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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:
Isra Ahmad, Co-Chair
Derric H. Taylor, Co-Chair
Linda Akutagawa
Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
J. Ray Kennedy
Antonio Le Mons
Sara Sadhwani
Patricia Sinay
Pedro Toledo
Russell Yee

Staff Present:
Anthony Pane
Ravindar Singh, Administrative Assistant
Marcy Kaplan, Director of Outreach

Technical Contractors:
Public Comment Moderator
Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director
Interpreters

Also Present

Public Comment:

1. Speaker Number 1
2. Henry Lo, Mayor pro tem, City of Monterey Park, CA
   Marjorie Haslick
3. Speaker Number 3
4. Matthew Retsin (sp), representing Councilmember Sasha
   Renée Pérez, City of Alhambra, CA
5. Leah
6. Speaker Number 6
7. Speaker Number 7
8. Anne Taylor
9. Renee Westa-Lusk
10. Kimberly Coles, PhD, University of Redlands
11. Ayanna Betts (sp), Black Census and Redistricting Hub
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except to decide whether to place the matter on the
agenda of a future meeting. [Gov. Code Sections
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CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome, welcome everyone to the June 9th meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Can we start with call to order, roll call please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Akutagawa?
Commissioner Andersen?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?
Commissioner Sadhwani?
Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?
Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.
MR. SINGH: And Commissioner AHMED?
CHAIR AHMED: Here.
MR. SINGH: Chair, you have a quorum.
CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Can we call for public comments for items that are not on the agenda or items for future meetings, please?
COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, Chair.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, this is Antonio Le Mons, I’m sorry, I couldn't get my mic to work. My apologies.
COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. In order to maximize transparency and public a patient in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-8535-247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 94020123746 for this meeting. When prompted to enter participant ID, simply press the pound key.
Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate your wish to comment, please press *9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says “The
host would like you to talk” and then press *6 to speak.

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

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

And we do have several people in the queue with their hands raised and I will begin opening the lines. We do have a two-minute public comment time at this time. Thank you.

Go ahead. The floor is yours.

Speaker Number 1: Hi, I'm a long-time resident of Silicon Valley and have lived here for three decades and has founded three companies out here.

I'm right now, a co-founder and CEO of my third startup in the South Bay. And during all these decades, having lived in the Valley, we have never seen any minority representative from District 18, especially from the Asian American community.

Silicon Valley has been a majority minority community across the Valley, and if districting of District 18 that's the root cause of the issue as we do not have the
same problem with District 17, having seen my Mike Honda
and Ro Khanna representing those districts for a long time.

My concern has been that the Asian American
community has been an integral part of the South Bay, and
made it a thriving economy that's the envy of rest of the
world. Asian Americans have over the years, risen to top
faculty, public policy and CEO positions, but they never
had an Asian American representative from the South Bay
that will be a role model for our next generation.

I would like more of our children not to shy away
from public service because they do not think it is
possible. The Commission has a unique once in a decade
opportunity to write the fact that District 18 has no
minority representation. All it has to do is include
Cupertino and Sunnyvale in District 18, which are the heart
of the Valley high tech community, where a lot of us live.

And so, that the public policy issues that are
similar to rest of South Bay are included in District 18.
I would urge the commission to find a way to make District
18 to have a minority representative possible this decade.
The coastal communities also feel ignored by being clubbed
into District 18 and it makes sense to replace those
communities with Cupertino and Sunnyvale. Thank you so
much for the opportunity to speak.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And we'll be
moving on to our next caller. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

MR. LO: Thank you very much. Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Henry Lo and I am the Mayor pro tem for the city of Monterey Park in Zone H here in LA County. I appreciate that the CCRC recognize our large population requires more public input and the additional COI hearing that has been assigned to Los Angeles County.

In that spirit, we'd like to offer that the CCRC hold one of its LA County meetings in the San Gabriel Valley. We have a large monolingual Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese speaking populations, and feel that as the August 15th meeting is being translated in Spanish and Cantonese, that it might be uniquely appropriate to hold the meeting in our area during that date.

As Mayor pro tem for City of Monterey Park, I'm happy to follow up with Commissioners Taylor and Ahmad and your senior staff on finding a venue that's accessible, close to transit, and has facilities for non-English speakers, the deaf and hard of hearing community. And that will allow the commission to maintain its hybrid model.

I look forward to discussing the San Gabriel Valley’s unique community of interest with all you tomorrow. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. Moving on to
our next. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

Speaker Number 3: Thank you. I'm a resident of Silicon Valley. And I've been living here for quite some time. I feel the Asian American community has not had a fair representation when it comes to public offices. So, I feel that my views or my issues are not understood by the representatives because we come from different backgrounds and there are different issues that we as Asian Americans face.

So, I'm here to request for considering the redistricting to include Cupertino and Sunnyvale areas in District 18 so that we get minority representation, and we have a representative who understands our issues and our views. Asian American community, and specifically Indian community has been a contributor to Silicon Valley economy as well as cultural construct.

And we are a very peaceful and law abiding community, but I feel that we are underrepresented. And if this redistricting happens and if this opportunity is used to redistrict District 18 and include Sunnyvale and Cupertino in District 18, we will get a fair representation. So, thank you. That's my request.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. On to our next caller. And I'd like to remind those calling in to press *9, indicating they wish to comment. And go ahead, the
floor is yours.

MR. RETSIN: Hi, my name is Matthew Retsin, and I'm an intern for Councilmember Sasha Perez for the City of Alhambra. The councilmember is not able to join us today, so I'm making the comment on her behalf.

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COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. I'll move on
to our next caller. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. LEAH: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Leah, and my question is in regards to the May 13th meeting agenda item 9A handout, named Primary Milestone Dates and Possible Scenarios.

And in that document are five different scenarios for the census data manipulation leading to the final Commission maps, which are four and a half month process. When will you choose one of those scenarios and finalize the calendar for the remainder of the process? That was my question.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was our last caller at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. And thank you to everyone who called in. Moving on to agenda item number three, Commissioner updates, items of interest of the commission. Does anyone of my colleagues have anything to report on this item?

Seeing none, moving on to agenda item number four, Commission Chair’s Report.

The only thing that I wanted to share with folks is that we will be trying something a little differently. Given guidance from our legal counsel, we will be taking public comment after each agenda item on that specific agenda item.
In preparation for that, our videography team has included the call-in information on the landing page for the live stream. So, they would not have to repeat that information throughout the meeting. But after the close of each agenda item, we will pause to take public comment on that specific agenda item.

I have nothing else to report for agenda item number four. Any questions from my colleagues on that?

No? Okay. So, we will take public comment on agenda item number four.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Hold on, one second. I just need to get clarification real quick.

Okay, Chair, I'm unclear. I guess I should direct my question towards you. Do I read the instructions?

CHAIR AHMAD: At this point, I don't think you would have to repeat the instructions as we were able to post them on the landing page. However, we would want the public comments that are coming in to be specific to agenda items that are being discussed. So, in this case, it's number four.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So, we are taking public comment on agenda item, number four, we do have a hand raised. So, we will go with that. Alright.

And go ahead.

Speaker Number 6: Apologies, withdrawn. This was
initially about … I was actually responding to the San Gabriel Valley calls. So, withdrawing because this is specifically for item four.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Feel free to call back. We don't have any other callers, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much, Katy.

Moving on to agenda item number five, Executive Director's Report; Alvaro, the floor is yours.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And good afternoon, commissioners? I almost said good morning. Trying to adjust here.

So, I'll begin by sharing some information about staffing and personnel. I wanted to welcome Anne Marx. She's joined our team this week and has hit the ground running. Our Outreach Director and I have met with her and working with her to get her onboarded. She's working with staff already, so she's running.

So, I would like to welcome her to the team and ask that the Commission also welcome her to the team. And she'll share a few words during the Director of Outreach Report work.

As far as the Data Manager, that application or that job announcement is still out there, we’ve received some applicants and reviewing them to determine if they meet the minimum requirements that we have set forth.
We're also looking at other possible options if necessary -- if they don't meet or trying to create more options for us in finding the folks that can provide us that Data Manager activities.

Northern California leads, we are still looking for Northern California field lead. We have posted it on CSU websites so that we're getting the word out. We've had some additional folks that have applied. So, we'll be looking at those as well.

And then finally, under staff and personnel, our legal staff is going to be looking at onboarding some additional staff to help and support our Chief Council. Anthony will provide any recommendations to the Finance and Administration Subcommittee when he has those individuals ready to go. And that'll be forthcoming and he'll provide more information at a future date.

Under the protocols for the Commission communications, I have two things to update you on. We are now going to be posting agenda summaries with the timestamp on our website to make it available to the public to look at this agenda and see where in the video a specific item has been addressed.

So, Ravi has been very diligent in going through the video and identifying specific timestamps so that when someone wants to go to that item, they can look at that
agenda summary and find that timestamp and go right to that on the video itself, so they can hear the discussion that was had.

It also includes any motions that have been made, and whether they've passed or failed. And the timestamp on those motions.

This is not intended to be a transcript, nor is it intended to be any minutes per se. It's just a summary so that people can find the information easily on the website or on the video.

So, I do want to extend appreciation to Ravi for doing that. He'd listen to us not once, but twice to get those timestamps on the document.

The other thing that we will be doing is one step further in this effort to be transparent and have the information available to the public, is we will be looking to post the actual voting sheets. If you recall, when we do the voting, I have the spreadsheet that comes up, we're actually going to have that voting sheet available for people to take a look at as well, if they so choose. So, that's going to be in the works to be done probably in the next month or so.

Now, lastly, I'll talk about the budget or items related to the budget. As I had mentioned last week, we are waiting for the legislative budget process to be
completed. I believe this week or early next week, the legislature will be voting on the budget and then it will go to the governor's desk for signature. And so, we will keep you posted once we hear more information on that.

I’m also working with staff to further our marketing and outreach activities as a plan C to doing grants and outreach contracts; though, we are still hopeful. We want to have a plan on the ready, should we need it.

We're considering recommendations that you, the commissioners have previously provided to us, that our outreach and engagement subcommittee have provided, and also looking to expand the plans that we have already started on in that effort.

I’m very that our outreach team, now that we have a full outreach team, or very close to being a full outreach team -- and their collective experience that we'll be able to reach much broader audiences in California and have a robust plan moving forward.

So, we'll have more details in a future meeting. And Marcy might talk a little bit about that as well. But I just wanted to share those bits of information with you. That concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. And thanks to
you and staff for all of your hard work. I am wanting to follow up on your statement that the meeting summaries are not intended to be transcripts. So, could you update us on where we are with the transcripts? I did get that question during one of my California redistricting basics presentations this past week.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure. We are still working with the vendor and have identified some transcripts. There's some back and forth that we've had with them to make sure that the transcripts are corrected. And so, we are hoping to get a full list of the transcripts that are available and get those posted as soon as we get them.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just want to also reemphasize that once those transcripts are posted, those also aren't the, I guess, the legal or the final or true transcript of our meetings. The video would be the true transcript of our meeting because it would take a lot of effort to go through each transcript and compare it to the video.

And early on, we had decided not to do that. So, I just want to make sure that once they are posted, it's not the official transcript of our meetings, the video would be that.

MR. HERNANDEZ: As I understand, the video is the
official record of the meeting.

Thank you, Chair. I think that's all

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Now, we will call for

public comment on agenda item number five, Executive

Director's Report.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So, we do have callers

in the queue. If you would like to raise your hand, please

press *9, indicating you wish to comment on the Executive

Director's Report, agenda item number five.

And we do have a raised hand. And go ahead, the

floor is yours.

Speaker Number 7: Thank you very much. I want to

thank all of you for your responsiveness. My comment is

actually about item four and item five, but I was unable to

get into the queue fast enough for item four.

And by that, I appreciate the legal counsel

suggestion of taking public comment after each. But I

might encourage two things; one would be to set maybe an

arbitrary amount of time.

It takes probably two to three minutes to get into

queue. And so, if you don't know when the item is going to

finish, then essentially, you're sort of ... so, I got into

the queue for five mid-way through number five, because I

wanted to talk on four blah, blah, blah. So, to fix some

sort of time so that people could be appropriate there.
And my other remark on that is that the agendas are not very helpful in terms of knowing what the exact comments will be. And so, if I could encourage you and I think one of your letters that someone sent in a few weeks ago, talked about this too.

If we could -- the community, the people listening to these could have even one step more of detail into some of the action items or agenda items, that would be helpful so that we would know where to sort of line up our comments.

And then lastly, and I know my time is running out; I appreciate this transparency and the transcripts particularly. And I look forward to getting the transcripts because I think it will help a great deal in trying to find things I'm going through. The eight hours of videos has been a lot. Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And again, it is *9 to raise your hand, if you wish to comment on agenda item number five. I believe that's our only comment at this time, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving on to agenda item number six; Outreach Director’s Report, I will pass it on to Marcy.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you so much. Hello, commissioners and the public. I just wanted to thank the
commissioners again for continuing to provide redistricting basics presentations.

On June 4th, per direction from the Commission, the speaker request form for the redistricting basics presentation was closed. The field staff are assisting and scheduling those remaining requests through July. And organizations will be provided the video of the presentation, will be contacted about future requests.

The outreach team has been very busy preparing for the June 10th COI Input meeting. And I just wanted to call out Sulma for really stepping up and helping so much with this work. And we are hoping that in doing all this logistical preparation also, is that our hope that we can provide a repeatable structure and logistics for future COI Input meetings.

Just also, want to highlight to the public and the commissioners, obviously this week, the Commission will be hosting our first COI Input meeting from 12 to 8:00 PM. Registration for this meeting has now closed, but the public can still call in the same day of the meeting to provide input.

The Commission has sent a reminder email today to individuals who have registered reminding them of the time slot that they signed up for. And to look out for another email with their unique instructions on how to join the
meeting.

