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CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ashley. All right, a few -- Ravi, will you be taking roll call today?

MR. SINGH: Yes, sir.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Can we go to roll call, please?

MR. SINGH: Absolutely.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Anderson?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

CHAIR TAYLOR: And I am present. Thank you very much.

MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

CHAIR TAYLOR: A little bit of background on the Commission before we begin. Every ten years after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts so that the districts correctly reflect the State's population. The fourteen member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats and four not affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will
provide fair representation for all Californians. More information can be found at www.wedrawthelinesCA.org.

Now, an overview of our sessions this week. Today, November 18th, from 3 to 8 p.m. we're having feedback on the draft maps for the Assembly districts. Tomorrow, Friday, November 19th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Senate district feedback sessions.

On Saturday, November 20th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., feedback for Board of Equalization during session number 1, the first portion of the day. Afterwards, any districts, for sessions, two and three will be taken. On Monday, November 22nd, from 9:30 to 2:30, any district feedback. And that will be followed by Tuesday, November 23rd, again from 9:30 to 2:30, any input regarding any district feedback is accepted.

Draft map input sessions are not the only opportunity to provide feedback for the draft maps that were released on November 10th. Participating in the November 17 to 23 meeting is not the only way to submit input on the draft maps, please use our draft map feedback form, which provides real-time input to the Commission. The link is available on the livestream landing page and on our website at www.wedrawthelinesCA.org. Also, the statewide database has created Draw My CA Districts, an online tool for
creating district maps, and Draw My CA, a free to use plug in for the open source GIS platform, QGIS where you can submit maps to the Commission. You can see more information at drawmyCalifornia.org.

Now, a few housekeeping rules, the Commission will be enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time limit for appointments, and will provide a warning at thirty and fifteen seconds remaining. When you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you will be providing input on so the mappers can bring up that map.

We will open the lines at the end of the day when we reach our public comment session. The number to provide public comment is listed on the livestream landing page. If you're calling without an appointment, please do not hang up. As you will lose your place in line. It is my hope that during these meetings that we are all thoughtful, considerate and consider all of California during our deliberations.

Katy, I hand it over to you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

Good afternoon. Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have not done so already, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen if your unique I.D. ends in 001 through 037 for session 1. You
will be identified by the assigned unique ID number received in your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video, which will be located in the lower left corner of your screen once you have been promoted.

Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty seconds, you will receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time. There will also be a active timer on the screen for your convenience. When you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you will be providing input on.

And one more time, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment queue line indicating you are present and ready to comment if your unique ID ends in 001 through 037.

We will be starting off with unique ID 026. And up next, after that will be 008.

026, I will be promoting you now. 026, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'll be addressing, the floor is yours.

MS. KLEIN: Thank you. I'm speaking on the N10
district and I'm in Hollywood. Hello Commissioners, I want to thank you for taking time to hear from Californians all across the state about the draft Assembly maps today.

My name is Becky Klein. And as I said, I live in Hollywood. I'm a member of the LGBTQ and Jewish communities. I'm so grateful to the Commission for recognizing the importance of uniting and empowering LGBTQ+ voters, especially given the state sanctioned discrimination that we continue to face across the country and the ongoing epidemic of violence against the transgender community, especially trans women of color.

I was deeply disappointed to see that the draft Assembly map splits at the heart of the Los Angeles County's LGBTQ+ community in Hollywood and West Hollywood between multiple districts, seriously threatening our ability to elect candidates of choice for the next decade.

L.A. County made history in 1994 by electing the 1st LGBTQ+ member of the California legislature and legislature, an out lesbian who went on to represent our community at various levels of government. But in 2019, for the first time in twenty-five years, L.A. County was left with zero out LGBTQ+ legislators representing us. I want to respectfully urge the Commission to unite the
LGBTQ+ community in the draft and ten district here by moving the city of West Hollywood and Hollywood, West of the 101 Freeway into N10. You can offset the population shift by moving Jefferson Park and Adams Normandy South of the 10, into the 110 L.A. district, directly South. Then move Westlake, except Historic Filipinotown, and Pico Union East into the NELA district, directly East.

Doing so will not only unite our LGBTQ+ community in Hollywood, West Hollywood, and Mid City --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. KLEIN: Thank you. But it will also better unite API and Jewish communities in N10; black communities in 110, L.A.; and Latino communities in NELA while still maintaining the rich diversity of our central L.A. neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and best of luck as you work to create fair and equitable maps for all Californians.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have 008. And up next after that will be 012.

008, I will be promoting you now. 008, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'll be addressing, the floor is yours.
MR. CASSIDY: Thank you, can you hear me okay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. CASSIDY: Okay. Hello, my name is John Cassidy. I'm a resident of Yuba City, California, here in Sutter County, California, just North of Sacramento. I want to thank the Commissioners for your countless hours and days working to get these new maps correct. I'll jump right to it because I know our time is limited.

The draft Assembly district puts my home county of Sutter into a district that goes all the way down to Granite Bay in Placer County and all the way up to Portola and Plumas County. It's a pretty crazy setup. It doesn't seem to reflect the feedback submitted about keeping the Northern Sacramento Valley counties together. I don't understand why you mixed and mess the mountain counties, valley counties, and suburban Sacramento areas all into one Assembly district. Granite Bay, Lincoln, and Rockland should be in an Assembly district with other Sacramento suburbs. Likewise, Plumas, Lassen, and Nevada counties should be put into the Assembly district with other mountain counties where they'll have representatives that will work on mountain county issues.

Finally, Sutter County and Yuba belong on other valley for agricultural counties like Butte, Glenn, and Colusa. The current draft maps just don't match to
recognize the unique differences of these areas. I would like to ask you to please start by adding Butte County to the Yuba Sutter District.

The Orovilla Dam crisis should be a good enough reason to link these three counties together. I was one of 180,000 residents who evacuated at a moment's notice in April of that year to avoid a disaster. We've got to have an Assembly person that represents all the counties that can make sure that a disaster like that never happens again; or if it does, it could be managed. Well, during the crisis it took residents in Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Colusa, and Glenn Counties nine-and-a-half hours to go thirty miles on highways and roads in the Northern Sacramento Valley, trying to get to safety to avoid being flushed into the downtown Sacramento -- into downtown Sacramento by a wall of water at the pace of 800,000 basketballs per second.

So again, please create a district for the mountain counties, a district for the Sacramento suburbs and a district for the flatlands of Northern California, Sacramento Valley. Doing so will make sure each area has --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. CASSIDY: -- proper representation that will prioritize each individual community's needs. And I
thank you very much for your time today.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 012. And up next, after that would be 006.

012, I will be promoting you now. 012, you can now enable your audio and video lower left corner of your screen. And if you please remain the member of what district plan and region you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. MCKEOWN: Thank you. I'm here to talk about draft Assembly map Antelope in North L.A. County. My name is Ann McKeown, I live in (audio interference). This map does a good job of putting us with our neighbors in the high desert who share our lives and our difficulties.

Last night I was with a group of residents to talk about our issues so that my testimony today isn't just what I think, but it's reflective of our community. One man spoke of waiting in an emergency room for over 11 hours, his IV hanging from a fire extinguisher in the hallway. The woman next to him had been waiting since early morning for emergency surgery. There were more than twenty stretchers in the hallways alone. A father talked about waiting for 36 hours with his sick child to be seen.
We talked about water, about wells running dry all around us; and dust storms and fire storms. People talked about leaving home at 4 a.m. to go to work in Los Angeles because there just aren't so many jobs here. In 2019, residents of Palmdale had the longest commute time of any city in the entire country. Thirty-five percent of our population commute over two hours each way.

We need a voice so we can elect a representative who understands the toll it takes on workers, on families, on our community. Acton and the other towns of the high desert are filled with caring, resilient people, but we need help and you have the ability to help us by giving us a collective voice. We really like this map, but we understand it may change. I'm here today to ask that you keep us with the high desert communities, whatever happens.

We have great neighbors forty minutes away in Santa Clarita, but they have good hospitals and jobs and water and schools. We need our own voice because we don't have any of that. Mostly this is a thank you and a reminder to all of us that we aren't really talking about lines and elections. We're talking about lives, and a father waiting with a sick child. We're talking about the chance that our next Assembly representative will stand with us to make lives better for all of us here at the
high desert, because you gave us a voice. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we have 006. And up next, after that will be 030.

006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you please remind the member of what district and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. O'CONNOR: South SFE District. I am Ann O'Connor with POSO, part of Sherman Oaks and we were renamed Sherman Oaks in 2009. We are a community of 6,900 people. The Commission's drafts -- draft maps do not have the correct Northern POSO boundaries. The Northern boundary of POSO is a straight line along Oxnard, from the 405 Freeway to Hazeltine. There's a precedent for using a straight line along Oxnard, since this is the boundary used for our current L.A. City Council District 4 and the 2021 L.A. City Council Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee map.

Your draft state Senate map also uses Oxnard, which is the most convenient street since it's a four-lane street. The draft Congressional and Assembly maps North POSO Boundaries are South of Oxnard and have a strange cutout that excludes 200 homeowners and renters. We feel all three maps should look alike and have the same
straight line, Northern POSO boundary along Oxnard, yet they are all different.

Our Western boundary is 405 Freeway and should have no cut outs of businesses along Sepulveda Boulevard. These businesses were also part of our renaming and a big part of our COI. We knocked on the doors of these Sepulveda businesses and they wanted to be represented by Sherman Oaks office holders. Many of these businesses belong to Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce. They are not population or voters, they are voter -- they are business assets, and you've given them back to Van Nuys. This is an arbitrary taking of assets away from POSO along Sepulveda Boulevard.

Our council file 082758 states the North border of POSO is the North side of Califia and the North side of Tiara. But you have omitted Tiara Street between Tobias Street and Hazleton Avenue. These are another 400 homes and apartments, possibly 2,000 population, who want to be with Sherman Oaks. Because of this confusion, we are strongly suggesting a straight line down Oxnard. The council file is our legal document with boundaries that should be respected. There is no logic in taking our business assets and 2,000 population who are part of this legal document. We are asking that the state Assembly and Congressional maps North border --
MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. O'CONNOR: -- look just like your State Senate borders a straight line to East down Oxnard Street and the 405 Freeway as the Western border. Thank you, everyone.

