also, these puddles attract mosquitoes and (indiscernible) issue, because then the community members can’t be outside and enjoy the outside weather. So I just wanted to point that out. And we could see, also, some of these cleaning services that we see in other cities in the Coachella Valley. Thank you for the time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be caller 4233. I made -- right now will be caller 5584. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 5584, will you be needing an interpreter this evening?

MS. DE LA GARZA: Si. Yes, please.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Uno momento, por favor.

MS. DE LA GARZA: Gracias.

COMMENT MODERATOR: May I have an interpreter, please?

Thank you. Your speaker order number this evening will be 56, if you will please make note of that for future reference. And if you will please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the interpreter is here.

SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in Spanish]

MS. DE LA GARZA (through interpreter): Good evening, everyone, and thank you for giving the opportunity to give my input. My name is Danilla de la Garza (phonetic), and I would like to -- I live in the city -- or in the area of Riverside, and I would like to give my feedback regarding Riverside, Perris and Moreno Valley.

I am calling and I want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to share my point. I want to share that I am happy that -- how we are currently together, because this has allowed my community to be able to progress.

Yes. And so with the church groups that I belong to and college that I attend in Riverside, which is UCR, I feel that things are going well with the community being
together and that we’re united, and I would like for that to continue. And, thank you. Those are my comments. I appreciate the time.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Gracias.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will be going to caller 4233, and then up next after that will be caller 6433, unique I.D. 042.

Caller 4233, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six.

Caller 4233, will be you needing an interpreter this evening?

SPEAKER NUMBER 57: No. Thank you very much for offering.

COMMENT MODERATOR: You are welcome. Your speaker order number will be number 57, if you’ll please make note of that for future reference. And if you’ll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 57: Yes. My name is Ellen, and I’ve lived in the Coachella Valley for 30 years. The map -- the part of the map that I’m looking at would be from Palm Springs all the way through the town of Blythe to the Salton Sea, which I call, you know, the greater Coachella Valley.
So, I waited to the end this evening. I have been on the phone since 4:00 o’clock, and I -- this is a really important issue to me and my community. And I think, unfortunately, a lot of people don’t know about this process. But prior to this bill passing, we were one contiguous district out here.

And to my surprise, after the bill passed and I thought there would be no gerrymandering, in 2010 they gave us two assembly districts. And, unfortunately, one of those assembly districts hand-picked several cities that were predominantly Hispanic.

And I’m speaking today because I truly believe that for a community to be properly represented, we must work together. And it’s so troubling. I have listened to all three of the Zone I sessions, and it’s so troubling when I hear people read from the same script for districts made up of just people like them. People of their same -- I’m assuming skin color or interests, and I don’t think that’s what this process is about. This process is about unifying Californians so that we can make our State better and solve problems together.

And the Coachella Valley is unique and very much alike all the way from Palm Springs to the Salton (indiscernible) who are speaking about those eastern towns being different, I do not agree with them, and I’ve lived
here for 31 years. When you leave my house and cross the
street that is a different assembly district, and it is
very hard to represent a district that is like that.

It is also troubling to me that on Sunday in our
local paper the current assemblyman of that district
quoted, “we follow the process of redistricting, but it
isn’t something that we’re losing sleep over when it comes
to what decision we’re going to make.”

So that makes me worry about that maybe he knows
something we don’t. Because I’ve been sitting here for
hours through all of these sessions, listening to people
asking for our district to stay together, until tonight
when there’s a few people who wanted to keep the eastern
Coachella Valley separate.

And I just plead with you to please listen, to
please follow the law, and to not let this happen again.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 57: Because it has made it very
difficult to be represented here in the Coachella. I care
about everyone in this community. I’ve lived here a very
long time. I spend a lot of my time in the eastern
Coachella Valley, and I think we are much better --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

SPEAKER NUMBER 57: -- served if we are one
district. Thank you very much for your service and all the
time that all of you have put into this very important
effort. Thank you.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for patiently
staying with us all afternoon and listening to so many of
our meetings, and for taking the time to express your
concerns and your care for the community by calling in
today.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 6433. If you will
please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
pressing star-six. You are our last fabulous caller this
evening. They didn’t want to talk to me.

That was all of our callers this evening.

CO-CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,
Katy, for another fantastic job.

I want to take the opportunity to remind folks
they are more than welcome to visit our website,
wedrawthelinesCA.org. Folks can also sign up for our e-
mails to learn more about our meetings, updates and
announcements. Folks can connect with us on social media.
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There are any number of ways to provide public
input to the Commission. These meetings are one of those
ways. Information on these meetings is available on the
meetings tab of our website. We also have our on-line Communities of Interest Mapping Tool at drawmyCAcommunity.org. That is available along with tutorials in more than a dozen languages.

Folks can e-mail us at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov, or write us at California Citizens Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

A reminder for our upcoming meetings, if you need an interpreter to provide input on a day where there is no language line or there is no language line for the language in which you want to provide input, please submit your request at least five business days prior to that meeting. You can do that also through interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov. You can make the request on your meeting appointment form or you can call our office at (916) 323-0323.

We have two more Communities of Interest Input Meetings this week. The first one is on Wednesday, September 1st, 4:00 p.m., focusing on Orange County and surrounding areas. We will have Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese listening lines and interpreters available for that meeting focusing on Orange County on Wednesday.

The second meeting is on Thursday, September 2nd at 3:00 p.m., focusing on San Diego and Imperial County and
surrounding areas. We will have Spanish listening line and Spanish interpreters available for that.

I also want to call folks attention to two statewide meetings coming up on Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th. Both of those are at 3:00 p.m.

I would also highlight the meeting coming up on September 8th, Wednesday, September 8th, for the four Southern California zones, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County, San Diego and Imperial. In case you missed an opportunity to provide your input today, that meeting, again, Wednesday, September 8th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You are not required to make an appointment to provide input at these Communities of Interest Input Meetings, but we do recommend it. You can also call in the day of the meeting. We are holding these meetings virtually. Anyone in California can provide input.

Registration, if you do want to sign up for a speaking block, registration for these meetings closes two calendar days before the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Also want to highlight that we have a business meeting coming up tomorrow, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is another business meeting coming up on Tuesday, September 7th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

I believe that’s -- those are all the announcements. I want to thank my colleagues. I want to
thank Katy. I want to thank the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to put this all together. I’d like to thank my co-chair for the evening, Commissioner Vazquez, for stepping in and handling the second session so ably today. It’s been great.

Zone I did another fantastic job providing input this evening, and we look forward to further public input in the days and weeks ahead. So, thank you all very much.

Meeting is adjourned 8:22 p.m.

(Session recessed until September 1, 2021.)
REPORTER’S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the testimony in the foregoing hearing was taken at the time and place therein stated; that the testimony of said witnesses were reported by me, a certified electronic court reporter and a disinterested person, and was under my supervision thereafter transcribed into typewriting.

And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said hearing nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of November, 2021.

PETER PETTY
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Notary Public
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