As noted, another email will go out today to individuals who registered with their specific instructions on how to join the meeting via video, and instructions for when they have joined the meeting. This process of a reminder email will continue for now for the upcoming input meetings.

The COI Input meetings are currently split up into appointment time slot blocks of time, ranging from 70 to 90 minutes. And the last time slot is open to the public to call in for the day of the meeting.

I also want to take some time today to provide some overview of the registration process for the upcoming COI Input meetings. Registration for appointments to provide public input at our COI Input meetings are open 14 days in advance of the meeting and closed two days before. The links to sign up are on the CRC website under our meetings page under the individual meeting.

And I want to highlight that the registration is now open for the statewide COI Input meeting on June 19th and Zone D COI Input meeting on the 21st. And when someone submits a registration, they will be redirected to a page that displays a message noting “Thank you for requesting an appointment time slot. You'll receive an email the day before the CRC COI Input meeting with details on how to log
As Alvaro noted, we will be coming back with an outreach plan for phase two activities at a future meeting. And I also, wanted to highlight that we will be coming back with a summary of phase one activities in a future meeting as well.

Additionally, as Alvaro noted, we are still looking to hire our Northern California lead. However, to address this gap, we have assigned the field leads to the four Northern California zones along with Sulma Hernandez, our Outreach Coordinator.

Currently, Jose Eduardo, who is our central California lead will be covering Zone A until we hire our Northern California field lead.

Sulma Hernandez, our Outreach Coordinator is covering Zone B. Kimberly Briggs, our Southern California field lead, covering LA County and Orange County -- has been and will be covering Zone C.

And Andrew Amorao, our other Southern California field lead who covers the San Diego Imperial Riverside and San Bernardino counties will be covering Zone D.

And as Alvaro highlighted earlier as well, I do want to take some time right now and introduce two of our new staff; Anne Marx as Alvaro noted has started as our
Outreach Manager. Most recently, Anne was an Executive Director of a synagogue and was previously with the California Judicial Council. And I'll let Anne share a little bit more about herself.

Anne, you are muted.

MS. MARX: Unmuted now, but it's not working.

It's good now?

MS. KAPLAN: Yes.

MS. MARX: Okay. Alright, there we go. Good afternoon, everybody. And thank you for approving me to work with the Commission on political access and representation through the redistricting process.

This work for me, it's a continuation of a career in access. And I guess, Marcy mentioned, I worked for almost 12 years with the judicial branch and that work was on access to justice and particularly, on language access.

And much of my work there was outreach and education of court interpreting as a career. And then I also worked on issues related to deaf community and the interpreters who serve them. So, over the last year when I was doing the work as an Executive Director, I did miss my public service work. So, I'm delighted to be here with all of you.

I've attended a few meetings already, and I'm very impressed with your dedication. Before all this … I'm
currently in Berkeley and I did grow up in Southern California, in San Diego, and I later attended Scripps Women's College in Claremont, California. I'm also a graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law and lived in San Francisco for a few years before moving East Berkeley.

I have spent a few years as the owner of fitness centers in two pretty different communities in Oakland. And I also have spent a significant amount of time living and traveling abroad over the years. And I love opportunities to communicate in other languages, especially Spanish and Hebrew.

So, all of this brings me here and I really look forward to working with Alvaro, Marcy, and Sulma and the field leads, and the coms team to tap into California's tremendous geographic and demographic diversity as we spread the word of the Commission's work and encourage the public's input. Thank you so much.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you, Anne. And I also wanted to take some time to introduce Andrew Amorao, our field lead for Southern California, who was covering San Diego Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties. Andrew joined as staff on the day, but it was a few days after I had introduced the other field leads.

So, he's also just been a tremendous addition to our work. And so, Andrew also was recently, was with the
MR. AMORAO: Good afternoon, commissioners. This is Andrew Amorao, Southern California team lead here in the San Diego and Inland Empire Regions.

I just first wanted to say thank you for providing me this opportunity to work for the Commission as well as for all Californians across the state. This is a tremendous moment in our history.

It’s only the second commission to be doing this type of work. So, I'm excited to get at it and stuff and really contribute to both the outreach team, the Commission itself.

But I think also more importantly, all of the Californians across the state and hopefully, we can do our job and ensure that we're approaching this work in a way where we're trying to encourage community members that may have not been necessarily ... maybe they didn't know about the process or didn't understand the process -- to get them to start submitting some public input on what they would like to see as far as how the lines are being drawn.

I grew up in Watsonville, California to a farmer and to a caregiver. I've lived all across the state. I've lived in Milpitas, I've lived in Stockton. I did my undergrad in San Francisco at SF State. I also lived in
Ventura County and then I'm currently right now in Chula Vista in San Diego County.

So, I'm really excited to be here. I thank you all for what you're doing and the dedication that you're going to be doing and have already done. As I can tell by watching a lot of the meetings prior to me joining and I just look forward to working with you all. So, thank you so much.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you, Andrew. And that concludes my report.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marcy. And welcome to our new team members. Marcy, would you like to field questions or would you like my support in doing so?

MS. KAPLAN: Sure, I can field them. Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks for the report and thanks to you and all your staff, I know that more than a hundred California redistricting basics presentations would not have happened without the excellent support that we get from you and your staff.

I've got two questions or thoughts. One is I was listening to a radio news broadcast this morning, and the news director in our local community radio station was saying that registration for tomorrow's event was required. And so, I think we need to probably get some messages out
that registration is required to provide input, but not to just attend. I think people need to understand that distinction and that they can still attend without registering, just by tuning into the live webcast.

Second of all, yes, we're sun setting the California redistricting basics presentations and we're going to be referring people to the recorded version.

My thought, and I've had including this week, a request to do a very, very, very short version of the presentation. So, if all we're offering them is the main versions that we reported on the 20th and 26th of April, I'm concerned that some groups may not find that useful.

So, it might be helpful if you and your staff could just very quickly catalog the versions that we have up on the YouTube channel by length. So, if somebody wants a 15-minute presentation, here's a list of two or three 15-minute presentations that various commissioners have given at various times that you might find useful. Just so that we're not offering them only a 45-minute presentation that might blow their agenda out of the water. Thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. And I just want to comment on a couple of things that you noted. The first one, the registration is not required for the COI Input meetings at all, even to provide public input. So, we do have a registration system set up for sessions.
However, we have split the meeting up into four blocks, and the fourth block, the public is able to just call in day of without registering. But again, as you highlighted, there is no registration to also watch the live of stream. And so, we will make sure that's clarified.

And then secondly, for the redistricting basics presentation video, thank you for that note about the shorter recording. So, we'll tag some of those and identify them. But also, when I mentioned noting ... sharing the recording, it is -- I believe it's a 22-minute recording, the video that the full commission had created was ready.

So, just to clarify on that, but thank you for that other addition. And I know Marian, you had your hand up earlier, and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

MS. JOHNSTON: You made the point I was going to make. Thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: And go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

MS. AKUTAGAWA: I'm just curious, I don't think I heard this, but how many registrations did you get for tomorrow's meeting?

MS. KAPLAN: We did fill up all of the time slots beside ... all of the appointment slots, but one. So, we did have the first-time block, there was space for 14
appointments, the second, 18, and the third, I believe it was ... I actually have to look at the number, because the times are ... I will come back and share that

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, it's nice to know that all of the time blocks except for one were filled up, so that's helpful to know. Thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And welcome to Anne and Andrew, very excited to have you on board. Marcy, what's our plan like if it gets filled up and we're still more than two days out? Is there a contingency, do we put them on a list? Or do we just say feel free to call in or refer them to future meetings?

MS. KAPLAN: Yeah, the formal close when those time slot are full and individuals are still able to call in the day of the meeting. And also, we do note on the flyer and on the registration form, they can also utilize the COI tool. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I thought Commissioner Fernandez was going to ask this question. I realized I forgot to ask this. Did you get any request for language interpretation for any of the time slots?

MS. KAPLAN: We did not for the June 10th meeting. For June 19th meeting, we are as noted by the Language Access Subcommittee holding space appointments for requests
for interpretation, five business days in advance for Spanish. And I don't believe that we had received when I had looked yesterday. And so, I can double check and follow up on that one as well, if we've received any requests.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: I don't … oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. Another question. I figured, well, nobody else is asking, so I guess I'll just ask this question too.

It was interesting in the public comments that there was a couple callers that are advocating for, I guess, a hybrid meeting. Are we ready? Do we know anything yet? I know, I think June 15th is when we're supposed to know, but according to what I've read so far, it doesn't look like any of the restrictions on public meetings are going to be lifted.

So, does that mean that for the time being, everything is going to continue to stay virtual, including this August meeting that we were referring to that is in the LA area?

MS. KAPLAN: Going to defer to Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, until we have the directive from the governor's office that allows us to do in-person, we won't be able to do that. So, for now, our
planning, it's going to have kind of a parallel to track. So, we have this repeatable process for the virtual input meetings. We'll do planning as much as we can, looking at venues, possible sites based on the dates that we have. Should there be a point where we're given the green light, we can pivot to that. But to say a specific date, I can't do that at this point until we hear more information from the governor's office as to what restrictions there might be or opportunities.

And also, even though we might have the green light from the governor's office, we still also have to work within the counties because they have their own individual protocols that we would have to make sure we can adhere to, or if they don't have meeting options, then we won't be able to do those meetings there. So, again, it depends on a number of different factors.

MS. KAPLAN: And as Alvaro noted, we have been working with the field leads to start researching any locations currently, so we have ... I did also check and we do not have any language request yet for the June 19th public input meeting. Go ahead, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think this came up a couple of times, but when we created the zones, it was just for outreach and we were very clear that that wasn't necessarily going to go further than outreach, and others
don't know what we mean by Zone B, Zone C.

And so, one of the recommendations that has been made both by the public and I think commissioners, was to try to -- I know in some like Zone B, there's a ton of counties, but if we can try to use the names of counties versus just the zones, especially in our outreach information on the website.

MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else? Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. I did see Commissioner Andersen's hand up. I don't-

MS. KAPLAN: Oh, sorry.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, was that to Marcy? A question to Marcy?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It was, thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: Oh, sorry.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's quite alright. Just a quick … this is actually sort of a follow-up on what Alvaro was saying and Commissioner Akutagawa asked; if we do go in-person, you're doing the parallel line. We did talk about -- I believe we decided that was going to be the case. The zone liaisons would kind of chair the zone meetings.

If they go live, does that mean that the zone chairs or the zone liaisons should actually be expected to
be live in those areas?

MS. KAPLAN: Go ahead, Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, I don't believe that has been discussed or decided at this point. I think as we start nearing that, we'll have to really run through a script and figure out what is going to work best. In some situations where commissioners can participate and travel, then I would think that would be appropriate.

But if they cannot, is the remote access acceptable as well? So again, it will depend on what the directive is from the governor's office. If we're able to do both, then we have some flexibility. If we're back to very strict requirements, then that will change.

MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Do we have a staff person assigned to monitoring that particular issue? Again, this is selfish, I'm disabled now and not able to travel. And so, I would hate to not be able to fulfill my duties as a Commissioner, due to a policy that is quite frankly ablest.

MS. KAPLAN: My understanding was on June 15th, the restrictions to Bagley-Keene were not going to be lifted. So, we do not yet have an update on that. But I'm blanking on the subcommittee who had been in touch with the governor's office on that item. And so, I-

MR. HERNANDEZ: Also, Marcy, if I could just jump
in; Commissioner Vasquez, we'll certainly -- and this would be the case with commissioners, with staff, with the public. We will make sure we set up protocols, so people are able to participate whatever the circumstances are, to accommodate anything we have.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. I appreciate that. I think my challenge is that like if I'm not able to travel from my home and the requirement is that if I want to zoom in from my home, I have to publicly announce my home address and that's not something I'm willing to do. I've actually been stuck. And I can't have my address publicly available. I just can't.

MR. HERNANDEZ: So, Commissioner, on that point, certainly as the time draws closer, I'm sure we can work out something. There's lots of options.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Hope so. Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted to make sure that we had someone who was monitoring so that we're not sort of caught flat-footed. I'm not caught flat footed on June 15th or July 15th or what have you. And where we don't have a plan to make sure that I and others can participate virtually.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Understood.

CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy, do you have anything else left in your report out?

MS. KAPLAN: No, that's it.
CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Great. Thank you. So, we will move to public comment on agenda item number six, The Outreach Director’s Report.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair. And I'd like to remind those calling in, *9, will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. We do have someone here with their hand raised. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. TAYLOR: Hi, my name is Anne Taylor. And my question is one of, I guess quantification. I appreciated that Commissioner Akutagawa was questioning about how things were filled up.

And so, I would wonder if that could be part of the regular Outreach Report. And I'm also wondering how the COI tool is being used and how many entries we have into the COI tool or the Commission has into the COI tool, and if those could also be made publicly available so that we can in some way, measure how the CRC is being effective in their outreach. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you. And that is all our public comment at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Yes. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just based on Ms. Taylor's comment about the COI tool and including the number of times or the number of users there are -- I know
that Commissioner Kennedy has been ensuring that we do give that regular update.

I'm just going to put this out there now; I'm wondering if we should then have this over to Director Kaplan to collect that information and include that as part of her regular Outreach Director’s Report, so that it's all together in one place. And then it makes it easier for those who are following along to understand as it was said; both in terms of the effectiveness of our outreach, but also in terms of just understanding how much activity there is both on the COI tool, but also in the public input meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving on, we have agenda item number seven.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay had her hand up.

CHAIR AHMAD: I'm sorry, Commissioner Sinay, what is this in pertains?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's following up on exactly what Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned.

Yes, the Outreach Subcommittee is working with the outreach team to create a report. It will be a one-page kind of dashboard that will include all these different metrics and it will be posted for the public, so it’ll all be in one place each meeting.
CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Agenda item number seven, Chief Counsel's Report; Anthony, the floor is yours.

MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair. Before I go into our Bagley-Keene refresher that we have posted, Commissioner Kennedy had previously requested a legislative update. And so, Marian is going to give you that update, Commissioner.