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 030. And up next after that will be 017.

030, I'll be promoting you now. 030, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen, if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region, the floor is yours.

MR. WALDMAN: The San Fernando Valley. Thank you, Commissioners. Stuart Waldman from VICA and the San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition. So I was going to say that this map is perfect, but Ann O'Connor reminded me that you did -- there is a couple blocks that need to be changed in Sherman Oaks.

But other than that, this map is perfect. If you did nothing, didn't touch it, we would be happy. This is a great map, it keeps communities whole. It doesn't go South of Mulholland, it keeps neighborhood councils mostly whole. We appreciate everything that was done on this map.
However, you did receive some testimony from folks that said that the San Fernando Valley should have a second Latino CVAP Assembly seat. So I haven't thought about that, and we have 760,000 Latinos in the San Fernando Valley. And I wanted to see what that could look like. And I apologize, yesterday I talked about a four district swap and I know it's confusing.

So this time I made my Zoom background the map and I've turned it in. So what this does is it's simple for district swap so you can just plug and play if you wanted to. And it takes some pieces of SCV and it moves them into East San Fernando, East SFV as well as Central SFV and South SFV. And those are the only districts that this touches. But what this does, most importantly, is the green district in the middle on the right side -- and the right side is the new version, the left side's the old version. It makes that a fifty percent plus Latino CVAP district. And the blue district, which would be East SFV, is also a fifty percent plus Latino CVAP.

So again, if you did nothing, other than fixing Ann O'Connor's problem with POSO, we would be --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WALDMAN: -- happy and it'd be perfect. But if you do decide that you want to make some changes and see about the potential to add a second Latino seat in the
San Fernando Valley, we did want to offer up this option for you. So thank you again. Appreciate all the late nights that you're putting in. You should all get paid triple time for all that you're doing. And we appreciate it. And thank you. And I'll see you tomorrow.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have unique ID 017. And up next after that will be 025. Unique ID 017, as you have chosen to call in, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six at this time. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. MALDONADO: Hi, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MALDONADO: Okay, I'm addressing the Santa Clarita. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

MR. MALDONADO: Good afternoon. My name is Tony Maldonado and I live in Santa Clarita. I'm recommending vast changes to the Santa Clarita map to include Simi Valley, Fillmore, Moorpark, Lake Piru, Agua Dulce, Acton, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Lake Castaic, and the other missing parts of the Greater Santa Clarita Valley, North of Castaic. And to remove all of the San Fernando Valley
with whom we share nothing in common and are better served in a joint San Fernando Valley district.

There's over a century long history of antagonism and acrimony between Santa Clarita and the City of Santa -- the City of Los Angeles due to large level of disrespect, constant belittling, and bullying on the part of the City of Los Angeles. Since Santa Clarita seceded from the City of Los Angeles in 1987, the combination of the Greater Santa Clarita Valley, which includes Acton, Agua Dulce, all of Castaic, and extends further to the North, and the greater Simi Valley area of Ventura County at our West have become a wonderful, multiculturally diverse, and inclusive landscape of affluent suburban, exurban, and rural communities, all flourishing by leaps and bounds. The current map will leave us without proper representation.

The greater Santa Clarita Valley, combined with a greater Simi Valley area, have become some of the safest and best thriving cities and communities in the U.S. That is an incredible achievement that should be rewarded and has occurred because of our long history of joint efforts in public safety, education, public health, water management, transportation, wildfire management in our shared national forests; and continued economic development in aerospace, film technology and other
industries. However, we still have more to do and separating us will derail that.

In comparison, the urban sprawl of the San Fernando Valley is the Northern half section of the City of Los Angeles containing large volumes of crime, severe income disparity, including a significant population below the poverty level. Skyrocketing homelessness with no end in sight and statistically have some of the desert census tracks in Los Angeles and whose needs are better served in a joint San Fernando Valley district, making it fully incompatible and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MALDONADO: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) to us. Therefore, I respectfully request that you change the Santa Clarita map accordingly to better serve our needs. Thank you for everything, and thank you for your service.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 025. And up next after that will be 003.

025, if you will -- 025, I'll be promoting you now.

025, you can now enable your audio and your video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.
MS. DUTRA: Thank you, Commissioners and staff, for the opportunity to speak. I'll be talking about the Yuba Sutter area. So my name is Justine Dutra and I am the executive director of the Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau. This is my 2nd time calling in to speak with you, my first time was back in June. And I appreciate the opportunity to now provide feedback on the draft maps.

First, I would like to say thank you for keeping in mind the link between Yuba and Sutter counties. We not only share a farm bureau, but we also share the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce, the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, the Yuba Sutter Association of Realtors, and a variety of other government and nongovernment organizations.

About a month ago, several of the Northern County, California Farm Bureaus submitted a joint letter to the Commission. It was signed by the farm bureaus in Butte, Tehama, Calusa, and Yuba, and Sutter. Our primary concern is that the rural agricultural communities North of Sacramento should be kept together and not placed into densely populated urban areas where our small town interests will be ignored. A rural ag area is unique and should not be combined with the coast, Napa wine country or cities like Davis and Granite Bay that have different interests.

If you pull up a map showing the topography of North
of Sacramento, you'll see that the terrain down the center of the North state is primarily flat. Our economy thrives on our fertile soil and abundant water supply. We travel North and South along Interstate 5 and Highway 99. The valley is surrounded by mountains to our East and West. Flooding has historically been a major issue in the valley. And when the Oroville Dam spillway broke apart a few years ago, it forced the evacuation of nearly 200,000 people in Butte, Yuba, and Sutter counties.

The simplest way to put this is our Valley farming area has its own set of priorities. Just as the mountain areas to our East have their own shared interests, and the coastal areas to our West have their own specific needs. Keeping the coast, the valley, and the mountains in three different districts is the best way to keep communities of interest together.

Right now, the farm North Congressional and Senate draft maps do a good job at keeping our rural counties together, but the Assembly drafts do not make much sense. Tehama, Glenn, and Calusa do not have much of anything in common with Yolo and Napa counties and the draft Assembly maps place Yuba and Sutter with the mountain counties to the East; this does --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. DUTRA: -- not make much sense. It would be
better to combine Yuba, Sutter, and Butte with other farming counties like Tehama, Glenn, and Calusa. These six valley counties together provide the --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 003. And up next after that will be 022.

003, I will be promoting you now. 003, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. GOMEZ: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to talk to you about SBSY in El Mesa (ph.) district in South San Diego County.

Good afternoon. I'm Georgette Gomez and I'm calling to talk to you about the City Heights neighborhood, which is the heart of the 9th City Council District that I served on the San Diego City Council in 2016 to 2020. You have heard me talk to you during the summer and last week about how the policy needs of the renters, Latino multicultural households, immigrants, and transit users of the working class community in City Heights with the working class, Latino, multicultural, immigrant transit dependent communities in South Bay.

Unfortunately, this community, this community of
interest was not reflected in the draft sample Assembly map. Instead of drawing this part of San Diego East to West, I'm requesting you drive North to South. One district alone along the 805 that includes the working class Latino neighborhood of more effective majority/minority district. Another district that runs along the 125 corridor to include more suburban communities like Bonita, East Lake, and La Mesa.

This is how this is how the math could work. First, remove the 165,000 population in East Chula Vista and Bonita, that is East of the 805. These residents are much less likely to be Latino immigrants of working class. In fact, Chula Vista city elections had to go to district elections five years ago because of the racially polarized voting in the city resulted the more affluent East Side block voting against their preferred candidates that ballot positions of the working class Latino in the West Side.

That 165,000 population can go to La Mesa district, which is a better match than the rest of South San Diego.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GOMEZ: The SBSY district can find 165 traveling North National City. That includes the historic Barrio neighborhoods; Logan Heights, Shelltown, Southcrest and not include downtown. Go all the way to the 94, and
include 94 and add City Heights between 805, El Cajon Boulevard, 54th Street, and down to Chollas Creek, including Fairmount Park, adding back the 25,000 population of Latino majority.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have 022. And up next after that will be 001.

022, I'll be promoting you now. 022, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. ATNEYEL: Hello, Commissioners. I want to thank you guys for taking the time to listen to California during this tenuous time of redistricting. I am going to be talking about central SFV Assembly map. So my name is Justin Atneyel. My wife and I were both born and raised in this area, which started from my parents immigrating from Iran to North Hollywood back in 1981. I am currently a resident on Blix Street in North Hollywood, which is a block out the new district line, which is being drawn in Camarillo.

I was born and raised here. I also serve as a deacon of a church that is in this neighborhood as well.
I also have built my family and business, which is headquartered a few blocks away from me. And it doesn't make much sense for me to be drawn out of my own neighborhood. And all of the business I conduct will fall within this district, and they won't anymore.

The Commission has, quite frankly, done a great job pairing most of the working class neighborhoods of East San Fernando Valley. But I feel it's critical that both the Senate districts labeled SC SFV and the Central SFV Assembly map be corrected. And I know you guys are working really, really hard at this. I feel like you have the power to end the division of North Hollywood and unite our community by drawing the boundaries of what is accepted locally as our equitable neighborhood boundary, which is established by the L.A. Times neighborhood map.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 001. And up next after that will be 031.

001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what is your plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will be speaking about
northeast Los Angeles. In the press coverage on your
draft maps, some Commissioners have talked about
increasing the number of Latino majority districts
statewide. However, you can't just look at the state as
a whole. Rather, you need to look within each region as
well. Increasing Latino opportunities in the Central
Valley doesn't help Latinos in Los Angeles; particularly
if you're reducing their existing ability to elect their
preferred candidates of choice. And that is exactly what
you are doing in Los Angeles.