MS. JOHNSTON: Legislative update is that HR1 is scheduled for hearing before the Senate this month, but the latest news audit is that it will not get sufficient votes to pass, so there are some negotiations apparently going on as to what will happen about that.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Restoration Act has not yet been reintroduced in this session. But again, that's supposed to be happening shortly. Did you also want me to give a short case update, Anthony?

MR. PANE: That would be good. Thank you, Marian, if you can.

MS. JOHNSTON: On the case pending before the United States Supreme Court on the continued validity of section two of the Voting Rights Act, all of the cases that have been argued this term of the United States Supreme Court are to be decided by the end of June. They issue decisions on Mondays and Thursdays usually. So, it hasn't been issued yet, but that will be of importance to the
Commission as it goes ahead with its planning as to how is it compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

On the Alabama case, challenging the census timing, there is no decision on that yet. I misspoke last time. It was actually argued on May 3rd, but a decision is expected shortly from the judge court. And there's another case that called for our attention from [inaudible 00:54:25] to this Commission is that the Colorado Supreme Court said that here, there's an independent Commission, independent of legislature.

And the court said that it was up to the Commission to decide what census data was appropriate for the Commission to use and it was not to be decided by the legislature. And that is consistent with the position that this Commission has taken before as to whether or not it's going to use legacy data or wait for the data that will be provided six months later. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

MR. PANE: Okay. Thank you, Marian. So, now, I'll turn to the Bagley-Keene refresher. I'm going to share the screen.

So, this is a quick refresher for the Commission on Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act as well as reference to the Citizens Redistricting Commission rules and statutes that apply regarding Bagley-Keene.
So, the public policy behind Bagley-Keene is that the public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. And we're doing that openly and transparently to inform the public. The public as a result has a right to a notice of meeting and agenda to attend and record without being disruptive; comment on each agenda item before and during the Commission's consideration, and to inspect related public records for the meeting.

So, what is a state body? The short answer is it includes us, but it's every state boarder Commission or similar multi-member body of the state that is created by statute are required by law to conduct official meetings, and committees.

So, today, we're meeting as a full commission, but we also meet as individual committees. Committees, also, are state bodies. The only exception to that is where we have fewer than three members. Then in those cases, a two-member committee or subcommittee is not subject to the Bagley-Keene requirement notice.

But as we have the case, some committees are three or more, and those require notice and require them to be open to the public and take public comment.

What is a meeting? Any congregation of majority of members of a state body at the same time in place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item that is within the
subject matter jurisdiction of the state body.

So, in the notice that's required, we have to make sure that we post it at least 10 calendar days in advance. Under normal circumstances, we would provide a time and location for every place of that meeting. We’d include an agenda, we'd notify if the meeting is webcast, and we'd provide a location for any teleconference.

Currently, some of these requirements are suspended. Commissioner Vasquez sort of alluded to them earlier. Normally, we would have to post on the agenda every physical location for every public location, as well as individual committee members’ address if they're not joining from a public publicly noticed location. We'd have to put that address in.

Currently, that is not the case, given the COVID-19 restrictions. Post these restrictions, there may be changes in the law. We will have to see if there's any sort of permanent changes where maybe some of these requirements will change. As of now, we do not have to provide locations.

I did want to highlight that Bagley-Keene requires 10 calendar days’ notice in advance of any meeting. There are Commission statutes that require 14 days’ notice where the purpose of the meeting is for public input.

So, you may have noticed that the background here
is one of a floor and that's because Bagley-Keene
oftentimes serves as a floor, but there may be additional
statutes that have additional requirements. And so, we
need to make sure that we're satisfying both the Bagley-
Keene requirements, as well as additional statutes.

If an item is not on the agenda, the Board or
Commission will not hear, discuss, or deliberate on it.
And for each of the agenda items, the Board or Commission
should briefly describe the items to be addressed. So,
these are helpful tools to think about when we're
describing an agenda and the items on the agenda.

Business items are conducted in open session,
unless there is a statutorily authorized reason to go into
closed session. And as previously mentioned, a state body
must allow for public comment on each item, and we need to
make sure that we're allotting a reasonable amount of time
for public comment and in situations where we need
translators, it's twice as long. Additionally, we have to
make sure that our Commission votes openly on action items.

So, a note about closed session, as in the slide
previous, our Commission exists in open session, unless
there's a statutorily authorized reason to go into closed
session. And the Chair will announce whether we're
convening in a closed session and will highlight the
statutory authorizations described on the agenda, the
specific reasons for going into closed session.

So, on the agendas, we need to make sure that the notice includes the citation to the authority. Here are some of the more typical reasons for going into closed session: personnel matters, pending litigation, agency security matters.

It's a bit more of detail regarding these closed session rationales. Personnel includes appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. Pending litigation could be current litigation, but also, includes exposure to litigation or in a certain circumstance, if the Commission wanted to initiate litigation.

For agency security matters, this includes threats of activity to electronic data, as well as a physical location for safety and security reasons. There are associated statutory penalties for failing to adhere to Bagley-Keene. The decision that wasn't adhered to could be invalidated and it's also a misdemeanor.

With that, I'm happy to take any questions.

Commissioner Kennedy, I see you have a question.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you for this. I just wonder if you could go into a little more detail regarding reporting out from closed session. What is required when and also, on personnel matters? I know there's a slight
difference between the Brown Act and Bagley-Keene Act as to how much information is disclosed before the closed session when the discussion is going to be regarding personnel matters. So, just want to make sure that we all have a clear understanding of those requirements. Thank you.

MR. PANÉ: Sure. So, on the point of personnel matters, it's very broad and as to what we could be going into closed session for; again, into those broad categories that I highlighted, we would want to make sure that we're going into closed session and that the Chair is announcing the rationale for the personnel matters exception.

We would also want to provide as the case in any agenda item, reasonable specificity to the public as to what we're going into closed session about.

Now, that obviously, means that we would be going into closed session regarding a personnel matter. We, for example, could say regarding the appointment of the Chief Council, for example -- that would be reasonable specificity provided to the public.

And to sort of add on to your question as well, Commissioner Kennedy, we would also want to make sure that we're taking public comment prior to going into closed session, because it is an agenda item and every agenda item gets a public comment.

Now, there always, the question is to how can the
public meaningfully comment on something that they don't
know what the state body is going into closed session
about? It's a fair point.

That said the public is free to comment publicly,
and you would do that before going into closed session to
make any determinations.

Does that answer your questions Commissioner, or
were there additional aspects?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I may eventually have some
more clarifying questions, but I’ll communicate those.
Thank you.

MR. PANE: Very good. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Anthony. And
the example you gave, I mean, that's pretty specific, but
let's say like, how specific do you need to discuss if it's
something that is maybe more sensitive in terms of in here
you have closed sessions for personnel or performance
evaluation, discipline or dismissal. I mean, how specific
do you need to be?

MR. PANE: So, that's a good question. And the
law sets out essentially a standard of reasonably specific.
And I will tell you that one example I have seen other
boards and commissions not refer to specific names, but
might refer to the classification. Reason being
classification is a public record.
The classification itself exists open in the public, so you're not divulging anything private. And so, I would say there's probably a spectrum when we're talking about reasonable specificity. So, I will tell you that different boards and commissions have sort of addressed that in different ways.

A follow-up, yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Just a follow up, because we are such a small Commission, if you were to say what the classification was, you're basically telling the person's name because it's one per classification. So, I think we probably need to think about that in terms of if we ever have to get to that point and how we would address that.

MR. PANE: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Pane. Maybe you could mention the matter of notes from closed sessions. And going forward, I believe you had volunteered to be the notetaker, but just to mention what has to be noted and what happens to those notes.

MR. PANE: Yes, thank you, Commissioner. So, even in closed session, there needs to be a note taker and I have volunteered to take notes during closed sessions. So, that's more for awareness for all of you, because I think there may have been a previous practice of somebody else
taking the notes. And legal will also keep the notes and
maintain possession, both physical and electronic.

Okay, Madam Chair, I don't see any more questions.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for that report out. Can we call for public comment on item number seven, Chief Council's Report?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We can, Chair. At this time those, in the queue, *9 would raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Other than that, Chair, at this time, there is not anybody waiting like there was before.

CHAIR AHMAD: We can stand at least for a minute.

Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering if maybe we just need to advise the viewers to not wait until we call for public comment. They can dial in anytime during the discussion or before. And that way, when we do call for public comment, they'll be ready to go and they won't miss your opportunity like the other caller did.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great idea. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah. I mean, I think that even if like we did before, the lady would just call in and backtracked. So, for now, I think no one's raised their hand in the queue. So, I'll just go ahead and-

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alright. Moving on to the next agenda item. Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just had a question about Katy's comment. So, is that an option to backtrack if we're doing it per agenda item, and it's exclusive to that agenda item? I just don't want to confuse the public. So, I want to be clear whether that is an option to backtrack or not.

MR. PANE: Commissioner Le Mons, if I could address that. What I would recommend, and I think Commissioner Fernandez's points well-taken, is to leaving the lines open. If that's an option for the Commission, one option is to do that.

Another option is to track as we go to public comment and take public comment, it would be regarding that particular agenda item, because we do have a requirement that we provide public comment for each agenda item.

In addition, we also have two parts on the agenda that say for public comment on items not on the agenda. So, we really do cover the bases here when we talk about for each agenda item, we take public comment, and then we also to other points, take public comment for items not on the agenda.

So, to your point about, should we essentially track the answer, is yes, because we would be taking public comments specific to each agenda item, and then if the public also has something else they would like to discuss,
we give them two places to do that as well.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I think there might be a little confusion to my question.

So, I wasn't asking about whether we should track. I was asking if the caller has an option to backtrack, meaning if we're on agenda item number four, and we're taking public comment on agenda item number four, can the caller say, “Well, I want to talk about agenda item, number two. I missed the opportunity when two was happening. So, I've been in the queue and you've already talked about two. Am I able to talk about four and anything before?”

And that was in response to Katy's statement about the person backtracking. So, if that's not what we're allowing, I don't want us to confuse the public. So, I want them to be clear about what the options are.

To your point, Anthony, I think that we do have the … I understood what you described as the opportunity to talk about items not on the agenda as being open, but they could actually talk about any item that we had covered.

So, I'd also like some clarity there as well, meaning our opening public comment, as well as our closing public comment for the day. And we used to do a public comment immediately after lunch, which were all open and they could talk about any item on the agenda.
So, I realized that we're making some adjustments, I just want us to be clear about whichever/whatever the new adjustments are and how it impacts how we used to behave and how we're behaving moving forward.

MR. PANE: So, to that point, so, we're not going to necessarily, as you say, track it, but we would say that public comment at a particular agenda item would be regarding that agenda item.

So, if we've passed agenda four, and there's a member of the public that hasn't had a chance or missed that opportunity, there is another opportunity in the meeting which is where you do public comment at the beginning and at the end. It's a guide to the public that to help orient and organize how we would proceed on the meeting.

So, if, for example, we had an individual that was not able to make it and wanted to comment on a previously discussed agenda item, I would recommend that that's something we could also take up when we do public comment for items not on the agenda. There's a guide to cover the areas a hundred percent, cover items on the particular agenda, as well as items that aren't on the agenda.

That would be my recommendation in this circumstance where we aren't able to get to the person who wanted to take up a previous agenda item. That's more of a
recommendation. I would never recommend that we cut off anybody at a public comment for items not on the agenda because they want to discuss something that was previously discussed on in the agenda.

So, it's more about, I think an efficiency and just keeping the business moving, but there are multiple places I believe for the public to discuss a previously discussed agenda item, if that helps.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you for the question. So, basically what the change would be to accommodate the people who miss an item would be to amend essentially an item. Right now, item number two and item number 15, to say it's not just items not on the agenda, but it's for all items.

MR. PANE: We could make that change, yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And thank you, Chief Counsel for your report. Just to highlight, we do have 12 minutes until break. Oh, I saw Commissioner Le Mons, your hands, your hand was up.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, this still felt a little fuzzy in that statement I heard, I want to make sure I heard it correct.

The recommendation was that we would ask the public to focus their comments on the agenda item that
we're currently discussing, that we could direct them to
the open items, which is now open aspects, which we now
call items not on the agenda, but we could open that up to
be both.

But we wouldn't cut someone off wanting to talk
about an agenda item other than the agenda item that we're
talking about. So, I just wanted to make sure I heard that
correct, because then that basically says you can talk
about any agenda item at any time. So, I just want to be
clear that I did not mishear that.

MR. Pane: No. So, what I would say in the
circumstance where we have someone who wants to discuss a
previously discussed agenda item, I would recommend that we
direct them to provide it at the appropriate time. And we
do provide those opportunities both at the beginning and at
the end, essentially.

So, for a situation where someone wants to discuss
item number four and we’re on item number five, we would
request that the public discuss or have a public comment
germane to agenda item number five. And if they would like
to discuss about item four, there is yet another
opportunity on the agenda for them to discuss a previously
mentioned agenda item. Is that helpful?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. So, you did not
suggest that if someone … I understand what we would
encourage, but you did not suggest that if the person said, oh, well, no, I don't want to wait until then and go on and stay within their two minutes and discuss the agenda item number four, that the recommendation was not that we would cut that person off and redirect them, but we would let them go on and provide the input at that time. That was what I was clarifying.

MR. PANE: And that would be correct. If the Commission wanted to change or make that particular protocol for cutting someone off, we would want to discuss that further. We would want to agendize that. That's a protocol piece in addressing public comment that we would want to take up. We wouldn't just do that right now, if that makes sense or currently.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, thank you for that. That was the clarity I was trying to get to, and I think it is important that we get to that clarity. Appreciate it, Anthony.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. I had Commissioner Turner and then Akutagawa on this discussion topic.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair, thank you. Actually, I thought I was clear until the last comment, and so now, I'm not certain if we need policy or don't need policy.