Currently, there are nine Latino majority districts
in Los Angeles, while under your draft maps there are
just seven Latino majority districts in Los Angeles.
Meanwhile, the number of white majority districts is
increased from five to seven. Let me repeat that. Under
your draft maps, you are decreasing the number of Latino
seats; you are increasing the number of white seats. You
are drawing the same number of Latino and white majority
seats in a county where Latinos make up thirty-nine
percent of the Latino CVAP, while whites make up just
thirty-four percent.

In some areas, you are legitimately having to
balance competing interests between Latinos, African-
Americans, and Asians. But in areas, like in northeast
Los Angeles, you are using community of interest
testimony and a nonpublic, racially polarized voting analysis to take two Latino majority districts, and instead only draw one. The Commission cannot say it is impossible. Other groups have shown you how to correct this deficiency. You just need the courage to do the hard work and to fix it. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 031. And then up next after that will be 037.

031, I will be promoting you now. 031, you can now enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the member of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. TETER: Hello. My name is Bill Teter. I live in Encinitas in San Diego County. And I want to thank the committee for listening to all the input today, I know it's a lot.

I want to talk today about a district, SD Coastal. This is a district that goes almost from the border, virtually all the way to Camp Pendleton. And the problem is the coast does not belong to the people who are wealthy enough to live along it. They belong to it belongs to all Californians, indeed all Americans. And what you've done is the people that live in that district
will have a median income of two to three times the rest of us. And you're creating this wealthy enclave, which will have interests of the coast who will not share any interest with the rest of us, such as the rising cost of living, affordable housing, health care.

Now, the good news is you can easily meld the other three districts that are just East of that, the bonds, ESC bonds, central SD, and El Mesa into four horizontal districts that each touch the coast. This would also provide more representation for coastal issues. Instead of having one Assembly person representing coastal issues, you would now have four people that represented coastal issues. And it would be a lot more fairer to the rest of us because, again, they would just be focused on that wealthy enclave, would not care about the rest of us. Of course, they're going to care about what is most concerning to them.

The second thing I want to talk about is, is trying to do more with staying as little as possible change from the current districts. There are now eight redistricting efforts going. You're doing four, but also the cities, counties, and even school districts have been forced to break into districts. So a citizen is now going to have to pick -- find out which of four new districts they are in, if it changes. So I would minimize, and urge you to
look at minimizing changes around the edges of the
current districts to satisfy the requirements of the
change in population and the other imperatives that
you've been given. Thank you very much for listening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 037. And up next after that will be 018.

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is yours.

MR. AI: Hello, Commissioners. I am looking at NBCV
and the Coachella Valley. Commissioners, my name is Mike
Ai, and I'm here on behalf of Equality California, the
nation's largest statewide LGBTQ civil rights
organization, hundreds of thousands of members statewide.
I'd like to thank the Commission for your recognition
that our LGBTQ+ community throughout the State should be
united as much as possible. And have worked to do so in
Coachella Valley, and the bounds of VRA constraints and
Senate -- State Senate map.

Unfortunately, I want to express our deep
disappointment at the draft Assembly map still separates
Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palm Springs (sic) from Palm
Springs (audio interference). Dividing the heart of our desert LGBTQ+ LGBT community.

While Palm Springs may be widely known as a city with a large LGBTQ population, it would be a mistake to assume that the community is confined within the city limits. Indeed, Coachella Valley is home to a historic and vibrant LGBTQ+ community, which includes many of our LGBTQ+ elders in California. Now, the first generation of people living with HIV lived in their senior years, stretching from Palm Springs into the neighboring Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palms, and on.

The community has achieved historic firsts like electing the nation's first all LGBTQ+ city council in 2017. And a safe place for thousands of LGBTQ+ people, young and old, live in a welcome and supportive community. The desert LGBTQ+ community in Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, and Thousand Palms, there's housing interests, business priorities, tourism, and hospitality in this district. In the Palm Springs Unified School District, these communities should be united in NBCV -- draft Assembly district NBCV. It already includes most of the Coachella Valley.

I respectfully urge the Commission to revise the draft Assembly maps to unite the Desert Hot Springs,
Thousand Palms, currently located in SVCA (ph.) district with Palm Springs and Cathedral City, NBCV. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 018. And up next after that will be 021.

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MR. PETROSIAN: Perfect. My name is Robert Petrosian, and I'm discussing the Irvine district of Orange County. And thank you for the opportunity to provide my input as well. Perfect, right there.

So I live and work in Southern Irvine and I've lived here for over eight years. I've spent half of that time as a student at UC Irvine. And in recent years, I've lived at the Oak Creek neighborhood near Hoag Hospital and the 405; pretty close to where the 5 and the 405 meet. Through my experience living here, I've come to appreciate the diversity within the city and the different types of neighborhoods and districts that make up the area.

Most of the area South of and around the 405 is dominated by the university and the financial district of
the city, which borders John Wayne Airport, which act as
a link between Irvine and nearby cities like Newport
Beach and Costa Mesa. A large percentage of the
residents in this part of town, like me, are renters and
young professionals with a lot of bleed over into those
aforementioned cities. Residents of this part of town
frequently flock to Fashion Island Shopping Mall over in
Newport Beach, and they tend to live a faster pace and
more cosmopolitan type of lifestyle.

And I've come to notice that parts of the city North
of and around the 5 have a different feel to them. Those
communities there tend to be quieter, slower pace, with
an emphasis on families, spacious parks, and single
family housing. There are more likely to stay within
town and they're more rooted in their own communities and
neighborhoods. Those two areas significantly differ from
each other, and they have different interests that should
be accounted for and represented within these lines.
South Irvine has much more in common with Newport Beach
and Costa Mesa; whereas North Irvine has more -- is more
in line with places like Tustin and Lake Forest.
Residents of Southern Irvine look to the coast, while
residents of Northern Irvine look to the hills.

The lines for the Irvine district in the draft, I
feel, don't accurately reflect those interests. And
whereas the lines in the Senate map that you guys have do a better job of ensuring that each resident of Irvine is grouped with a community that accurately reflects their interests. This is similar to how every map of -- at each legislative and Congressional level in Anaheim --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PETROSIAN: -- or the commercialized City of Anaheim with -- from the suburban Anaheim Hills. So and they do that, put them in their own districts because that's what best reflects their city and the needs of the population. I think there's ample reason to do the same thing at Irvine.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. PETROSIAN: This would also be in line with what we've done in Irvine at the Assembly level as well over the last ten years. So as a young resident of Irvine, that's how I view the city and the communities. And I urge you to put this into consideration when drawing the lines and follow the pattern for the Senate map. Thanks.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now you will have 021. And up next after that will be 007.

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district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. ROCK: Hi, my name is Kirby Rock. Thank you to the Commission for the opportunity to share feedback. I'm here to share my thoughts about the Northeast L.A. map. I also work at Care Clinic, which is a nonprofit, federally qualified health center located in the current Assembly district 53. And the clinic where I work is responsible for more than 19,000 individuals, many of whom are residents of District 53 and surrounding areas primarily to the East, many of whom are immigrants or the child or grandchildren of immigrants.

And I'm here today to emphasize the need to thoughtfully draw these lines so that the voices of underserved groups aren't erased. You know, as we know in the redistricting process, sometimes marginalized groups are divided when lumped together into bigger areas where their voices are diluted. So the Northeast L.A. map essentially combines two current Assembly districts, 51 and 53, which are historically Latino districts. And combining these areas negatively affects representation. It would dismantle years of progress that's been made to empower Latino communities. And the residents of the area in this draft map have significant needs. So they should have two strong representatives in the legislature
that will advocate for them.

Additionally, lumping together these two existing districts could affect the allocation of resources, particularly health care and social services. And equitable distribution of resources is particularly important if we're going to get rid of health disparities that have historically affected Latino patients and to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities for health and for success as we recover from the pandemic.

So the area should be kept as two separate districts as follows: the first district comprised of downtown L.A., Koreatown, Pico Union, Boyle Heights in South L.A.; and the second district comprised of Eagle Rock Mountain, Mount Washington, Highland Park, and East Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration and all your hard work on this important process. We appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 007. And up next after that will be 004.

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MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. I will be speaking today about
Orange County. My name is Soila Rodriguez, and I work with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA. Our mission is to achieve just fully -- full society in case of immigrants. In addition, we are a member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16 community based organizations established to promote a greater community voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here in Orange County. They were unable to attend or secure any slots, so I will be speaking also on their behalf.

I wanted to express our appreciation for a state Assembly draft maps in Orange County. We love that you were able to draw Federal Voting Rights Act district at the Assembly level in a Santa Ana region. In draft ADSSA, not only are the VRA requirements met, the district also brings together communities in Santa Ana, and West Anaheim would share interests, including the need for affordable housing and common concerns with policing and immigration enforcement.

We'll be proposing minor tweaks to the district. But we are really happy with the direction you've taken it in. We also appreciate your drawing low income immigrant communities in South Fullerton and West Anaheim. Korea American communities in North Buena Park and Northeast Fullerton. And El Mesa communities in the
border of L.A. and Orange County together in the district map, draft NOC. This community shared common challenges in language access for the (indiscernible) that crosses county lines between South Buena Park, La Palma, and Cypress in Orange County, and Cerritos and Artesia in Los Angeles County. Drawing them together in Orange County based district is important to community leaders like South Asian Network and the Council on American Islamic Relations. So thank you for that.

Vietnamese American communities in Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley are together in district draft DGW, as are Pacific Islander communities in Garden Grove. Their fir with Seal Beach, Rossmoor and Los Alamitos is odd; these communities are much wider native born and higher income. But we worry the Major (indiscernible) might disturb surrounding districts.

Finally, we are thrilled that Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin are our whole and drawn together in District IRB. This is not the case in Congressional or state levels, but please keep this --

MR. SINGH: Twenty seconds left.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- fully immigrant district together. All in all, we want to emphasize --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- the Assembly draft maps generally
looks great and that any changes you consider should not disturb the overall architecture you've achieved here. You're almost there in Orange County and we appreciate it. Thank you for all your work.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 004. And up next after that will be 015.