And so, yup. I don't know where we landed because
I heard Commissioner Le Mons say one thing, and the answer sounded like it was going to be in agreement with what he said, and then it sounded like we needed a policy.

And I guess we do need to be clear so that we're all handling this the same way. And what I hear is we now are taking public comment on every agenda item. And if someone -- and we are going to ensure that people have enough time to get in and make the public comment, leave the lines open, all of those pieces.

But if we are now talking on agenda item five, and someone says, “Oops, did not get in, or didn't think to call or for whatever reason, I want to talk about four, we’re to say, okay, we are now adjusting or we’re now addressing item number five. We do invite you to call back in into our general comment time period for anything previously.”

Which would ultimately, that means we are cutting them off. We’re directing whichever words we're saying. If a policy is needed for that, then we perhaps need a policy, unless we are saying they can call in on agenda item five and still refer back to something else. And we're suggesting that we take the comment.

MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, to your point, what I would recommend we do is we encourage the caller to call and discuss the item number four at the appropriate
time on the agenda, which would be at the end with the public comment, which is currently scheduled for public comment items, not on the agenda.

If to Commissioner Le Mons’s point, if they persist on continuing to discuss that, I would recommend that we do not cut them off as a result. If the Commission wanted to pursue such an action, I would recommend that that be discussed. And there'd be a policy around dealing with that exact circumstance that you mentioned, if that's helpful.

CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony, I just want to get clarification if we're tinkering into a discussion regarding an item that is not listed on the agenda right now. Or if these questions still qualify as clarifying questions.

MR. PANE: I'm sorry, Chair, I'm not following your question.

CHAIR AHMAD: Are we having a discussion about something that is not listed on the agenda right now? The clarifying questions related to public comments?

MR. PANE: So, I would argue that because I provided a presentation on Bagley-Keene, and what needs to be on agenda items and specificity around those agenda items, that this is still germane.

CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you. We have about
six minutes and then I have Commissioner Akutagawa and then Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So, Anthony, I think for clarification, thank you. This was very helpful. And I appreciate also Commissioner Turner's restating of what she heard. And it sounds like if this is something that we want to pursue this as something to agendize and to have further discussion about how we're going to deal with it.

I do want to also note that by practice, we have not only taken general comments, I guess maybe is the word that I would use, which is the same as items not on the agenda.

We have the practice of taking general comments at the beginning also after lunch. And then at the end, before we adjourn our meeting, so that there would be three opportunities for anyone who would like to call in and make public comment to be able to do so that is not specifically attached to an agenda item or an action that we were taking.

And so, I wanted to just state that, that I think we can perhaps continue that practice so that then if somebody should need to call back in, there won't be such a long gap between a morning and then waiting till the end of our meeting.

MR. PANE: So, Commissioner, to your point, the
legal requirements are that there be public comment for each agenda item. So, currently, the fact that we also have -- it's recommended and we've gone above and beyond that, we have public comment at the beginning and we also have public comment at the end.

And it sounds like you would have a preference for doing a third one as well. And if the Chair or the Commission decides to do that, that's something we can look into.

But I do want you all to be aware since I was able to give a refresher that each agenda item gets public comment and additional opportunities for that are also helpful.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can't believe that you have all forgotten that we've passed a public comment policy. I can't remember how many meetings ago, but in there, it was that we have public comments at the beginning of the meeting and at the end of the meeting.

And then also, specific, we note in there if an individual is presenting comment not related to the specific action item in question, this Chair will advise the individual that the Commission is only accepting comments related to the action item in question, and will advise the individual when they can provide their comment.
Normally, Commissioner Fornaciari is up on this, so I had
to go back.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you for that,

Commissioner Fernandez, because that's what I recall. But
because we opened this meeting and we were doing some
things differently, I think that this was a very good
discussion to understand what are we doing differently?
Because I also thought that there may be differences.

I thought we also took public comment after agenda
items, but I think it was only agenda items where we took
action. So, the difference here from how we behave so far
is really just the taking it after everyone, whether a
formal action is taken or not. But as far as everything
else with regard to the policy, it sounds like it's intact.

So, that might be the confirmation that's needed.

This suggests that -- and maybe council can let us know
with this particular policy that was just cited by
Commissioner Fernandez, if that piece is covered and not
necessary. And now, that we have this new piece of
information, a part of the conversation, where does that
leave us with this discussion?

MR. PANE: Commissioner Le Mons, my understanding
from what I heard from Commissioner Fernandez on the
policy, it sounds we are being consistent with that.
CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for that conversation. Yes, we have one minute left, Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. So, to quickly summarize it, the slight change or addition that we're making to our existing policy is that we are ... morning, afternoon, everything's on the table. And after each item, specific to that item, directing otherwise, anything else to be getting around, correct?

MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Andersen, I believe that's correct. That's consistent with our previous policy. We are taking public comment on each agenda item. We also have the ability for the public to comment at the beginning and at the end. And those can be items not on the agenda as well as situations where we have items, where folks didn't get a chance to opine on a previously addressed agenda item.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. When we return from break, we will start with Communication Director's Report, which is item number eight on the agenda. So, our 15-minute break will start now. I will see everyone back here at 2:45.

Welcome back from break. We left off with agenda item number eight. So, I will have the mic over to Fredy for the Communications Director's Report.
MR. CEJA: Thank you so much. Hello, commissioners. Just wanted to report that just following our previous week, we did an interview or actually Chair Ahmed did an interview with Sac Bee and that was posted today. I just got the link to the article.

And Commissioner Toledo submitted an op-ed for, El Tecolote, a bilingual publication in San Francisco. So, those should be coming out shortly.

I also wanted to give an update on the social media ads program that we're putting together. Stacey has provided a template. So, we'll be discussing that and fleshing it out a bit more over the next few days. And in addition to the social media ads program, we're looking into expanding our communications program, should funds become available from other sources of money from the Commission.

So, we're looking into radio buys. I don't believe we're going to be able to do television just because of the sheer number or the dollars that it requires to get on air in California, it's super expensive. But definitely radio.

Newspapers, looking at local and daily newspapers. I came across a provider that deals with the 180 local papers in California. So, we'll be fleshing that out and getting estimates to see what that looks like.
And billboards, I know that electronic billboards more than anything are less expensive and it allows us to change the graphics or the artistic features so that we can feature all commissioners in one day, should we go that route.

And then PSA, something that we talked about previously and sharing those on social media, creating advertisements for those so that we get distinct messages to particular populations throughout California out on social media. So, we'll be focusing on that.

Also working with the PID Committee to come up with a train the trainer materials deck. So, as we start moving into the COI phase of our work, we want to go back to those organizations that have an audience and following so that they can become partners with the Commission and provide training to their audiences without us necessarily being there. So, we'll provide them the materials that they need to do that.

And then going forward for the next few agendas, much like the outreach director and everyone else, I'll be standardizing my reporting. So, I'll be including website hits, social media mentions and other metrics just so that we know how we're doing with our reach and adding also the interviews that we've done from one Commission meeting to the next.
Lastly, just wanted to mention that Commissioner Fernandez and Fornaciari and I met with the documentarian who is interested in producing a documentary of the Commission's work and putting that out at the end of the year.

They'll be providing an update during their committee report, but just wanted to put that out there, that we did flesh it out a few more times since we last introduced it so that you would feel a little more comfortable making a decision today, but that'll come in the committee report.

And that's all I have for today. I will take questions.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Fredy. And for the members of the public, if you would like to comment on agenda item number eight, now, would be the time to dial in. Fredy, would you like my support in fielding questions or would you like to take that on?

MR. CEJA: Sure. Yeah. Feel free to do so.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I can help you out. I saw Commissioner Toledo and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: As you're looking for media opportunities, are you also looking at the ethnic media or non-English language media buys as well?

MR. CEJA: Yes, definitely. When we start
extending our communications program, some of the areas that we will be targeting is ethnic media, rural communities, in addition to the broader California community, of course, and faith-based organizations and audiences on radio, on billboards and everything else I mentioned previously.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy, you wrote there right before me, so go ahead.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. A couple of things; one, you were saying that TV is too expensive, but television stations are also required to run PSAs as part of a condition for retaining their licenses, my understanding.

So, I'm wondering if we can't approach them and at least see if there's a possibility that also we could be looking at ethnic television stations. There are Univision and Telemundo broadcasters out in the Coachella Valley. I don't know that even if we were paying for it, it wouldn't be the same as paying for something in perhaps some of the other markets. So, I would just encourage you to keep working on possible possibilities for television PSAs.

Second of all, I'm noticing in some of the communications that we're receiving, where we're
highlighting media appearances by commissioners that some
of these news outlets continue to use the old logo.

I'm also concerned that depending on web searches,
a lot of times the old website comes up first. And I think
perhaps, we need to be doing a bit more to ensure that our
current branding is what shows up first, and that we're
really out there with that.

Of course, I mean, the other thing with the
branding is I am concerned that … I realized we took the
decision to go with the new website name for some very good
reasons, but I think it does contribute to impressions that
we are a nonprofit organization rather than a government
organization. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I just wanted
clarification on what is the difference between a local
paper and a daily? I know in San Diego, San Diego Union
Tribune owns a lot of our really local papers, which those
are free and people get and read more than the Union
Tribune. So, I was just trying to figure out what the
difference was between a daily and a local.

MR. CEJA: So, some dailies will actually publish
every day and local papers will do weekly or biweekly.
It's just the frequency of which they publish, but they all
have a similar footprint, more localized, more directed
towards those communities that we've indicated that we want
to reach and target.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for Fredy at
this time? Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Just a quick
question, Fredy; for if we have ideas and like particular
areas like news media, or turns out someone's connected to
such and such; directly, do you, or also through the
outreach because I'm a little ... can you suggest a quick
rule of thumb on that, please?

MR. CEJA: Yeah. If it's a media contact, feel
free to send it to me. If you think it pertains to
outreach as well, feel free to CC Marcy as well.

We have been working a lot together lately and a
lot of these things correlate. And so, we're starting to
mesh our worlds, which is cool. Because from the
beginning, we've been working together as a solid team.

But yeah, a lot of the planning that we're going
to be doing for the outreach expended plan and the
communications expended plan, will fall under the same
umbrella. So, we will be working a lot more closely
together.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions at this time?
Right, seeing none, can we open the line for public comment
on agenda item number eight, Communications Director’s Report?

COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair. And I'd like to remind those in the queue to press *9 to raise your hand, if you wish to comment on agenda item number eight, I believe, yes. We do have a raised hand. Here we go.

And go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I just have a couple of questions about the outreach, the radio ad. You said you would be doing those to rural communities. I assume it's going to be encouraging them to participate in the public input. Are they going to be directed like in the radio ads to go to their local library or other places to get a paper from COI, or to go directly to the website and try to do the COI tool? Is that how it will work? Those basically, those are my questions. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was our only raised hand at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving on to agenda item number nine, our subcommittee updates. And just a reminder, since we are taking public comment in each of the agenda items, agenda item number nine is one agenda item. We just happen to have letters A through P, so we will take the public comment for A through P at the end of
agenda item number nine.

With that, I will pass it over to Government Affairs and Census Subcommittee; Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. At this point, we don't have any additional update from last time we met. The only thing I would ... I just wanted to respond to public comment earlier today in terms of our timeline. And what we said previously was that we would wait for our VRA and Litigation Counsel to get on board before we before we finalize our decision around timeline. And we're still waiting on that. We're waiting on that to be finalized and hopefully soon. So, thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for Commissioner Toledo or Sadhwani on their report? Seeing none, let's move on to 9B; finance and administration; Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do you want me to go? Okay, I'll start it off.

It's been fairly quiet in the finance and administration, which is a good thing. So, I don't want you to start looking for things for us to do so thank you so much.

As Director Ceja mentioned, Commissioner Fornaciari, Director Ceja and I met with Alex Hadden, who
is the individual that submitted a proposal to us to have a documentary of the 2020 Commission. And we did post the information previously when we discussed this initially a few meetings ago, and it was also posted for this meeting. So, hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the information.

We did go over a few, I don't even want to say concerns, but we just wanted to make sure that we understood the process and that it's an impartial process. And in terms of when it goes up for funding or to try to obtain funding, that we want to ensure that there aren't any influences politically, civic, whatever the case may be. And he did understand that he needs to present a fair and balanced documentation of the process.

He would mainly kind of be a fly on the wall in terms of try to be as least intrusive as possible, view as everyone else's viewing. Right now, virtually. And then if it's in person, that would be incumbent on him to set up his own ... however he's going to film it. And he also eventually would like to interview all of the commissioners and maybe some staff. Again, it's optional. If you do not want to be interviewed, you wouldn't have to be interviewed. He'd also want to potentially interview some community members that could be impacted. Well, everyone's going to be impacted by our district drawings.
So, both Commissioner Fornaciari and I, we felt that it was something that's positive for our districting, it's a good way to get the information out. And at this point, we are supportive. Again, we're hoping to have approval so that he can move forward because at this point in time, he does not have funding.

Obviously, he wouldn't have funding until we've given the okay. And then he can move forward to try to obtain funding from the different contexts that he has. Was there anything else Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think you summed it up very well.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are there any questions from the commissioners? Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Not a question, but I wanted to say I read and I think it's exciting and will be very helpful. So, looking forward to the work, that's all.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can I just pose a quick question to Anthony? Anthony, is this something that we should vote on? There should be a motion for, to authorize this?

MR. PANE: Commissioner Fernandez, to answer your question. I would recommend this, yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner, I'm sorry.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just wondering to what extent is it any different than what's already being done by the commissioners, as the interviews that's being recorded?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, one more time, the difference-

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I'm wondering what is different about it? It's a little bit longer, but we're currently doing interviews, posting it online. I'm just wondering how is it any different than what we're already doing? That it requires a vote.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. And that question would be posed towards Anthony.

MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, to your point, when there's specific direction to staff, it's usually recommended that we take a vote so that the direction is very clear to staff.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And for this, the main point person, I would assume hopefully it would be Director Ceja; would that be correct Director Ceja?