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MS. DIAZ: Hi, good afternoon, Commissioners. My name's Karen Diaz and I'm the electoral field manager for the Coalition for Humane and Immigrant Rights, CHIRLA. You just heard from my coworker. Our mission is to achieve a just society for inclusive immigrants. Today, I'm going to be providing feedback on the Antelope Valley, the high desert in San Bernardino Assembly district map.

Again, we appreciate your dropping of the low income immigrant communities, Latino, and black communities together in the Antelope Valley cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, in Little Rock, and Lake L.A., and the
Northern portion of L.A. County. The communities share a lot in common like challenges for us as we're speaking about language access, access to health care. And we have also been advocating for many years to win state level safety net protections.

As a resident of the Central Valley since 2006, when my family immigrated from El Salvador, I have seen this challenge firsthand myself. A lot of us -- without an immigration status, when we get sick, we're not able to access preventative health care. And even in cases of emergency, a lot of community members who still face fear of not getting treatment and visiting the doctor offices because of the high cost of medical bills. Although I now have access to healthcare, my immigrant parents and I still don't have access to health care. And that's why I have been advocating for many years with partner organizations to achieve health care for the undocumented community. Just this year, we were able to achieve a bill to give a health care for immigrants over the age of 55, regardless of their immigration status. And we want to extend those protections that we had and the progress that we have made. This is only possible if we have a system that are responsive to our communities.

We don't have a representative in the Antelope Valley, at any level at the local level, the state level
or even at the federal level, this would be possible. I'm making modifications to the AD_Antelope draft and what (indiscernible) HD draft. That Antelope Valley is a community that should be kept together at the Senate and the Congressional level, but not at the Assembly level. The border (indiscernible) --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. DIAZ: -- electing an Assembly member of choice. We're asking that the Commission draw the high desert community (indiscernible) and Antelope Valley communities with Palmdale, Little Rock, and Lancaster to have a varied district at the Assembly level.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. DIAZ: Again, thank you very much for all the work they are doing. And we look forward to our commitment to working with you together as you delegate on this line.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 015. And up next after that will be 029.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will be discussing Stanislaus County. Good afternoon, Commissioner.

I appreciate the time to speak. The draft maps for the Assembly for our county are well done and I want to make -- thank the Commission for all of your hard work. I believe you've all done a great job keeping our communities of interest together in these maps. And I do understand Assembly districts have less population when the Senate or the Congressional places cannot be kept whole.

I just want to say for the sole fact Stanislaus map, and Stanislaus Merced map, and the San Joaquin map, they're all great compromises. And I know not everyone feels like they're getting everything they'd like, but most compromises are that way. And if you're going to make any changes to these maps, please make them as minimal as possible.

Again, you've all done a great job of keeping the communities of interest together, and I thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 029. And up next after that will be 013.

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the mapper of what district plan or region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. MARTIN: Hello, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MARTIN: Fantastic, thank you so much. My name is Kamaal Martin, San Diego resident. I would like to speak about the La Mesa Spring Valley map in San Diego County. Fantastic.

We understand the pressure to accomplish your task, we appreciate you, Commissioners. We also appreciate the extra time for additional slots to speak. We'd like to speak in favor of the current configuration of this map for a number of reasons. It keeps the communities of La Mesa and Lemon Grove whole; we appreciate that, and any iterations of a San Diego map should do so.

This map also attempts to keep San Diego's African-American community intact and together. The cities of Lemon Grove and La Mesa have San Diego's highest per capita populations of African-American folks, and it's important that we're able to achieve that consistent and core representation. La Mesa Spring Valley also encompasses areas which many would consider the working class part of the city of San Diego. For that reason, we were also in favor of this configuration.

As housing becomes more and more difficult for folks
in the city of San Diego to obtain, within San Diego Proper communities like Lemon Grove, the unincorporated areas of Spring Valley as well as La Mesa become that much more important and such having representation from that area is that much more valuable. The opportunities to keep a number of institutions of higher learning in this district, San Diego State University, ECC, the Educational Cultural Complex in southeastern San Diego, Grossmont College, as well as San Diego City College, is a highlight of this configuration as well.

And another piece, San Diego's most neglected watershed, Chollas Creek, has its spring in Lemon Grove, and it runs all the way throughout southeastern San Diego, through parts of San Diego, through national city, all the way to the bay. So the opportunity to put a greater degree of focus on some of the communities that have been the most disenfranchised in terms of environmental justice is another highlight of this configuration.

So with that, we hope that you will continue to keep this map. And keep La Mesa, Lemon Grove, unincorporated areas of Spring Valley, as well as parts of the greater southeastern San Diego in the communities --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MARTIN: -- the 94 and the 54 freeways together.
Thank you very much for your time. And we hope that additional slots will open up in the future for folks to speak. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have a 013. And up next after that will be 014.

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MR. CROWDER: Good evening, Commissioners. I would like to talk about the North Cal Super -- or yeah, Assembly District. My name is Steve Crowder and I serve as the mayor of Paradise, located in Butte County.

First, I would like to thank you for being allowed to register for a time slot to speak. I spent three and a half hours on hold when I tried to call in last time.

As you know, three years ago, the Town of Paradise was hit by one of the worst fires in the history of our nation. The camp fire destroyed nearly 14,000 homes in our area. Let me tell you, as the mayor, as someone who lost my home in business, nothing about rebuilding a town
after a major fire has been easy. But throughout the process, we’ve had a tremendous outpouring of support from within Butte County and from our neighboring counties. People in Oroville, Chico, Gridley, and every corner of Butte County opened up their arms and homes to assist us. We also received an incredible amount of aid and assistance from our neighbors in Yuba and Sutter counties. They held gift card drives and brought them to survivors; they delivered semitrucks full of water and clothing. People from Yuba and Sutter volunteered at our shelters and resource centers to help evacuees recover. And they even started a foundation to provide direct financial assistance. Additionally, the Yuba and Sutter communities took in survivors of the fire. The Yuba Center Fairgrounds in Yuba City hosted one of the largest FEMA trailer sites in the area; and two additional FEMA housing sites were set up in neighboring Yuba County.

I say all this to ask the Commission to consider keeping Butte County aligned with our neighbors in Yuba and Sutter. I understand the draft maps recently published keep those three counties together in the Congressional and Senate maps. I hope that we can make it a priority to do the same for the Assembly map as well. Please keep the Town of Paradise in mind as you make changes to the draft map. Thank you for your time.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have unique ID 014. And up next after that will be 033.

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MS. TAMMY: Hi, good afternoon, Commissioners. The region I'm discussing is Stanislaus and San Joaquin County. My name is Tammy. I want to commend you all for the very hard work on redistricting that you've done. I want to say thank you so much for listening to our community of interest testimonies and keeping the East side of Stanislaus and San Joaquin together in the Assembly map.

Our communities have so much in common and similar interests. This is my second time calling, and I was skeptical when this process started that our voices would be heard. And for those of us who live in the agricultural East side of Stanislaus San Joaquin Counties, I just want to say thank you. What a great job you've done for these for the draft Assembly maps in our counties. Keeping cities like Lodi, Linden, Escalon, Del Rio, Riverbank, Oakdale, Lockeford together makes a lot
of common sense. As well as the Assembly itself that
takes the rest of Stanislaus County and joins them with
Merced wetlands.

I ask that you please keep these lines intact as
much as possible. And I want to thank you again for your
time, the hours you put in and most importantly,
listening. And last, I hope you and your families have a
very happy Thanksgiving next week. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you and same to you. Thank
you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
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please let the mapper know what district plan and region
you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.
MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Good afternoon, the
Commissioners. First, I would like to say thank you to
your hard work and a happy Thanksgiving for all of you.
My name is Stephanie Nguyen. I'm calling in regard to
the Little Saigon community up in Orange County.
I have made several comments around the project in
the last few weeks. I also heard some comment from our
community as well while I were waiting to be called. I
have a few friends that were not able to get the
appointment to speak several times.
But we want to first say thank you very much for
hearing our concerns to this process. The Senate
district map for our community, you got it right and no
change is needed. Thank you. The Assembly district, the
map, AD_GGWES map is eighty percent there. We are asking
for some minor change. Remove the City of Stanton and
Garden Grove, the area belong with Anaheim and Santa Ana.
We have no community of interest with them. For Garden
Grove. You should (indiscernible) that go all the way
down the entire border of Garden Grove. So anything West
of (indiscernible) up well into Huntington Beach to
include Huntington Harbor. There are a lot of
Vietnamese-American in Huntington Beach. That border
(indiscernible) and Westminster, Huntington Beach, South
of the (indiscernible) go to the coastal district. It
will keep our school district brought over with Little Saigon together.

The Congressional district and the CDC (indiscernible) is also eighty percent there. There is some minor change. Please take out (indiscernible) from LA County and (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach. If you make this margin, you will surely (indiscernible) Little Saigon and our community of interest. The (indiscernible) for not only Little Saigon, but it keep the coastal district with the South Huntington Beach coastal side, and the Latino community by (indiscernible) Stanton and Garden Grove to Anaheim and Santa Ana. This will reflect everyone's community of interest.

Again, thank you so much --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. NGUYEN: -- for your time and for listen to us, keep our Little Saigon together so we can have our voice heard at Assembly -- Senate and Congressional district. We truly would like someone that can understand our niche, our culture, and our community of interest.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. NGUYEN: Thank you again.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 005. And up next after that will be 027.
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MR. CAMACHO: Yes, hello honor roll Commission members. My name is Gustavo Camacho, a council member of the City of Pico Rivera. And I'd like to address map CD 60X605. We were asking simply to consider returning Montebello and Pico Rivera back to our current district or future district that will keep our communities together. These two cities have more in common with the gateway cities like Commerce and Norwalk, than with current cities in the draft like Rolling Heights and Walnut.

In following the Commission map iterations, it appears that our Senate district has gone through more drastic adjustments than any others. This is inherently unfair and we had built great relationships with cities and neighborhoods where we share a School District and historic traditions. These changes would make it difficult to advocate regionally, as we have in the past. These maps seem to be -- seem to dilute Latino communities influence and place them in new districts that will make them less effective in their advocacy.
So I wanted to make sure that I called and expressed our feelings. And many people in the City of Pico Rivera share that same sentiment. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 027. And up next after that will be 010.