MR. CEJA: Yeah. And it will take some coordination through the staff to make this happen. And we'll be giving him some access certainly to the staff that other folks might not have. So, I think it would be good to make a motion, take a vote.
I think I saw Commissioner Andersen and then Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This is sort of a really different thing. Now, this would come out a year from now or a year from this fall. So, it would be a film, it would be like a lessons learned type of film.

And I'm just a little concerned about if this person is filming other communities, sort of does he then appear to be our agent doing this? And are we developing some sort of contract to decide okay, what are the rules and regulations? Do we have any control over any of this?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's not our documentary, it's his. So, yeah, we won't be providing direction to him.

I'm having trouble describing what it is, but it's his project. It's not our project telling him what to do, who to interview, what to include in his documentary final product. He’s just asking if it's okay to move forward with it.

MR. CEJA: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Turner, did you have a comment?

MR. CEJA: Yeah, I’m sorry, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was going to say, I think it certainly is nice to vote on it and see where
we're hanging out. But I think to me, yes, I'll pass.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Building on what Commissioner Turner said, I understand why we would want to vote on it, but I think if we vote on it, it feels like we're even more part of the documentary versus I wouldn't say we're giving him permission to do the documentary. I mean, it's up to him if he wants to do the documentary and he gets funding for it and such.

I think what we're granting him is permission to interview the commissioners. And that's the main thing, because almost anything else, he can do on his own. I mean, he may ask us for recommendations on community groups and things like that, but this is a project that's separate from ours.

And so, my only concern about taking a vote is I understand giving staff ... I don't think we're giving staff a lot of direction on where the boundaries are and how much we're involved.

I think we would need a better kind of guidance on that because we do want to make it an independent documentary separate from us, but saying yes, you can interview us or whatnot, but anyone can as well.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. You're absolutely right. He could move forward with this without having access to any of our offices or whatever the case may be,
because it's all virtual, it's all public, it's all transparent.

And in terms of him just having approval to interview us, I mean, we've been interviewed by the media, by other outlets already, so I'm not exactly sure how that approval comes about. So, yeah, I don't know if we need to move forward or have a motion for this.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think no, but I think we have given staff that direction to engage the media for interviews for us. We have given the staff permission or direction to set up these public input, redistricting basics meeting.

And so, I mean, I don't see that this is any different than we're giving the staff permission to engage with the documentarian to facilitate engagement, the documentarian’s engagement with the Commission. I think it's just similar to the kind of direction that we’ve given in those other instances.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, with that, once again, Anthony, do we need to have a motion or can we just direct or say how to just move forward as we normally would with other requests, media requests?

MR. PANE: It sounds like from Commissioner Fornaciari’s comments, that Fredy already has that
authority and that discretion from the Commission. So, if there's no new discretion given to staff and essentially, no new direction given to staff, then there isn't a requirement that there be a motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Director Ceja, are you comfortable with that? You're good?

MR. CEJA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Again, I mean, I guess I want to make sure that the Commission's comfortable with that. And I mean, if everyone gives a thumbs up, I guess we can go, but I think having a motion to vote is another way to ensure that the Commission is supportive of this.

MR. PANE: And to Commissioner Fornaciari’s point, that is also an option.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, we're back at-

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, I'm just going to make a motion at this point that we ... oh great, I lost the motion. Shoot!

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you looking for the specific language?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I move that Alexander Hadden be allowed to create a documentary highlighting the Commission's transparent and nonpartisan redistricting
process and work with staff to coordinate interviews. Does that sound about right?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I second that motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: We have a motion and a second on the floor. Discussion on the motion and a reminder to the public, please do call in now for this agenda item or prepare before we call vote, we do have to go to public comments. So, that's just a reminder for folks.

I saw Commissioner Taylor and then Turner?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. Alicia or Neil, just as you presented, I think that we don't have to allow him, just the verbiage of it. He can do whatever he wants. So, I think if we take out that allow portion and that we just grant staff to work with him. Because again, as been stated, he can do whatever he likes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: True.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We just are empowering staff to make those connections with him. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just going to state based on the way the motion was read, it did indeed to me sound as if this was something that was being created, sanctioned, authorized by the Commission like it became ours. And I just wanted to make that note.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just looking at the
language right now. So, I'm trying to think of how we can reword it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I agree with these. Certainly, someone can do what they want. I am concerned about that they’re doing it with our approval and blessing and might be talking to other people other than us and our staff with the idea that they're representing us. And that's like what Commissioner Sinay was sort of getting at. That was her points about just a little bit of a reservation there. I completely agree with.

Yeah, someone can come in, if it's a public meeting, you can film that, absolutely. But just don't say that, “Oh, on behalf of the Commission, I'm doing this documentary, so I want to interview you.” It's separately we would like to interview -- and specifically here, I'm talking about say, the public or things like that.

I don't want any public to feel pressured that this is something that the CRC is kind of leading and it's a very sanctioned thing. Like this is not a branch of us. This is an independent person. So, those are my reservations, which I think Commissioner Taylor was speaking of, also.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, how about if rephrase the motion to say “We direct Commissioner Ceja to
engage with Andrew …”

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Director Ceja-

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Director Ceja to engage
with Andrew Hadden and help facilitate his interaction with
the Commission. Does that sound better?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. PANE: I believe that's a second for MR.

Fernandez to Commissioner Fornaciari’s motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So, do I withdraw my
first one, Anthony? And then we go with this one?

MR. PANE: I would say that's implied given what
occurred, but what I understand is that you have withdrawn
your original motion and that Commissioner Fornaciari has
provided a new motion, and you have seconded that motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. There is a motion on the
floor and a second. Yes, Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Could I have that motion repeated
one more time, please?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All you, Commissioner
Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The Commission directs
Director Ceja out to engage with Alexander Hadden in
facilitating his interaction with the Commission.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And the motion was
seconded by Commissioner Fernandez, discussion on the motion on the floor. Seeing none ... yes, Commissioner Yee.

    COMMISSIONER YEE: So, just to be clear, this motion nevertheless does not give him any access that any member of the public would not otherwise have. Is that correct?

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

    COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

    CHAIR AHMAD: Any other points of discussion on the motion on the floor? Right, seeing none, let's open the line for public comment on the motion on the floor for agenda item 9B, motion made by Commissioner Fornaciari and seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair, we do have callers in the queue and they have both raised their hands. So, here we go.

    And go ahead, the floor is yours.

    MS. COLES: Hi, good afternoon, Commission. My name is Dr. Kimberly Coles. I'm a political anthropologist at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, near Commissioner Kennedy's home or where he might live.

    Anyway, this raises really, I guess, interesting questions about access, and I think you guys are exactly trying to figure out and navigate around the access,
whether or not the documentarian would have special access, or simply have the same access that anyone in the public might have.

My question is then what will you all do? What will the Commission do for others who want access or types of access, specifically academic researchers? And I know that Commissioner Sadhwani is not here today. But others like me, other political scientists who will be asking eventually for access?

Right now, we're all quite content because it's all just live-streamed. But there's a variety of types of access. And so, I'm wondering if you guys have a policy or a policy in the works on how you will handle academic and other journalistic inquiries. Yeah, I guess that's my question.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you. And we do have one other caller.

Caller 2829, please press *6. Thank you. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, this is Renee Westa-Lusk. I just have some questions regarding this documentary filming. Is there any possibility that it will interfere with the Commissioners' ability to do their work?

Also, could any commissioners declined to be filmed? And third question is, could any of this
documentary filming influence decisions that the
commissioners would make on map drawing, et cetera, or
their ability to listen to communities’ district lines, et
cetera, that they want? Those are my questions. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. That was all our
public comment at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Yes, Commissioner
Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, great questions.
I appreciate it. The question about access for academics,
that's an interesting question, and I’d really liked to
hear more about what you would all want to know.

And I think we can address that when the requests
come. But I mean, I expect that we would provide access to
academics to discuss it.

So, and MS. Westa-Lusk I mean, the intent is for
this documentarian to be a fly on the wall. And if we're
having public meetings, I mean, when we discussed this
earlier, we were given direction that if anyone wants to
come film our meetings, they would have the ability in the
public meetings. But our intent certainly, is to not have
this documentary interfere in any way with our processes or
our deliberations.

They would just be filming what we're doing and
then editing in some ways, but there's absolutely no
interference with this documentary in what we're doing.

I don't know Alicia, if you have anything or
Commissioner Fernandez to add?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And as I did
mention earlier, it's up to each Commissioner to decide
whether or not they want to be interviewed or how much they
want to participate or how much they don't want to
participate. And that's just the same as it is now. We
could participate in an interview or not participate in an
interview. It just depends on each individual.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, just responding further to
MS. Coles' question. I'm not quite sure what policy we
would need because all of our work is public and
transparent and accessible. At least that's our intention.

Anything that is hard to get for technical reasons
we try our best, but there's no special permission that
anyone needs to get to any of our materials except closed
session, and anything that's attorney-client privileged.

But the 2010 Commission and our Commission, all
our work is public. All of the data we will be using is
100% public. That will be the statewide databases package
that comes after they finish processing the US census data.
So, yeah, if there's other barriers you're finding to our
work or finding what you need, contact our staff and we
will be happy to help you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. I believe we are ready for roll call vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, the motion on the floor is to direct Director Ceja to engage with Alexander Hadden in facilitating his interaction with the commission. Is that correct?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari, does your motion read correctly?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry. I can see myself. I guess you guys can't see me -- yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Interaction is spelled incorrectly or my ... sorry.

MR. HERNANDEZ: I was just testing you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You are. Thank you, I appreciate that.

MR. HERNANDEZ: You passed the test, thank you. Okay. The motion was made by Commissioner Fornaciari and seconded by Commissioner Fernandez. We are ready to take the vote at this time.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari, do you all have anything else remaining for your report out for finance and
administration?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving along.

GANTT Chart Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing to report at this point.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving along. VRA Compliance Subcommittee, Commissioner Sadhwani and Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, just a quick update in today's handout is a revised version of the statewide population shifts report. You may recall we had Eric McGhee some weeks ago presenting this report on population shifts in California in the past 10 years for the public policy Institute of California.

After that presentation, he discovered a few very small errors in a handful of apps which is now corrected. He says that none of these corrections would probably even be noticed by most people and they do not change anything that he said that day. But if you use that report, please use the version posted today and not the earlier one.

Thanks.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any questions for VRA Compliance Subcommittee? Seeing none, we'll move right along to Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee; Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: No updates at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Language Access Subcommittee; Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No update at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Materials Development Subcommittee; Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No update at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Website Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We are adding a few items to our recommendations to staff and we'll be passing those along soon.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Any questions for Commissioner Kennedy or Commissioner Taylor on website? Yes, Commissioner Andersen and then Fredy.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Fredy, did you want to go first?

MR. CEJA: Thank you. Yeah, just quickly, just wanted to add that we've removed the presentation link so that folks are no longer able to access the link to ask for presentations as we are phasing those out. So, I've made that modification on the website.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'm just wondering, have we been able to capture from the State
Auditor's Office some of the training specifically I'm looking at that we did ... I don't know what has been captured and is now on our website. Do we have any information on that? Anyone?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, who is your question directed to?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Either the subcommittee or Director Ceja.

MR. CEJA: Yes, I'll take a stab at this. It's my understanding that Ravi was working on compiling a list of trainings that you all have received prior to myself or any of the other staff. And once we have those, we will plug them to our current website. But I have not seen that list yet. I'll ask for it this week.

CHAIR AHMAD: Anything else for Website Subcommittee at this time? Seeing none, moving along to Data Management Subcommittee; that'd be myself and Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. We have nothing new to report this week.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving along to Outreach Contracts Subcommittee; that's Commissioners Akutagawa and Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: We have nothing in addition to what Director Hernandez shared earlier to report.
CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Communities of Interest Tool Subcommittee; Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned, we do continue to receive updates from the statewide database on the usage of the Communities of Interest tool.

As of last Thursday, so we are getting these on Thursdays. I'll probably get a new one tomorrow. But as of last Thursday's report, there were 324 registered users. That's an increase of 16 over the previous week. Total of 275 submissions. That's an increase of 13 over the previous week. And again, no submissions in non-English languages.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for the COI Tool Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy, I'm wondering if the difference between registered users, the 324 and then the 275 -- and I'm assuming that's just people that went in and looked at the tool, tried it out, et cetera.

But as we move forward, and if there's a great disparity, that number continues to grow, is there a way to do any sort of research to determine how far if people are actually submitting, creating maps and then backing out, or
if they're just backing out at the top of going into the tool? Do we have any other detail? Could we have any other detail about what could be driving the difference between registered users and submissions?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would guess that your initial thought is correct that people have gotten started, but haven't finished yet. But this is a very good question that I'm happy to take up with statewide database and will report back next time.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for our COI Tool Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving along to Cybersecurity Subcommittee; that's Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, Director Hernandez hosted a meeting this week with the folks who are managing the IT components from the statewide database, the line drawers and the USDR, the technical folks and invited the Cybersecurity Subcommittee to come listen to what their plans and protocols that they had in place or are putting in place.

And so, Commissioner Taylor and I are satisfied that they've got everything worked out in an appropriate way. Did you have anything to add Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. Very well-said. We are satisfied with the protocols in place.
CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Any questions for our Cybersecurity Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving along to Incarcerated Population State and Local Facilities; that's Commissioners Hernandez and Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: We don't have anything new to report, but we are waiting for the paper COI tool to be finalized so that then we can reconvene our stakeholders to receive their feedback and then come forward with the recommendation to the Commission.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Any questions for the report provided by the subcommittee? Seeing none, Incarcerated Populations Federal Facilities Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and Turner.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I have nothing to report at this point. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Nothing new to report. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving along to Lessons Learned Subcommittee; Commissioners Kennedy and myself.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I did receive a message from a member of the Colorado Redistricting Commission asking about our legal framework. So, I passed along a copy of our legal framework and look forward to keeping in touch with the Colorado Commission.
Other than that, I have nothing to report. Just encourage everyone to continue to feed the beast, keep the lessons learned coming our way. Commissioner Ahmed and I will continue to categorize them so that when we get to the lessons learned activity next year, things will be organized and hopefully lead to a productive discussion.