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Well, there may be a connectivity issue in general for you at this moment. We will come back. Oh, wait, there you are.

MS. STARZIK: Okay, sorry. The --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

MS. STARZIK: The identification ID number you gave me is something that's new to me; I apologize.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's all right.

MS. STARZIK: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MS. STARZIK: My name is Nancy Starzik and I am a
43-year resident in Porter Ranch area in the San Fernando Valley; so that would be District 48. And so I'm calling about that San Fernando Valley area. And it's critical that we keep the San Fernando Valley people in their own districts.

Looking at the draft maps, many of the Valley residents in San Fernando Valley live in non-San Fernando Valley districts. For example, tens of thousands of San Fernando Valley residents are in the district whose main population base is in the Santa Clarita Valley. And so this makes the Valley residents of San Fernando Valley a minority in the district, and it harms their ability to influence their representative.

And education, I'm going to focus on that. That's one issue that really worries me. There are so many. But Valley residents have their children attend schools in L.A. Unified School District and Santa Clarita's children are in a wholly separate school district. The needs of the Valley children are much different from those in Santa Clarita, the West Side, and Santa Monica. So we have to deal with poverty, single family households and language barriers in our daily lives.

The San Fernando Valley residents need representatives who are focused on trying to influence and improve Los Angeles Unified School District. And I
fear that under this current maps, they're going to be
ignored and focused on the Santa Clarita schools. So
please listen to our community and keep the San Fernando
Valley residents with San Fernando Valley districts. And
I thank you very much for the time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
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that will be 028.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. If you'll please
let the mapper know what district plan and what region
you would like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to
discuss the San Joaquin County and Stanislaus County
region. And then I want to specifically talk about the
AD_South Sacramento to Stanislaus draft map, as well as
the AD_Stockton map and the AD_Stanislaus map.

So really, first off, I just want to say thank you.
Thank you to the Commission for -- the Commissioners for
their efforts in the Central Valley as we really are kind
of often forgotten about out here. So looking at the
maps, I feel like they're really good for our
representation in the state government. And they really
do represent a fair compromise between both the interests
of San Joaquin and Stanislaus. I feel like you guys have
done a really great job and if these are where the lines
finish, I think it would be good maps for both counties.

You know, looking at everything, it really seems
like you listened to our request to keep Stockton away
from the Eastern ag areas as best as possible, keeping
the Delta and the East sides away from each other as
separate communities of interest. And you know, you kept
San Joaquin as whole as possible, like the people of San
Joaquin asked. And you didn't split Stanislaus County
more than twice.

I really feel like it would be -- well, we make a
lot of sense to the people in Vineyard if you listen to
them and remove them from the South Sacramento Stanislaus
map as they're asking. And return Branchville (ph.)
Murrieta, or even part of the (indiscernible) Inyo map to
this map in order to fix the population loss, if you do
decide to remove Vineyard. The East sides of San Joaquin
and Stanislaus Counties share a lot more in common with
the foothills than we do with the Delta.

Now, I mean, really -- other than that, I want to
say thank you so much for giving me the time to speak.
Thank you for all your efforts with the State Assembly
map. I really feel like you guys have done a really
great job with this. And I urge you and --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I ask you that you don't
make many changes to these three maps in our region.
Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be
going to 028. And up next after that will be 034.

028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now
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district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor
is yours.

MR. SILVEIRA: Good afternoon, almost evening
Commission. I'm talking about AD_Merced Fresno.

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

MR. SILVEIRA: Pulling it up right now, sorry.

MR. MANOFF: You should see it on your screen now.

MR. SILVEIRA: Yes, very good, thank you. My name
is Scott Silveira and I am a Merced County supervisor,
District 5, representing cities on the West side of
Merced County. Our board passed a resolution earlier
this month urging the Commission to keep Merced County
whole and to draw us into districts run -- that run North
into Stanislaus County, which shares many of our social, economic, and civil -- civic interest. Stanislaus County passed the same resolution asking to be connected with Merced as well.

Instead, the Commission's draft map of the state Assembly splits Merced County in half and ties the Southern half of the county South, into Fresno. There is no more important issue in our county than water, and the draft maps demonstrate a complete lack of understanding of the water interests of the Northern San Joaquin Valley, the Delta and Fresno. Merced County's economy is intimately linked with the health of our agriculture community, and agriculture can only thrive with a sufficient water supply. Water is one of the most important communities of interest in our region, and our interests align with the three major irrigation districts that serve Merced, Stanislaus Counties, which are Merced Irrigation District, Turlock Irrigation District, and the Modesto Irrigation District.

The draft map gives our future representatives the impossible task of having to choose between the water and the economic interests of the Southern half or the Northern half of their district. To make matters worse, the draft map splits Merced County in half, diluting the voice of our county into two different districts. Merced
was a Voting Rights Act county when the prior Commission
drew maps. And we are proud to have taken the
appropriate steps to remove that moniker from the entire
county.

However, it is in -- antithetical to the very
purpose of the VRA, if the progress we have made in
Merced is penalized by diluting our voices at the next
very opportunity. On behalf of Merced County, I urge the
Commission to review the resolution our board passed
earlier this month and amend the draft maps to keep
Merced County whole. And draw --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. SILVEIRA: -- a new district that link us with
Stanislaus County to the North rather than Fresno to the
South. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have
034. And I'd like to invite unique ID 002 to please use
the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen
if you wish to give comment, as you do have an opinion
during this session. I'd also like to invite unique ID
019, as you've chosen to call in, the last four of your
phone would be 7700, if you will please press star nine,
that's -- that would raise your hand indicating you are
ready to give comment. And we are coming to the end of
this session.

034, I will be promoting you now. Unique ID 034, if you will, please let the mapper know what district plan and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So this is Lourdes (ph.) calling from the Central Valley regarding the Assembly draft for Central Valley, specifically for Fresno County. Can you hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We can go ahead, please.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. I wasn't sure if it was me.

And so thank you for this time, the Commission and everyone putting time forth to help us with this issue. Also, very important for us is to see that the Central Valley has more voices to come to the table. Again, my name is Lourdes and I live and work, by choice, in the Central Valley in Fresno County.

I'm very concerned that the Assembly draft maps in our region do not reach maximum Latino VRA potential. I thank Commissioner Toledo and Sadhwani for always pushing for a max Latino VRA. But more work must be done. Your draft map for the South Fresno and rural Fresno County is a fifty-three percent Latino VRA seat. That only -- that may look okay on paper, but in reality it reduces Latino ability to elect candidates of our choice. The reality
is that the radically polarized voting in a huge -- is a huge issue and barrier for the Latinos in the Central Valley in Fresno, and across the whole Central Valley, Merced, Madera, Kings, Tulare, and Kern County.

I'm speaking specifically about Assembly today, but the same challenges do apply to the Senate and Congressional draft maps. In order to fix the issue in the Assembly Fresno map -- draft map, you need to take a second and strong look at where Latinos actually live. I myself am a Latina immigrant from Central America to Los Angeles County, and then to the Central Valley. And by including the heavily white areas of Old Fig Garden and Sunnyside, you are diluting Latino voices in the South Fresno district. This is why the Latino CVAP dropped almost three percent from the November 2nd to your current draft map.

I do not want to jump around too much, but I do have a similar problem in the Merced Fresno draft. Also, you are at a 50.94 percent, and with all due respect, that is laughable. Latinos in the district would have a very slim chance of electing a candidate of their choice down here --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in the South valley also. So I do thank your time and I ask for you to
really look at our population needs and Latinos, we are the majority and we want to be also seen as a community of interest and a whole community. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

And Katy, the next caller will be our last one before break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Actually, Chair, we do not have any more hands for callers from this session.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Well, thank you then.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

CHAIR TAYLOR: If that's the case, we'll go to break and be back at 4:45.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening and welcome back to the Assembly District Feedback Section, our draft maps. I will -- we will pick up where we left off and I'll give you not capable hands of our comment moderator, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have not done so already, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen if you're Unique ID ends in 038 through 077.

You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number received in your invite for the session. When it
is your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have
the ability to enable your own video and/or audio, which
will be located in the lower left corner of your screen
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2 minutes and Thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal
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remaining in your speaking time. There will also be an
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And please one more time, use the raise hand button at
the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment
queue line indicating you are present and ready to
comment, if your unique ID ends in 038 through 077 for
session number 2.

We'll be starting off this session 2 with 065. And
up next after that will be 075.

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is yours.

MS. SOLIS-MONTERO: Thank you. Good afternoon,
Commissioners. Thank you so much for providing this
platform for comment.
My name is Angelica Solis-Montero. I live in Highland Park, a neighborhood in northeast L.A. And I'm here in support of the AD_NELA draft map. I also ask that this map include Rio de Los Angeles State Park, which is currently in the Glenn LA draft.

The current AD_NELA draft map with the inclusion of Rio de Los Angeles State Park adequately captures a community of interest grounded in family resources and schools, open spaces, economic recovery opportunities, and environmental justice. The district is made up of working families who need dedicated resources to help ensure that they have a quality of life that all communities deserve.

The design of the district allows for resources to come together within the district, such as Family Resource Centers, where critical for the sustainability of these families. And the district design will also allow for educational resources to be utilized in a manner that helps ensure that the students in low performing schools get the help that they need.

The district maps brings together all of downtown Los Angeles, which includes L.A. Live and the Staples Center, and part of Echo Park that includes Dodger Stadium. And as our cities and our communities begin to recover from the economic pains that were brought by
COVID-19, having these locations under one district can really serve a much needed catalyst in supporting these efforts within the entertainment and tourism industry.

And then finally, I just want to say that with the open space and centralized locations of the district of Los Angeles, there will be a leadership role that the district can and should play in leading environmental justice efforts that have had for long impact working class families, especially low income and communities of colors.

Thank you again very much. And again, I'm in support of the current NELA draft plan with the inclusion of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 075. And up next after that would be 074.