CHAIR AHMAD: I have nothing else to add to the subcommittee report. Questions from our colleagues on to the Lessons Learned Subcommittee? Seeing none, moving on to the last subcommittee under agenda item number nine. So, I encourage the public to start dialing in if you have comments on anything between agenda item number 9A to agenda item number 9P.

And with that, I’ll turn it over to agenda item number 9P, the IT Recruitment Subcommittee; Commissioners Anderson and Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let see. Just let you all know; we keep saying no update, no update, no update -- but what's really going on is we're waiting to see what the IT manager hire and what that looks like, and then where the gaps are. So, I just want to let you all know that we're not not doing anything, but that's kinda where we're at this point.

CHAIR AHMAD: I see questions for the subcommittee; Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari, you said that you're waiting to see the IT Manager, the Data Manager you're waiting-

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, the Data Manager, I'm sorry. But yeah, the data manager, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, that's fine. Now, it makes sense.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Now, it makes sense.

Okay, that's yeah.

CHAIR AHMAD: Are there questions for our IT Recruitment Subcommittee? Right, seeing none, and we'll move to public comment for agenda item number nine, and that is the subcommittee updates and report outs.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do not have anyone in queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Let’s give it a couple minutes to give folks a chance to dial in.

COMMENT MODERATOR: My cue is still empty, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Moving right along.

Agenda item number 10, which is Legal Affairs Committee Update Commissioners Yee, Toledo and Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So, just a quick update. Legal Affairs Committee will be meeting next on Wednesday the 16th, right before the full Commission meeting. This will be to further review the
mitigation council contracts, as we continue to refine those.

On the VRA council side, we are still waiting for the office's legal services to give us the final okay on the contracts. We expect that anytime. We're hoping to get that before June 22nd, so that we can have our first VRA strategy meeting with our line drawer and VRA Counsel together for the first time on the 22nd.

But if it's not ready by then, we'll meet with them on the 30th at the latest we hope. Although if the contract is somehow not ready by then, we'll have to postpone that further.

So, basically, we're still waiting to execute the VRA Counsel contract before we can have that initial VRA strategy meeting with VRA Counsel in place. So, we're all very anxious to get started on that and hope it will happen soon. That's all

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you any questions for our Legal Affairs Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just curious on the meeting on the 22nd, will the line drawers – well, I guess that only includes one person; but is the Line Drawer Committee also working with the legal affairs on that strategy or it's just the line drawers; the committee versus the people. Sorry, the contractors.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, right. Good question. Actually, we had not thought of that. Let’s see ... that would then include Commissioner Andersen. Is that correct? I will inquire with the Line Drawing Subcommittee.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions for our Legal Affairs Subcommittee? Yes, Commissioner Toledo, you are the Legal Affairs Subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So, just a question for Anthony and Marian, as to whether we can have a guest, a Commissioner be a guest at our Legal Affairs Committee meeting, and actually join us on video as if they were an external ... in this case, we'd be bringing in our legal counsel, our litigation contracted litigation counsel. Could we also invite a Commissioner to be a guest at the at the meeting or is that not possible?

MR. PANE: Marian, I know you’ve opined on this before, so I'm happy to let you want to chime in.

MS. JOHNSTON: There's AG opinion that says that no one other than the people invited to the committee, the commissioners on the committee and those invited to the committee can be part of the formal panel. They can certainly participate as members of the public, but not on the diocese, it were being especially suited to participate.

MR. PANE: Question for Marian; would they also be
able to be just observers?

MS. JOHNSTON: They can be observers, but they would only be able to participate as a member of the public.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So, follow up question to that; could we have a joint committee meeting where we have both committees-

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Host for both committees and have both committees host the meeting?

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions under the Legal Affairs Subcommittee update? Seeing none, Katy can we call for public comment on agenda item number 10, the Legal Affairs Subcommittee update?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We can share. We do not have anyone in the queue at this time. Would you like me to set a timer or just be kind of an arbitrary wait? What would you like?

CHAIR AHMAD: I'm setting a timer of one minute.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, perfect. Alright, thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair, thank you.
While we're waiting. Marian, you had mentioned that the AG opinion is no one other than those invited. So, as a Commissioner, we cannot be designated invitees?

MS. JOHNSTON: That's correct. Only the members of the committee.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Moving along to agenda item number 11, the Public Input Design Committee Report Out. That's Commissioners Fornaciari and myself, Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. As you're all aware our first public input meeting is tomorrow. So, that will be very interesting.

I want to take a moment to really acknowledge and thank the hard work that the staff have been doing. I mean, this has been a real heavy lift for them and I just want to acknowledge and thank them for all of that hard work. Marcy and her team, and Fredy's involved and everybody's engaged. And thank you.

So, the next meeting of the Public Input Design Committee is on the 14th. So, of course, we'll be kind of debating on how our first public input meeting went at that time and providing feedback and looking if there needs to be some tweaks for the next one.

We'll talk about the design of the ... just a heads
up, Marcy; we're going to talk about the agenda for the zone-specific meetings and what those are going to look like and how those are going to be different and how we're going to manage those. And then we'll discuss that. We'll bring that back for further discussion with the Commission on the meeting. I think there's the meeting of 16th.

And so, I think that's all I had. I don't know if there are any questions. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I'm not sure if this is the right place to ask the question, but will we be given kind of the agenda for tomorrow's session just so that we can plan accordingly the rest of our lives? Like when we have breaks and things like that? Not the front agenda that's out, but the day, what the whole day looks like.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Director Kaplan, has that changed from the one we shared when you shared last-

MS. KAPLAN: I believe it's the same as the logistics document that was posted for, I think it was the May 24th meeting. So, I'll double check that it’s ... I don't believe that we have shifted from that timeframe in terms of breaks for the 12 to 8:00 PM timeframe.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commission Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: If I remember correctly, the meal break was like in the middle at like three o'clock and
we had requested if it was possible to move to swap it with
the five o'clock break.

MS. KAPLAN: Let me take a look at the documents
and come back on in a few minutes.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Are there any other questions for
Public Input Design Subcommittee at this time?

Seeing none, let's call for public comment on
agenda item number 11.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay, Chair. There is no one
in the queue at this time, so we will wait for a minute or
so.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And the queue is still empty,
Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Moving along,
agenda item number 12 -- Line Drawer Updates and Training;
Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani. Before I jump over to
you, sorry. Go ahead, Marcy.

MS. KAPLAN: So, the time schedule is the same as
it was presented to the Commission. When the Commission
approved the agenda, there was a motion made just to amend
the agenda to include a note on the three-minute ... to note
the three-minute speaking limit and also to adjourn meeting
when business was completed.
So, I believe there may have been discussion around switching that, but the time for the meal break did not switch and the appointment time slots were then scheduled according to the original schedule and cannot be shifted at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marcy, for closing the loop on that. Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Commissioner Vasquez had her hand up first and then I'll go. You're fine. I'm sorry, but when that agenda was presented, we were only allowed to discuss the agenda and not the time slots and everything behind, we kept being told not to. And when we approved it, we were told just to approve the agenda and not to look at the other pieces.

So, I feel again, lost because I intentionally asked, are we giving comments on everything? Are we voting just for the agenda or the items behind it? And we kept being told it's just the agenda. And now, we're being told, "Oh, no, you voted all of it."

So, I think we need to be careful, or I feel like we're rushing us through getting our work done, but we're not being given the opportunity to have good conversations on all of it. And things are being interpreted that weren't intended.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, may I ask a
clarifying question to your comment? Is there a recommendation for a change to what Commissioner Yee and I will be hosting tomorrow as the moderators?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, but we can't change it because I understand that the time slots were taken. I think the request was to have the meal around five. I remember Alvaro, nodding his head yes, that can be looked at. I asked, are we looking at this or are we not looking at this? I was told by the Chair, “No, we're just looking at the agenda, we're not discussing the whole document.”

And it's the same thing as when I asked, are we looking at the agenda just for these two meetings, the first two statewide meetings, or can we discuss the agenda for everything for the zones? And we were told, no, we'll discuss zones later. And then we were told it's too late last meeting.

And so, I do think we need to be careful how quickly we're pushing us to make decisions without getting all our input for the bigger picture, because we keep being told, oh, decisions have already been made. And that's where my issue is right now.

So, yes, I have a recommendation to move the meal break to later because three o'clock's not making sense.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. I just want to clarify that recommendations and discussion amongst commissioners
is not direction to staff.

So, I get it that we all have spoken about certain things regarding the agenda, regarding the COI Input meetings, but unless someone brings forth a motion and that motion is seconded, it won't translate into direction to staff.

I would like to make sure we're all cognizant of the time right now. Our next break is at 4:15. So, before we move on to the next agenda item, Commissioner Sinay, is there a closing comment that you have?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I specifically asked when the motion was made about the agenda, if they included the whole thing, and I was told that we could still send comments and stuff to change that. That we weren't doing a motion on the ... I forget what it's called; the shelf, whatever, the document.

So, I feel like I'm not necessarily being heard because I did ask if we needed a motion. I was told we're not talking about that right now, that you can submit your thoughts and-

CHAIR AHMAD: Have you submitted your thoughts to-

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I apologize, but I feel like when I shared it and Alvaro nodded his head yes, that I had submitted it, so I didn't want to repeat it by emailing it. But I do feel like we're being shut down for
efficiency-sake and things are falling through the cracks.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Any other comments on agenda item number 11? Seeing none, agenda item number 12. And I would like remind that we did take public … oh, did you have your hand up? I'm sorry. I missed you. Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, I’m blending in with the screen. I did just want to reinforce that point of, I think we have as a Commission, have developed two slightly different processes understanding that some things like fall under the discretion of the Chair; we've developed a practice, I feel like where staff and or committees of commissioners are sort of like taking feedback in real time and all of those like nitty gritty feedback don't make it into the motion.

And sometimes in the motion, it says like, and all other feedback taken, sometimes it doesn't. And so, what I have noticed is that sometimes if it's not in the motion, it still gets incorporated. And sometimes if it is in the motion, obviously, it gets incorporated into like final product. But if it's not explicit in the motion, we're sort of relying on notes that we can't see -- staff notes, other committee notes that we can't see to know whether or not our feedback has been documented.

So, as a flag that I sense that that's where, for
me, where my confusion is laying that, yeah, so that’s it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you for your comments. I don't know how to address this at this time, and I won't even try because tomorrow's script is set. Commissioner Yee and I have the script, we've looked it over. We are planning to rehearse it.

So, I apologize if the lunch break does not work for you personally, but at this point, we won't be able to change that for tomorrow's meeting.

I also do want to reiterate that there are certain aspects of our planning that we need to trust our staff to take on and lead. Whether the lunch break is at 3:00 PM or 7 PM, my personal opinion (not speaking for anyone else), don't think that is something that we need to discuss at the Commission level. And that's something that we can trust our staff and rely on our staff to come up with.

But if you have a differing perspective on that, I encourage you to bring that up explicitly and every one of us Commissioners has the authority to present a motion and make a motion, get it seconded to direct staff as a full Commission to take action on anything.

So, moving along to agenda item number 12; Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. It's just me right now. Commissioner Sadhwani is not with us right now.
There's a handout -- it was going to be on a big screen and I apologize it is not. And so, we have little handouts which hopefully, you got. It just went out, I think it was earlier today.

So, I'm going to try to share my screen and see this. The whole idea here is this is just a quick kind of overview and sort of like a mini cheat sheet for the maps tomorrow. So, when we see them, we are really much more faciled with what we're looking at. That's the whole purpose of it.

So, I'm just going to show you these few things. And then if you have any questions or clarifications, please speak up. So, I'm going to try to share this screen here, and hopefully, this will work.

Okay. Can we all see this? Okay. I'm seeing some nods. Okay.

So, what we've done here is divide out the layers. And basically, when you see the essentially maroon color layer, those are county lines. And if you'll notice anything that has the wording in it, like it'll say Kern County, Ventura County -- the wording is the same as the color as the outline.

So, if you're seeing that in this particular color, that means it's a county that we're talking about. And going down here, these are what are called census
places. And they're just randomly assigned slightly variations of color just so we can easily distinguish them. And your census place are basically cities. And you'll kind of notice here we have Glendale … I can't even always read that, which I apologize for.

Anyway, here's Pasadena, LA, Southern Alhambra. If you'll notice again, the word font is the same color as the outline. It's basically kind of a light gray or medium gray. And so, that's what's … since this place here, we're really talking about city.

Next, we have streets and highways. You'll notice that essentially orange are the interstates, and then we have state highways and interstates will always have the little … you're hopefully familiar with that little interstate symbol on it.

Then we have the next layer sort of a wider, it's like a brown, tan color. These are main roads and state highways. They also have this little circle in them. Then we have all your other little roads. Depending on the zoom in and out, we'll see those or we won't see those.

Next is landmark areas and these are different and slightly difference from just the city place. In terms of color, it's the usual blues water, green is usually parks, national forests, things like that. We have cemeteries, water slides. We have … I think this one is actually a
golf course. They were a bunch of things like that.

If we need to know what they are, we can ask.

There's tons ... I'm not going to go into all those because I really don't think that's going to come up tomorrow at all. Although if it is, let's say, I live by McLaren Park, then we can zoom in on McLaren Park.

Then the next layer is if someone talks about my current congressional district, those are ... we didn't actually have numbers on this. The congressional districts are in green dots. The current Senate districts are in blue dots. And here we have the number. Notice, the number, if it's in there, will always be the same color as the lines themselves.

And then we have current state assembly districts. Now, these are a red dot. The county lines are a darker maroon solid color. And now, what we're going to do is put some of them together.