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MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Katy. I would like to talk about the City of West Hollywood and the surrounding Hollywood area. My name is Jeremy Payne. I am calling with Equality California.
I first want to start off my testimony by saying we are grateful to the Commission for your recognition that Hollywood and West Hollywood belong together in your Congressional and Senate maps. But I would like to express our great disappointment with the Commission's especially with the Draft Assembly map, which inexplicably divides Hollywood and West Hollywood between three separate districts. There's AD_Westside, GLENNLA, and N10. And separates those in AD_Westside, and GLENNLA from similar communities like Fairfax, La Brea, Larchmont, Miracle Mile, Melrose, Wilshire, and Mid City. Hollywood and West Hollywood to share housing interests, small business priorities, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries, schools that serve both of our communities, and together we constitute the heart of Los Angeles' LGBTQ+ community: From the fight against the Briggs Initiative which threatened to ban LGBTQ+ people from teaching in our schools, to care for one another at the height of the AIDS crisis, to fighting for marriage equality, and basic civil rights, to now, the COVID-19 pandemic which took a devastating toll on the LGBTQ+ community.

But our communities have always come together to support one another, and that has included electing candidates of choice, both in Hollywood and West
Hollywood, where we have repeatedly elected LGBTQ+ representatives, and allies who take seriously their responsibility to serve our communities' unique interest and needs.

Therefore, I'll say again, our communities are inseparable and should not be divided from similar communities in Central Los Angeles, which is why I respectfully urge the Commission to unite Hollywood and West Hollywood in the N10 Assembly districts.

I submitted a detailed plan through the Commission email earlier today of how the Commission can accomplish this, while also helping to unite other communities of interest, including creating at least four Black opportunity districts in South L.A., and the South Bay, by moving Jefferson Park and Adams-Normandie into the 110 L.A. districts; create a stronger Latino VRA district by moving West Lake and Pico Union into --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. PAYNE: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) into the mainland, which also opens the opportunity for a second Latino VRA district in this region. And it also keeps Little Armenia united with Glendale in the GLENNLALA District. And this finally unites Thai Town and historical --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.
MR. PAYNE: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)

Town with Koreatown in the N10. I respectfully urge the
Commission to review the plan I submitted earlier this
afternoon. And I hope that you are able to implement
these steps as we make changes to the draft maps for our
State Assembly. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 074. And up next after that will be 045.

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what district plan and region you would like to address.
The floor is yours.

MS. FRAGOSO: Hello? Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. FRAGOSO: Okay. I represent the Inland Central
Valley region. My name is Annissa Fragoso, and Merced
has been my home for almost thirty years. I'm the
president of the Merced County Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce, and the proud owner of the Downtown Merced
Farmers Insurance Agency. I'm a graduate of Merced
College.

I was shocked to see that the Commission is
proposing an Assembly district which cuts Merced County
in half, and ties it with Fresno County. I know that the
Commission has a difficult job before it, but I am
calling in today because the proposal illustrates that
the Commission has taken no time to understand our
community. For decades, Merced and Stanislaus County
have been recognized as an important community of
interest until now.

The maps released on November 10th group most of
Merced County in with parts of Fresno County. In the
Senate map, Merced is even grouped with the Mountain
counties. Merced County has very little in common with
Fresno, and South Valley, and next to nothing in common
with the Mountain communities.

The November 2nd Visualization had an Assembly
district that kept Merced County whole, and included
parts of Stanislaus County, that was a better
representation of our community's interest. Creating
maps and all seats that include Stanislaus County and
Merced County would be a better representation of who my
neighbors are, where they work, how they commute, their
daily lives.

Putting Merced and Stanislaus County together as a
Congressional district would be good for everyone who
lives here, and would closely match the population
requirements for a district.
I urge you to revisit the Assembly map from November 2nd, redraw the Senate map to remove Merced County from the Mountain County's district and keep Stanislaus County and Merced County together as much as possible in all maps.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we will have a 045. And up next after that will be 055.

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MS. SALAS: Hi. Good evening. My name is Juanita Salas. I've called the Commission and given input on Imperial County and Coachella Valley district lines since this process started. I want to thank you for the improvements you made to your prior visualizations in your draft maps. You have done a much better job uniting the Eastern Coachella Valley and then, particularly, uniting the Eastern -- Eastern part of Coachella Valley.

I ask you to consider making similar changes to your SECA Senate district. Right now that district is still splitting the Latino community here in Coachella Valley.
Please extend the district further North along the I-10, just as you did with the Assembly plan. Indeed, one option would encourage you to consider potentially -- would be to potentially nesting your CBSY (ph.) in SECA Assembly districts.

If you have drawn too strong Latino Voting Rights Act Assembly districts, then nesting them will ensure a strong Latino Voting Rights Act Senate district. It will also ensure that interest in San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside all have a fair -- a fair and even voice within that district. Right now, two-thirds of the SECA Senate district is in San Diego, and I would encourage you to consider a more even split.

And finally, I know this Commission must definitely balance a lot of competing interests, I would just ask that when you are drawing Voting Rights Act districts, don't just do the bare minimum. Make sure you are drawing strong, robust Voting Rights Act districts that meet not only the letter, but also the spirit of the law.

I know you are facing the challenge of balancing the Coachella LGBTQ community with the Latino communities. The Voting Rights Act is your second-ranked criterion, and I asked to honor that -- that you honor and ensure a strong VRAC for both the Senate and the Assembly. Thank you.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 055. And up next after that will be 064.

055, I will be promoting you now. 055, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Good evening, Commissioners. And thank you for taking my comments. I'm Tehama County Supervisor Bob Williams. My comments today are going to address AD_LAKENAPA (ph.) draft map, and the Tehama County Board of Supervisors letters to the Commission of October 26th and November 16th.

As stated in our letters, it's our desire and request that the Commission revisit the draft maps and create an Assembly district that retains the communities of interest already present in the six-county region of Tehama, Butte, Colusa, Yuba, and Sutter Counties.

Many of our property owners have holdings throughout the six-county region, whether that be land, housing, retail, or other business holdings, it's important, these individuals, that their interests are represented by the same Assembly member.

Our workforce contains many people that travel daily
throughout our six-county region to work. In fact, we have Tehama County residents who travel as far South as Sutter and Yuba counties to work each day. And on the flip side, we have many employees in Tehama County that make the commute from other counties in the region every day as well.

A large percentage of our workforce comes from our Latino and Indigenous populations. Besides work, many of these folks have family members living within the region. This is especially true with our indigenous population, the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians that has tribal members living throughout the six-county area.

Our counties also share common interests in economic development. Tehama, Butte, and Glenn counties have recently completed a Draft Community Economic Development Plan that relies on a regional approach to economic development. Our Shared Workforce Development Board is even headquartered in Butte County.

As you've heard from previous speakers, water is of particular common interest in our area. Besides having three major rivers shared within the region, the requirements of the Groundwater Sustainability Act and the groundwater subbasins that we share, necessitated regional cooperation and coordination between our six counties.
Our common interests in the Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, as well as our respective memberships in the Northern California Water Association, have also required a regional approach to problem solving.

Again, I'd like to thank you for your time, and reiterate our desire here in Tehama County to retain our six-county region of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba, and Sutter as one Assembly district, and is the core for Senatorial and Congressional districts with a population --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. WILLIAMS: -- of 511,255 people, the six-county region is the ideal size for an Assembly district.

Please reconsider your current proposed maps --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. WILLIAMS: -- Tehama, Glenn, and Colusa County share no -- little to no communities of interest with Yolo, Napa, and Lake counties. And I want to thank you for hearing me out, and if you have any questions of me or my colleagues --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have a 064. And up next after that will be 058.

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your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of
what district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. OCAMB: My name is Karen Ocamb, and I am not
able to see what I wrote actually. So let me try to
minimize this. I'm calling about Hollywood and N10. And
the reason I'm calling is because I live in West
Hollywood and I'm very concerned about you breaking West
Hollywood and Hollywood apart. I've been a resident here
since West Hollywood was created in 1984 we had -- this
is our community. The reason that West Hollywood was
created, we joined with seniors and renters to create
this space where we could be safe and take care of our
own.

I'm personally held people who died from AIDS, and
we still have tremendous problems with violence against
the transgender community, and we don't have our full
civil rights, as you probably know. Not having the
Equality Act, not having the State Legislature consider
all our rights, we still have to argue for them, we
really need our own visibility, and our own
representation.

And I strongly urge you to please, please, consider
uniting Hollywood in West Hollywood in N10, all right; in
order to allow us to have the opportunity to elect our own representation.

As a member of the LGBTQ community, we have been erased. We have been forgotten. We've been neglected and ignored, including, by the way, in the most recent COVID crisis. Having unity and a safe space for us to live and have representation beyond the election, to have elected representatives who care about us for real, matters a great deal. And we need a community space where people can come from beyond our borders, or they come to Hollywood and West Hollywood to protest, or to express support for causes, and electing --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. OCAMB: -- candidates. And I strongly urge you to please unite Hollywood and West Hollywood in N10, the N10 Assembly district. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 058. And up next after that will be 071.

058, I will be promoting you now. 058, you can now enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Can I
I'm calling because I'm a little concerned about the Commission's plan to split up the communities of -- the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, and Hawthorne. It's just a little more down where it says -- around Culver City.

Let's see. Inglewood, there you go, Inglewood.

So if you guys see you there, you guys are putting the City of Inglewood/Hawthorne with Watts, and those two communities are, you know, on the other side of each other and you have cut out the City of Lawndale, which is next to Gardena, out of the Assembly district for this map. And the reason that I'm concerned about it is because by splitting up the cities, you're also splitting of the Unified School Districts that serve the children of these communities and cities.

These cities include -- you know, this school district include, you know, the Lawndale Elementary School District, the Hawthorne, and Lennox School District. And as a matter of fact, one of Lawndale's school districts -- schools is located in the City of Hawthorne.

So I'm asking the Commission to please help us keep those three cities together, Englewood, Hawthorne, and Lawndale, because they share school districts together. And that's including the Centinela Unified School
District. So you know, in our -- in our community for
the past decade, our parents have worked so hard to lift
Black and Brown children out of poverty by providing them
with quality education.

So your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale,
Englewood, and Hawthorne missed the mark for our kids.
So I'm -- I'm calling to ask the Commission to keep
Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lawndale together. This is
something that you guys have done for the Congressional
and State Senate maps, and I'm asking that you guys do
that for the Assembly one. So in the Congressional one,
and the Senate, one you guys have Inglewood, Hawthorn --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and Lawndale together, so
I'm asking you guys to take a look at Lawndale and keep
it in the -- with the City of Hawthorne and Inglewood.
Thank you very much for your work. I appreciate it.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 071. And up next after that will be 042. 071, as
you have chosen to call in this -- oh, no.

071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now
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your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what
district plan and region you'd like to discuss. The
floor is yours.

MR. MALDONADO: I'll be addressing the Santa Clarita map. Good afternoon. My name is Danny (ph.) Maldonado. Please keep the Santa Clarita Valley with communities that have similar interests and continue on the path the Commissioner Sadhwani has suggested, which keeps more San Fernando Valley neighborhoods in Valley Assembly seats. The current Santa Clarita Valley Assembly map links two large areas with conflicting interests into the same Assembly district.

The current map includes Granada Hills, Northridge, Porter Ranch, and Chatsworth, which are all part of the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles, the second-largest city in the Nation.

Santa Clarita is probably the ninety-first largest city in the nation, but drastically different. San Fernando Valley schools are part of Los Angeles Unified School District, the second-largest district in the Nation.

Santa Clarita is made up of five elementary school districts and one high school district. To put this in perspective, the total allocation L.A. USC received in COVID federal and state funding was nearly one billion dollars, versus the thirty-two million for all Santa Clarita Valley School Districts.
The housing needs and density of the San Fernando Valley are vastly different. San Fernando homes were built in the 1920s through the 1960s. Santa Clarita home development took off in the late-'80s and continues to build homes. I suggest creating an Assembly district that combines Santa Clarita with the Upper Santa Clara watershed areas of the Santa Clarita Valley of Acton, Agua Dulce, and Cascade Lake, with Lake Piru, Fillmore, Moorpark, and Simi Valley. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 042. And up next after that would be 038.

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MR. MORGAN: I would like to address Butte County, please. Thank you. Good evening, Staff and Members of the Commission. My name is Sean Morgan. I'm a professor at Chico State University, and a member of the Chico City Council.

I've been loosely following the redistricting process, was surprised to see that the recent iteration of draft maps has placed Butte County in with the
Mountain counties to our North and East. This doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

Agriculture is the driving force of our economy and a complete way of life in Butte County. We have one of the richest agricultural areas in the world and we belong with other rural AG counties like Yuba, Sutter, and Tehama. I'm asking that the Commission would consider drawing a far-North Assembly district that is primarily made up of mountain counties, and draw another Assembly district that includes the flat land Northern Sacramento Valley Counties.

The Valley and the Mountain counties have two completely different sets of priorities. The Mountain areas care about wildfires, broadband access, and outdoor tourism. The Valley areas have other priorities, like agriculture, flood prevention, and growth along the main interstate of Interstate 5 and Highway 99.

In winter months, it's nearly impossible to even drive from the Valley into the Mountain counties. Combining these two vastly different communities of interest together in one Assembly seat is avoidable, and I hope the Commission will make it a priority.

On the City Council, I can tell you that the elected officials in the Valley councils like Butte, Yuba, and Sutter collaborate almost daily on a variety of issues.
Representatives from each of our counties serve on the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency. Yuba, Sutter, and Butte elected officials all serve on the Oroville Dam Citizens Advisory Commission, and all three counties have representatives that serve on various other water management and agricultural advisory boards.

I'd like to urge the Commission to rework the maps, just a bit, to make sure that the Valley communities are kept together. Thank you for your time and consideration this evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have a 038. And up next after that will be 043.

038, I'll be promoting you now. 038, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what disaster plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. MCDONNELL: Okay. Well, hi. My name is Berta (ph.), and I'm addressing the Marin County and North Bay maps. I am an immigrant from Brazil, and I have lived in Marin County for thirty-four years, I've raised my two children here, and I have volunteers, an advocate for immigrants in the Canal District.

First, I'd like to express my appreciation for your
hard work, and above all, for having listened to us and seeing us for who we are here in the North Bay. The latest iteration of our Congressional, State, Senate, and State Assembly districts' map reflect the care you have taken that is truly indicative of the interconnectivity between our small towns.

Our sustainable agriculture, our shared love of open space, we love our parks here, our public lands, our rural areas, and our beautiful coast which is at the heart of why we all live here. During your services Commissioners, I'm sure the word "community" has come up a million times, and in the North Bay, which we define community is taking care of each other.

So sharing a couple of examples of how interconnected our community of caring is: So when there are fires we are all in it together, offering support, assistance, and shelter for those who get displaced. Our Civic Center is the evacuation site during this and other emergencies. Have volunteered to help Spanish speakers there, I can tell you that people come from all over the North Bay to seek relief.

And drought is also part of our lives, and our water systems have been linked with our neighboring counties for decades. When Marin reservoirs are low, we count on the Russian River watershed, which in turn counts on
resources from Lake Mendocino. Our communities work so well together with addressing water, fire emergencies, but also in sharing resources in support of our agricultural community, particularly the dairy farmers, working together to improve conditions on 101 narrows; and the SMART train has also been so important as many of our family, our friends, and workforce rely on it.

Again, I thank you so much for working through all of this in a creative manner that led to the best solutions for our North Bay community, and in doing so you have identified the optimum natural separations of our region, like the rural post, the 101 Corridor, and the wine country, while avoiding crossing over the Golden Gate Bridge. As you finalize --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. MCDONNELL: -- I urge you to please stay on this path, keeping Marin and our North Bay community whole. Thank you so much for listening, and for your time. Take care.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 043. And up next after that will be 044.

043, I will be promoting you now. 043, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And please remind the mapper of what
district plan and region you'd like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. BUBSER: Thank you, Katy (ph.). Hello, everyone. We have to stop meeting like this. Thanks to all the Staff and Commissioners for all your hard work. I'll be addressing AD_CALAINYO draft. There you go. Okay.

So I'm Chris Bubser, and I'm a resident of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County in the Eastern Sierra. I mentioned yesterday that citizens from across the Sierra Nevada attended multiple meetings, and have given oral and written comments about why we need a Sierra district throughout the entire process.

So the visualizations that we saw throughout the process were becoming more favorable with each iteration, and we were very pleased with VAD_ECA_1107, which kept the key Sierra counties together and gave us an opportunity to work with communities most like ours at the State Assembly level.

The only reasonable community of interest for Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties is the rest of the Sierra Nevada heading North. And we understand how hard this process is. We've watched you draw the maps, and watched throughout the entire process.

I gave public comment yesterday on the Congressional
district, and I'll comment on the Senate district
tomorrow, but here's the problem with all three of our
districts as they're currently drawn. They break the
rule of contiguity. A trip from Mammoth Lakes to Fresno
and other Central Valley areas, which is seventy-nine
miles as the crow flies, is 379 miles, it's greater than
five hours by car. So there's just no way Fresno and
Mono counties can be considered contiguous.

Our current assemblyman is based on the other side
of the Sierra. We have virtually no contact with him.
If you ask anybody in Inyo and Mono counties -- well, we
have different, but for Mono our Assembly member didn't
even put on his website that there were fires ravaging
our side of the Sierra in the summer. He didn't even
acknowledge that it was happening.

You know, what we need and expect from our elected
representatives, is that they know and understand our
issues. And the map presented on November 10th will not
do that for the Eastern Sierra. It seems like the one
thing the Commission could do for the Sierra Nevada --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BUBSER: -- is to give us one intact
representative body, and that would be in the State
Assembly district, at a minimum. You know it's possible,
you already do it. It's important because right now with
the maps as they stand we have no voice. So please hear
what we are saying.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. BUBSER: Please go back to VAD_ECA_1107. Thank
you for your time. And best of luck as you work to
finish this essential task.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
have 044. And up next after that will be 077.

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region plan you'd like to discuss -- or district plan and
region you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours. 044,
you can now unmute in the lower left corner of your
screen. There you are. The floor is yours.

MS. LEYDEN: Thank you so much. Sorry about that.
My comments are for AD_NORCA, N-O-R-C-A. Thank you all
for your work on this, and the opportunity to provide
feedback.

My name is Kate Leyden. I'm a resident of Butte
County. I concur with the comments made earlier by
commenters 055 and 042. It's illogical to break up the
six-county area of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Yuba,
and Sutter as we have so many common interests.
The rural farming counties North of Sacramento need to remain as one district. We're connected through regional economic development, training, water, and so much more. It just doesn't make sense to move Butte to the Mountain counties of Plumas and Lassen, and it kind of almost looks like it was done to balance populations, because the interests of AG-focused Butte are very different from mountain-focused Plumas and Lassen.

So thank you for considering these comments that we've made, to not split the region apart in order to do what appears to be just balancing populations for other areas. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 077. And up next after that will be 051.

077, I'll be promoting you now. 077, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. So please remind the mapper what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm actually looking at the Senate map, the Napa/Byron section in kind of Northern California. And I am actually on Council for Brentwood, California. And when reviewing the maps, I was a little bit confused as to why Brentwood/Discovery
Bay was with NAPABYRON.

Love Napa, but that's kind of a night trip. We really don't have anything in common with Napa. There's a lot of land between us and them, we don't share any commerce, we don't share anything like that. Where on the other hand, when it comes to Brentwood, we've seen a lot of gentrification with our Latino community, and we're actually finding that we're sharing a lot of resources with the Stockton area.

So if we could be included with San Joaquin, because I do see that we have more in common with them, we share people going to and from work. A lot of their field workers actually work in our areas, too, in the farms that we have left. We go back and forth. There's actually a lot of nonprofits that are now working to help all of the fieldworkers in both of the areas together. So that would be my first choice.