So, this is essentially, all those layers put together does not have the districts in it. So, if you'll notice kind of, it's easy. Here's Los Angeles County, here's the county line. Here's Ventura County, here's the county line -- as opposed to the actual cities themselves.

I'm looking for ... well here's Thousand Oaks. I think we're a little bit north of the actual city of LA. Well, Burbank -- oh no, I'm just, and here's the City of
Los Angeles. Notice the different color, font color. So, that's the county, this is the city.

So, that's what we're looking at here. And here you have the forest and your water out here. That's kind of what we're looking at.

And wide areas are unincorporated areas of a county. And then next, we have it with current statewide districts on it. Chances are we won't see this view that often, but if we do, again, and you have a printout of these. Hopefully, so you can go back, go “Wait a minute, what was color?” The green is congressional, the blue is senate, and the red is assembly.

So, that is it. Any question? Would you want to go back and see anything? Anybody? I'll take this off share or I can put it back on share; I don't know what would be preferable. I can't see everybody, so-

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, the document is also available. It's posted online as well.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct, yes. For the public, for anybody to have a look at this.

CHAIR AHMAD: Would you like me to support you in fielding questions at this time?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, please, then I can have a look at the appropriate map if you like.

CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. No worries. Are there any
questions for the Line Drawer Updates/Training Subcommittee on the report out? I don't see any questions Commissioner Andersen. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we ask questions that are not on the documents, just more process questions?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I mean, certainly, this is sort of a subcommittee as opposed to the actual item 12, but yes. I mean, I'll be happy to answer you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just curious, there's two discussions that we still need to have. And I was just curious when we were having them and if we were waiting until VRA Counsel or legal counsel. And one was what other data sources may we use in addition to what was used last time? Because in reports about the past Commission, there was recommendations to maybe look at other data sources. So, I just wanted to know if we were going to have that conversation.

Knowing that census is the main one, but there's other ways of looking at ... well, some of the data sources could be the community needs index or healthy places index, the united way, real cost, just to give us a feel of different indicators for the communities. And that might be helpful for the VRA, I don't know.

And the second was the discussion of will we or will we not be using political data, political party data?
Last time, the Commission chose not to, but there have been others have recommended to use it, but it's a decision that we need to make as a Commission. And so, I was just wondering out what point do we make those different decisions?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can sort of jump in on that one. And we're not talking about different data here at all. This is strictly a geography of the maps and for the COI Input, that's what we're going with.

This is actually for getting where do people live? What is their community of interest? So, it really doesn't have anything to do with there's ... the only thing that we're using here is census geography which is a little different than like a regular random map.

But that's all. We don't have any other data involved. This is strictly a geography thing. So, that's certainly a question that will come up in criteria and all that sort of stuff. But we haven't even gotten there.

Hopefully, just print these out in case you want to go, "Wait, what was what line again?" In case you want to refer back to them, but that's it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. Any other questions for the subcommittee before we call for public comment on agenda item number 12? Seeing none, Katy, can we call for public comment on agenda item
number 12?

COMMENT MODERATOR:  Yes, Chair.  Would you like to stop the screen share first, or no?

CHAIR AHMAD:  Yes, that would be Commissioner Andersen's end.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  I can't find this button to do this now.  Could someone give me a direction here?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA:  It's usually at the top. Move your cursor to the top of the screen and the stop share should show up.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  That's kind of what I was thinking and it won't.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA:  There you go.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR:  I took care of it for you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  Thank you very much.

COMMENT MODERATOR:  And with that, we still do not have anyone in the queue, and I will wait momentarily for direction.

CHAIR AHMAD:  Thank you, Katy.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA:  Chair, may I ask a process question?

CHAIR AHMAD:  Sure.  Go for it.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA:  And I apologize if I missed this part; are we planning to go into closed
session?

CHAIR AHMAD: No.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that we're running-

CHAIR AHMAD: There were no commissioners who brought up any items for consideration for closed session for this meeting.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'm only asking because we're near the end of our agenda, but I know that we're running up against what is supposed to be our, I guess, our dinner break. Would it be possible to suggest that we just finish out the agenda so that when we break, we're done?

CHAIR AHMAD: So, we are required to take a break at 4:15. What I can ask everyone on this call and our team who are working to put this together, if a 15-minute break would suffice and then we would return to finish off the remainder of the agenda.

And thank you for bringing that forward Commissioner Akutagawa, you're right. We have two agenda items remaining. So, with that, I want to ask someone, anyone, what is-

MR. MANOFF: Stand by, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Kristian. We would have to get confirmation on their plannings first.
MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. Yes, we can accommodate that Chair, thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much for checking, Kristian.

So, what we'll do is we will take our required 15-minute break, reconvene at 4:30 and finish off the remaining agenda items. Does that sound good for folks?

Alright.

See you all back here at 4:30.

Welcome back from break and thank you to our team for being a little bit flexible with us given we have a limited number of agenda items remaining for the duration of today's meeting.

So, with that, I will bring forward agenda item number 14; discussion of future meeting dates and agenda items to the floor and hand it over to Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. I do have a motion. So, as you know, we've only scheduled the actual meeting times for our COI Input meetings through mid-July. So, for the remainder of the summer, the times for those meetings, the dates have been set, but not the times -- the times need to be set.

So, I'd like to make a motion to ... and so, Chair and I have discussed this and I would like to make a motion that we authorize staff to finalize the remaining COI Input
meeting schedule with at least one evening meeting in each zone. That's the motion. I know that some of the input was specifically about wanting to make sure their evening meetings with sake of folks who work all day or so forth. Also, sensitive to the discussion we had just earlier that we've had mixed experiences with things mentioned being taken into consideration when it comes to scheduling.

So, this motion would require a certain amount of trust that staff will pursue the scheduling with input and maybe a reasonable back and forth and produce a schedule that everyone is happy with all things considered.

But that's my motion; to delegate authority to staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meeting schedule with at least one evening meeting in each zone.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Is there a second to the motion? Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I second the motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Discussion on the motion on the floor. Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not against this at all. I just want to know like how soon or early, prior to a meeting we would know what the time is. Because I don't want it to be where I don't know what the time is until like two days before.
CHAIR AHMAD:  Good question, Commissioner Fernandez.  We're actually the ones holding up the time establishing process.  So, I will ask Alvaro to elaborate on how quickly he estimates that the team can get a schedule back to us.

MR. HERNANDEZ:  We'll start working on the schedule to make sure that we have the one evening event in each zone.  But at minimum, it'll be 14 days prior because we have to post the agendas 14 days prior.  So, we'll have to know ahead of time for those.  Hopefully, we can get through the entirety of the scheduled COI Input meetings, but at minimum, 14 days.

CHAIR AHMAD:  Yes, Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ:  I'd just like to reiterate my recommendation from our last meeting that we really consider having all weekday meetings start no earlier than noon or one o'clock.

We had a couple of callers from our community partners reinforcing this idea, particularly during weekdays, that later is better generally for community. And again, given my experience and the experience of other organizers that particularly during weekdays, late afternoons and evenings are where they are most accessible to communities and community organizers.

CHAIR AHMAD:  Any other comments on the motion on
the floor -- points of discussion, I should say? Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. This kind of goes back to, it's giving the staff flexibility should we go in person. And it's the zone meetings, if the zone liaisons are chairing it and it would be, yes, it would be there in public. If we know we would have a … actually being there in person conflict right now, with those days, can we give the staff authority to possibly switch them? So, at least we'd be on this coast and the staff cannot be included in … and far as the Commission's concerned, would that be a staff prerogative with this motion?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I'm not sure that that's relevant to this particular motion. I think what I'm hearing is that if you're not able to make it and be the moderator for the in-person meeting that we move the meeting or switch the meeting so that you are available. Or are you asking to potentially have someone step in your particular place to chair the meeting and flip that? So, I'm trying to figure out exactly what it is that you're asking.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The first.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The first, okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, maybe you can clarify the motion to see if maybe it lands differently.
Commissioner Andersen, if it answers your question or not.

Or restate-

COMMISSIONER YEE: The motion is to authorize staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meeting schedule. So, that's pretty broad. To finalize it means things could change, I think. There's quite a bit of latitude there.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair Ahmed, you and I spent quite a bit of time going through the schedule and to ensure that there were at least between each zone meetings, it was certain days apart, at least minimum.

And then we approve the order of the meetings and the date of the meetings. And at this point, to then go back and possibly swap them again, I'm not sure how fair and equitable that is; not only for us, but also for our partners out there that are planning for those dates.

I read the motion to mean that you were going to set the times, that the staff were going to set the times of the meetings, not necessarily the meeting dates around or swap them.

CHAIR AHMAD: I'm in alignment with you, Commissioner Fernandez. That was my understanding as well.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa and then Vasquez.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think what I'm hearing Commissioner Andersen talk about is if something should be in-person.

I agree with Commissioner Fernandez, what you're saying. I think there's going to be a domino effect if you change one, because someone can't go, then that impacts a lot of other ones. So, I wouldn't necessarily suggest or support changing or swapping the current approved order of the meetings.

However, I'd like to perhaps suggest that given after a certain period of time that there may be a possibility that we'll have to entertain in-person meetings versus an all-virtual meeting, there is going to be an element of if this, then that kind of happening.

So, what may be helpful is that when the staff looks at the timeframes for the remaining meetings, perhaps they could say, if this meeting is a virtual meeting, this is the timeframe.

They may decide that if it needs to be an in-person meeting, based on the facilities that they're able to get, or other parameters or restrictions that they may have to meet, that they may have to also then say, but if it's an in-person meeting, this is the timeframe it would be. And then all of us as commissioners just need to fold that period of time from the, if it's in person to the, if
it's virtual. I don't think we can go any other way.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez and then Yee, and then Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I guess I am willing and would like if the Chair’s amenable to make a motion to not have any meetings start before noon for weekday meetings. I'm not comfortable with staff discretion on the timing before noon.

CHAIR AHMAD: Just to directly close the loop Commissioner Vasquez, I didn't and make the motion, so I can't change it.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess I was trying to be respectful of a sequencing process to not have two motions on the floor, which I thought I'd-

CHAIR AHMAD: Well, perfect. In terms of the next person to speak in the queue, is Commissioner Yee, the motion maker.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm thinking if they should be two separate motions because they seem like two separate questions. I wouldn't want people's feelings about the one o'clock question to torpedo staff's ability to move forward at all, I guess.

MR.-pane: So, Commissioner, if I could just clarify; it sounds like we have one motion that's been seconded and Commissioner Vasquez, it sounds like you are
proposing a different motion and looking for a second, if I understand that correctly.

And if that's accurate, what I would recommend is that if they are separate that maybe it's an option if we want to take separate votes or if there's another proposal from someone.

CHAIR AHMAD: Clarifying point on that, Anthony -- would we need to take vote on one motion first, close it out, and then take on the vote for the second motion?

MR. PANÉ: Because one motion has been seconded, the motion either would be withdrawn or we would proceed to a vote. And then we would entertain additional motions as well.


COMMISSIONER YEE: I’d like to circle back just a little bit first. If there’re scheduling difficulties, obviously, we can get sub. So, for actually June 19th, it turned out, I thought I was available, it turns out I'm not.

Commissioner Fernandez graciously agreed to sub for me. So, the second COI meeting be chaired by Commissioner Ahmed and Commissioner Fernandez. But the plus that you get a bilingual Commissioner, Spanish English at that time as well. It was easy. So, that's always
possible.

In terms of if in-person or hybrid meetings start happening, we thought about it and it’s like that is such a hypothetical at this point. I mean, not in terms of what that would actually look like. So, it seems, if and when that comes, I think we’ll have to face the square on who knows, we may have a whole different set of considerations for calendaring.

So, we decided not to try to tackle it now, because there's just too many unknowns. Yeah, that's all. So, I think it'd be cleaner if we do the motion separately, so I'll stick with the initial motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I saw Commissioner Fernandez hand up and then Taylor on the motion that Commissioner Yee made and seconded by Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, it was just kind of moving back to the schedule. Also attached to the specific dates for also some languages, specific languages for those dates.

So, we also took into consideration how spread apart like the Spanish languages are and all that. So, there's a lot more that went into effect other than just the locations.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for uplifting that. Commissioner Taylor and then Yee.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR:  As I consider Commissioner Yee's motion, it's shaped by Commissioner Vasquez's comments.

Well, one of the things that I would like to I guess, in addressing Commissioner Vasquez's comments, is that some of her thoughts is if we had a motion that stated no meeting could start before 12, that is an absolute. And I kind of wonder if there was a need, we now have put ourselves in a corner to where we're not starting it before 12 and we might need to start a meeting before 12.

I get the sensibilities, but I'm just not so certain I'd want to be totally pushed into starting all meetings after 12 during the weekday. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commission Yee, and then Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I’m just going to second, Commissioner Vasquez’s motion to proceed with discussion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, Commissioner Vasquez, can you please ... wait, Anthony, I need you to jump in here.

MR. PANE: So, just for clarity purposes, it would be helpful if we could take a vote first on Commissioner Yee's motion that's been seconded, and then we could separately take a motion on Commissioner Vasquez's motion, seconded by Commissioner Yee.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Are there any other comments
on Commissioner Yee’s motion? Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, it's not a comment on Commissioner Yee's motion, unfortunately. Commissioner Vazquez has not made a motion. She was entertaining the notion of making a motion. So, I just think we should close out Commissioner Yee’s motion and then continue the discussion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez, and then Turner.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I agree with Commissioner Le Mons. That being said, what I've been trying to say and not doing it very well, but I think I heard also Commissioner Taylor, is that my thoughts on Commissioner Yee’s proposal are influenced by the timing, because that's really what we're allowing the most discretion for staff to do. I've heard a pretty good argument and not heard any pushback on dates.

But what we're allowing for a lot of discretion is in timing. And so, Commissioner Yee's proposal in my mind is not sufficient. And so, then I won't be able to support that motion because it doesn't have a piece that I feel is really critical to be in that motion. And I suspect that there are other commissioners who feel that way.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner and then Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Mine was just one question of timing because I understood what Commissioner Vasquez was saying. And I knew that without having that conversation first, it couldn’t validate the first motion or at least her ability to vote on the first motion. And so, I was just questioning the timing of the two, which would require withdraw and making the motion again, based on how it worked out. But I understood that, Commissioner Vasquez.

MR. PANE: So, Commissioner Turner, if I could, just to further your comment, what we could do from a procedural standpoint, is I believe Commissioner Yee's motion that's been seconded is to give discretion to staff.

If that were to pass, Commissioner Vasquez who has not made a motion yet, but assuming she does, and she restricts that discretion and that motion is seconded, you would read both motions together, which would mean that there would be a further restriction, which would be a subsequent motion that has been passed.

So, you have to read them harmoniously together. But of course, that all assumes it passes and goes along the hypothetical that I just laid out.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Commissioner Turner, I hope that answers your question for now.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, it did answer my
CHAIR AHMAD: Definitely creating more questions for me, but that's neither here nor there. Commissioner Kennedy and then Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Could Commissioner Vasquez not offer her idea as an amendment to Commissioner Yee’s motion?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'd be happy to. Again, I don't know what our rules are now anymore because they've changed. We used to be able to add amendments and then it was no two motions on the floor. I don't know. So, I'd love to propose that as amendment if Commissioner Yee would accept it.

MR. PANE: I think Marian wants to chime in on the amendment question.

MS. JOHNSTON: Just to clarify, Commissioner Vasquez just said, whether the proposed amendment it's up to the original author, but whether or not he wants to accept it. He either can or doesn't have to either way.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez and then Taylor.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Personally, I don't like saying you can't start a meeting before noon because we don't know if we're excluding people because we're doing that.
We're going forward with the next, I don't know, eight meetings with various timeframes. So, that's why I don't like ... I like the flexibility of the staff deciding and I would hope that they would decide based on what the demand has been based on if we start at 10 versus noon versus one, what has worked better.

So, that's why I like the initial motion by Commissioner Yee that it's more flexible and I'm hoping that staff will take participation into consideration when they develop the timing for the remaining meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yes, I'm in agreement with Commissioner Fernandez. I think the imperative, the definite for me is problematic in that I know that there are also community members that -- and now, with flexible working 24 hours, et cetera, that would appreciate that morning access; not the majority, but to make it exclusively no meetings.

I think it should be a rarity. I think it should be available as an option for at least like I said, one meeting or so, or one in each ... maybe not even one in each zone because we technically can call into each. But I think they should have that option somewhere in the whole scheduling to be able to call in earlier. So, for me, it's problematic to say none before 12:00 PM.
CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, would you be able to repeat your motion for clarity?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I’d like MR. Pane’s theoretical sequence and therefore, I think not to at all denigrate the idea, but simply to keep the matter separate, I think I will not accept the amendment and remain with the original motion to delegate authority to staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meeting schedule with at least one evening meeting in each zone.

CHAIR AHMAD: And just to make sure we're all very clear, Commissioner Turner, you had seconded that motion and you still remain seconding?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Any other discussion points on the motion on the floor? And we'll come back to the agenda item, if need be. Can we call for public comment on the motion on the floor?

COMMENT MODERATOR: We can. There is no one in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Let's wait a minute in case folks are dialing in.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And there is still no one in the queue, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. With that, Alvaro, can we call roll for the vote?
MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure thing, Chair. The motion to delegate authority to staff to finalize the remaining COI Input meetings schedule with at least one evening meeting in each zone. Motion made by Commissioner Yee, seconded by Commissioner Turner. We will begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: With regrets, no.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you. Are there any other points of discussion for agenda item number 14?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, I would-

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I would like to make a motion that no weekday meetings start before noon. And as context for this motion, which is no public input meetings will be scheduled before noon. Of course, things come up as they do in event planning and organizing. So, this is a direction for staff to begin planning so we can start this work.

Nothing about this motion is immobile to us changing our mind, like reevaluating our plan based on demand, based on availability of facilities, should things open up. But what it does do again for planning purposes, is signal to community that first, gives it a solid time, which I think we're all in agreement, which is what we just
did. But really again, we've heard from organizers who are
doing the work now.

I am telling you in my current work in policy and
organizing and family engagement, that weekdays evenings is
a hot time. Certainly, if we host an event, we do have
convening power as a decision-making body. So, certainly,
I'm sure if we hosted a meeting at 8:00 AM, we'd get people
to show up because this is an important issue.

So, I also don't want this idea that we are able
to get people at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, whatever, that that is
community friendly. And I think, again, just being in this
work, the community-friendly practice and I'm proposing
policy, is that we not make plans that for community
engagement that start at inconvenient times.

And so, my proposal is trying to get us to lead
our planning with the most like community-friendly policy,
knowing that we will have to be responsive to like things
that come up that we can't anticipate or didn't anticipate.

So, just wanted to also flag that like should we
go through with two of them and we're really not finding
facilities or whatever, if the time really doesn't work,
then it doesn't work.

But I would like for the Commission as a policy to
lead with the community-friendly time, which I believe is
not before noon, especially for an eight-hour meeting.
CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Vasquez. I'm going to get a ping about what was the motion language. So, if you can please repeat the motion so our team can document it.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Again, that no public input meeting during the weekdays start before noon.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second to the motion? Commissioner Yee, I saw your hand first.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll second it and I have a comment.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. So, motion is seconded, discussion, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: So, this whole question of directing staff, so I'm wondering given some of the comments that even those of us who think it's a good idea may not want to box in staff entirely by a hard and fast timestamp; then is there a way of directing staff to make all efforts or to make at least one meeting or I mean, language that's a little more flexible, but still weighty enough to do justice to these considerations?

MR. PANE: So, I guess it would be a point of clarification. Commissioner Yee, are you offering a friendly amendment to Commissioner Vasquez's original motion or are you seconding her motion?

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm seconding her motion as it
is, but also floating other considerations.

CHAIR AHMAD: Other thoughts on the motion on the floor? Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't agree with the before noon. I do believe I'm community-friendly and I am trying to be inclusive of everyone. Not everyone has the same schedule throughout California.

If it's just one meeting that's before noon, that's fine. But I do want more flexibility in terms of trying to include Californians that aren't the normal eight to five work schedule. So, I do not agree with the motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Quickly, I think I have to agree with Commissioner Fernandez. And in another life, I might be a targeted population. There's plenty of people in service industries, large populations of people that we want to participate in this process, the service industries; they work for from 12 to 10, from 2 to 10.

So, in a different life, being able to drop off kids and then maybe having an hour or two between 8 to 10, 8 to 12 to participate in this process would've been a welcomed opportunity. So, the absoluteness is a little discouraging to me, so I would be more inclined to, we have to work around that. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments, if not, I do
have also a thought on the motion.

As much as I appreciate the expertise that Commissioner Vasquez is bringing from her community organizing experience, I also want to recognize that we do have that type of expertise on our team who are and will be taking into consideration those best practices for involvement.

The hesitation that I have is again, I've said this before, I'm not involved in the day-to-day planning of these COI Input meetings. I don't know the ASL schedules. I don't know the venue considerations. I don't know all the COVID restrictions and safety protocols that our team will be taking into consideration when planning all of these things.

So, I would be hesitant on restricting our team from a planning angle to live within a confinement of after 12 when I don't know if that's necessarily going to work. That's just my perspective on that.

Any other thoughts on the motion? Yes, Commissioner Vasquez, and then Alvaro.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just to I think respond to Commissioner Taylor -- I do totally agree that especially service workers, shift workers definitely have those evening shifts. And that's, again, why I had hoped to accommodate that in the early afternoon with again, 12 to
2. And or if a shift starts at 12, the 12 to 8, we're somewhat constrained.

    But again, from my experience, the 12 to 8 or 1 to 9 going later; later tends to get more community members, because someone has to put the kids to bed. So, someone has to be home and available for the most part. So, there will be tradeoffs, and I respect those who are making different tradeoffs. So, that's it.

    CHAIR AHMAD: Any other Commissioners want to speak on the motion on the floor at this time? Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

    COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do appreciate the entire idea behind this, is you were trying to grab as many people as possible.

    I keep on going back to like nursing, it's 11 to 7, there are different times; if that's your shift, that's just the way it goes and musicians, you are practicing then, and then you are playing and that's kind of smacked down in the middle. You have the early time, you don't have the later time.

    And so, that's where ... I like the variety in the zones. Like one could be early, one could be late because then you'd cover in the zone both sections. And I appreciate that particularly since the first motion is already saying that one's in the evening. So, then I'd
like the other one to be early just to cover it to give everyone as much chance.

    Obviously, it all depends on our great outreach and that's what we hope to do and cover as many people as possible. Anyway, that's my thought, I appreciate though all this input.

    CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. Any other comments on the motion before we call for public comment?

    Seeing none, we will call for public comment on the motion on the floor, made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Yee, regarding agenda item number 14.

    COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright, Chair. We will call for public comment at this time. Remind all those calling in, press *9 to raise their hand. We do not have anyone in the queue at this time. We will wait for a moment.

    And there is still no one in the queue, Chair.

    CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alvaro, can we call roll for vote?

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. To reiterate the motion; the motion that no weekday public input meeting is scheduled before noon. Is that correct, Commissioner Vasquez?

    COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. My name is with a Z.
MR. HERNANDEZ: I am so sorry. My spelling is not the best when it's on live TV, right? Alright. The motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Yee. And we'll begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?
Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmed?
CHAIR AHMAD: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion fails.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Thank you. Are there any other points of discussion for agenda item number 14? Seeing none, Anthony, I need your help. Do I need to take public comment on agenda item number 14?

MR. PANE: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Let’s call for public comment on agenda item number 14.

COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind those calling in, press *9 to raise their hand. There is no one currently in the queue.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I make a quick comment? It’s Fernandez.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Go for it.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Moving forward, if we’re going to be taking comment after each agenda item, I’m sure you’re already doing this and Commissioner Yee, but maybe consolidating some of the agenda items.

Okay, great, great. Because I was thinking like
five through eight can be consolidated like executive staff reports or something. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: It's like you were there Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Maybe I was.

COMMISSIONER YEE: So, the agenda for the 25th is already set, so you won't see it there, but hopefully you'll see it on the set.

COMMENT MODERATOR: And there is still no one in the queue, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you, Katy. Moving right along to agenda item number 15; public comment for items not on the agenda or general public comments, or public comments related to agenda items for future meetings.

COMMENT MODERATOR: So, we still do not have anyone in the queue. I don't know if you want to give like two minutes on this one or something.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, while we wait, I’d like to make some announcements and reminders. We do have our very first live COI Input meeting held tomorrow virtually June 10th, from 12 to 8:00 PM. The additional information about the meeting can be found at wedrawthelinesca.org.

However, you don't have to wait until tomorrow to submit your input. You can go to our COI tool and submit
your input now. But we would also welcome you all to join our meeting tomorrow as well.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, I do have someone in the queue. They have not chosen to raise their hand though. So, I would like to remind those in the queue, press *9. Oh, and there is their hand. Okay. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, this is Renee Westa-Lusk. I wanted to know, is there a solid plan to put the paper COI forms in every library in California or is that not certain yet?

And I just have one other comment. I couldn't comment before you voted on that last motion about having the meetings start at … the public input meeting.

But I have not been to any public meetings during the day where there's hardly anybody there. I mean, it's really hard to get a lot of people to participate at 10:00 AM in the morning. Most public meetings I go to that are well-attended are in the evening. That's my comment. I'd appreciate a response about the library paper COI form. Thank you.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And we do have another caller, Chair. And go ahead, the floor is yours.

MS. BETTS: Hello, commissioners, my name is Ayanna Betts and I'm calling on behalf of the California
Black Census and Redistricting Hub.

As always, we want to thank you for your hard work you're putting into this commission and making sure that the public is able to participate in this process.

We are calling today to get clarification on how mid in the deaf community can participate in the COI Input meetings. We understand that there is the language interpretation.

However, just to clarify, is the same true for the deaf community that they can request an interpreter as well will the deaf community sign on video and then an ALS interpreter will speak that to the Commission so they can hear?

And also, will they be able to get their community or family members to read a written statement on their behalf? We apologize if this was mentioned before. But with the COI meeting beginning, our input meeting beginning tomorrow, we just wanted to clarify and thank you for your time.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And that was our last caller at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. Alvaro, do you have a comment at this time?

MR. HERNANDEZ: No, I was just sighing.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Are there any remaining
thoughts? Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari and then Marian.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Are we going to respond to those questions?

CHAIR AHMAD: Go ahead, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: The ASL interpreters will be at all meetings and are available. It is also perfectly appropriate to have a friend or a family member read a statement if that's what a person would prefer. If there is an alternative arrangement that is required, then with a five-day notice, the Commission would do what's best to accommodate that.

CHAIR AHMAD: I saw another hand up, was it Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I would just offer with regard to the paper COIs, we're working on it. We don't have a final plan yet.

COMMENT MODERATOR: Alright. There we are, all done.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright, with that, we have concluded all of the meeting items on our agenda for this meeting. We have taken notes of things that may have come up for future meeting agenda items. I also remind folks ... actually -- I'll let Commissioner Yee remind folks.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So, going forward, please do your best to appear into the future, fortune days in the
future with subcommittee items including updates, action items, matters for discussion, presentation, and get those onto the Google Doc agenda planner before 14 days before so we can get the agenda assembled and published in a timely manner. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy?

MS. KAPLAN: Just adding on to Marian's comment, it is on the agenda for the COI input meetings, but the request for disability-related modification is at thevotersfirstact@crc.ca.com email. But I'll work with Fredy to make sure that's clear on the flyer and website as well.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alright. Seeing no other hands, I will adjoin this meeting and see you all tomorrow at our very first COI Input meeting at 12:00 PM.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM)
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