My second choice would be with the Cocoa (ph.) area, which is Antioch. We actually do share school districts with them, and we share the Delta with them, which is important. We're having problems with water, we fear salinization of our water. We need to stay strong when it comes to our Delta voice also.

But just with Napa and Byron, we have nothing in common with them, at all, whatsoever. So if we could
please stay with the Stockton area. That would be my very, very first choice, especially because we're losing the voice of the fieldworkers. They are silenced more and more every single day. And I think we need to keep them together because they do go back and forth from our area to their area.

So thank you so much for all of your hard work. I really appreciate it. I know it's not an easy task. So thank you again for all of your hours and dedication.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 051. And up next after that will be 053.

051, I'll be promoting you now. 051, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. SOOMAR: Good evening. I am going to request the mapper to go towards North L.A. County, please. And zoom in to Santa Clarita Valley, and San Fernando, and Simi Valleys. A little bit more South -- oh, no, this is perfect. Okay.

So good evening -- and this is for the Assembly district. Do you have the Assembly district map? Okay, awesome; all right.
Good evening. My name is Naheed (ph.), and I am a resident of Santa Clarita Valley. I'm an immigrant. I'm a mother. And I spoke yesterday about how the current maps keep the communities of interest together in terms of population density, how far away they are from the coast, where they are in the valley, and you know, the commute times to major population centers in the area.

And the current -- and this theme actually continues on with the Assembly maps as well. Our current Assembly district where I live has Simi Valley and Santa Clarita Valleys together. I live here. I know somebody called yesterday saying, you know, we're having out-of-district people call. I live here. I have friends in Simi Valley, okay?

And we have a lot in common. We have similar population density. We have similar economic drivers. We have our common interest in open spaces and parks. A lot of us are young families raising children around here, and we have similar commutes. We also have to drive through San Fernando Valley, both communities have to do that to get around L.A. That's a concern we both share, and we witness on a daily basis the challenges that San Fernando Valley faces there that are unique to that community.

And so in our opinion, it would be in the best
interest of all communities involved for San Fernando Valley to have focused representation. What that means is to keep San Fernando Valley whole, and then have its own separate district, and then have Simi Valley and Santa Clarita Valley that are around it, together, in a district separate from San Fernando Valley. And right now Simi is being merged with Malibu across county lines, with Malibu that has higher --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. SOOMER: -- income levels, and it's more affluent, and it's a coastal community. It makes more sense, if you're crossing county lines, to have Simi Valley with Santa Clarita Valley as it is in the current Congressional -- Assembly map. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 053. And up next after that will be 059.

053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. NAKANO: Thank you, Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, for this opportunity to address the current draft maps. I am here to address
the AD_Northeast L.A. draft map. My name is Eric Nakano. I'm the executive director of the Little Tokyo Service Center. And we're here to oppose the AD_Northeast L.A. draft map as it is currently constituted.

Early on in this process we had asked for Little Tokyo to be kept whole and included with Chinatown at all levels of government districts because of the shared experiences of our two neighborhoods. Thank you for listening to us, but I'd like to modify our request at this time.

Based on the draft maps, it seems that our request to be with Chinatown may have contributed to, or is part of the elimination of one of the two Latino Assembly districts in the area, resulting in a single Assembly district Northeast L.A.

That was not our intention, and we do not support that. We are in alignment with our Latinx sisters and brothers in and around our neighborhood, and adjacent neighborhoods. At the Assembly level we work with them on many community economic development issues, we share similar hopes and aspirations for our communities, and we do not want our request to result in the dilution of their political voice. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be
going to 059. And up next after that will be 039.

059, I'll be promoting you now.

059, I do apologize, it appears -- oh, wait. I see you. Yeah, was going to stop saying that. 059, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. PULLEN-MILES: Yes. Thank you for having me on, Honorable Commissioners. My name is Robert Pullen-Miles. I am the Mayor of the City of Lawndale, and I would like to focus on the Inglewood area of the Los Angeles region, and concerning the AD maps, if you can click on that for me, I would appreciate it. It's part, yeah, Los Angeles County. Okay, there we go.

Today, I'm calling because I'm concerned about the Assembly map proposal to split up the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorn, and Lennox, which are communities of interest. By splitting up these cities you are also splitting up the school districts that serve the children of these communities in the cities. Those districts include the Lawndale Elementary School District, the Lawndal -- the Hawthorne, and Lennox Elementary School districts, as well as the Centinela Valley Union High School District, which covers the
aforementioned cities and communities.

For the past decade, our communities have been working repeatedly to lift children and families out of poverty by providing them with quality education. However, my concern is that your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox into different Assembly district will simply not serve our children properly.

The Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in their draft maps for the Congress, and we are asking that you do the same justice for our kids in the Assembly district map. And I might also add that in a previous map you had Lawndale included, but you added the community of Watts in the subsequent maps. We simply ask that you will consider removing Watts and adding Lawndale back to the Assembly district map.

Thank you for your consideration. And thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 039. And up next after that will be 070.

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district plan and region you would like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. CECIL: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you
for the opportunity to address you this evening. My name
is Colleen Cecil, and I'm the executive director of the
Butte County Farm Bureau. And I would like to reference
the Butte County area, or the NorCal Assembly district as
drafted on the map.

I would also take a minute to -- or a second to echo
the comments of previous speakers, I believe were 45, 62,
and 44, that did speak specifically about Butte County
area, and our desire to be kept in a six-county area with
Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, and Tehama counties. These
counties make up the Northern Sacramento Valley.

Our area is essentially a bowl-shaped valley rich in
water and agriculture. We're surrounded by mountains to
the East and West, and share much more in common with
these flat lands than we do with the Mountain
communities, as you currently have drafted. The draft
Assembly map separates Butte County away from the other
counties nearby, and we are hoping this can be changed
before the final maps are submitted.

Butte County agriculture works hand in hand with
Yuba, Sutter, and Glenn, we share the same concerns with
water, flood control, land use and economic development.
It's very common for our Butte County farmers to cross county lines and work in Yuba, Sutter, and Glenn County. Butte County is also where Lake Oroville is located, where the spillway collapsed in 2017. It was Butte, Yuba, and Sutter counties that were forced to evacuate along the Feather River. Separating our counties would hurt efforts to hold the Department of Water Resources accountable and keep a disaster like this from happening again.

The Northern Sacramento Valley needs to be united, please consider keeping Butte, Glenn, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa together. I would also simply offer that early -- very early on in this process, my colleagues and I of the County Farm Bureaus that represent the six-county area did have an opportunity for a conference call with Commissioners, again, very early in this process, and we did identify the desire to stay together. So we were quite shocked to see the complete separation in the draft maps, and hope that there --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CECIL: -- can be reconsideration for this six-county area that myself and others have requested.

Thank you very much for your time this evening, and for all of your work in this very important process.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And this time we will be going to unique ID 070, I'll be promoting you now. 070, you can enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to discuss. The floor is yours. Unique ID 070, you should be seeing a prompt to unmute at this time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Do you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure do.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So we're going to discuss about the Westminster area. Okay.

Hi, Commissioners. My name is Catherine (ph.), and I live in the Little Saigon areas -- okay, now I know where we are. Let me see it. Okay. Yeah, all right.

Okay. Good evening. My name is Catherine. I live in Little Saigon over ten years. First, I want to express my appreciation to you for hearing our voice from the Little Saigon community. The Assembly and Congressional districts need some small change to both -- to add in North Garfield (ph.) Street in Huntington Beach.

I wanted to bring to your attention that our current county's redistricting has two final proposals. That includes either all of Huntington Beach or North of
Garfield in Huntington Beach where our Little Saigon community is. This clearly shows that there are communities of interest and the county services are similar in Huntington Beach, and Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Midway City, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, and Fountain Valley have the -- for those maps to be proposed.

Here's what we are asking for: For the Assembly district GGW, remove Stanton, and if -- Garden Grove, Dulwich (ph.) Street seen their share a community of interest with Anaheim and Santa Ana. We respect all communities of interest in both the Latino community and Vietnamese-American community should have our own Assembly district.

At North of Garfield Street in Huntington Beach, which would be ideal, I do as part of our Little Saigon, educational, language, cultural, health care, community, and interests. Again, I'm asking if you could please consider the inland part of Huntington Beach to include --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Huntington Beach Harbor where our next-generation Vietnamese-Americans have moved to. The area alone had over forty percent Asian-American, and for that, leave seventy percent of
Vietnamese-American. Okay. Thank you for your listening. God bless --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- God bless America.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, at this time, that is all of our registered hands for this session.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I appreciate the hard work. And Commissioners, we have reached out to all of the other reservationists, so we are out.

And in an effort to be consistent, and to abide by our published program, we will take an extended lunch, and be back at 6:45, hearing no objections.

All right; and we will be on a lunch break, or dinner break until 6:45.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:39 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Good evening, California. And welcome back to the November 18th meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Public Map Input Session related to Assembly draft maps.

We will pick up where we left off with our registered -- with our registered callers. However, before beginning, could the Spanish interpreter provide our language line number where the public can listen to
today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Commissioner. Here are the instructions to listen in Spanish.

(In Spanish, not translated)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ashleigh (ph.).
And now, Katy, we're yours.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
Welcome, to the Draft Map Feedback session. If you have not done so already, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen, if your unique ID ends anywhere from 001 through 101. You will be identified by the assigned unique ID number received with your invite for this session.

When it is your turn to speak, I will be promoting you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video which will be located in the lower left corner of your screen once you have been promoted. Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds remaining, and fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time.

There will also be an active timer on the screen for your convenience. When you start your input, please identify which district plan and region you will be providing input on. And one more time, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
the public comment queue line indicating you are present, and ready to comment, for any unique ID from 001 through 101.

And right now, we will be starting with 041. And up next after that will be 068.

041, I'll be promoting you now. 041, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

MR. GALE: Great. So I'll be talking about, I think it's SUT-1UB-SIEN-NAD.

Thank you, Commissioners and Staff, for the opportunity to address you today. My name is Darrin Gale. I live in Sutter County, and I'm the former deputy city manager for the City of Yuba City. First, I want to really compliment the Commission and its Staff for keeping Yuba and Sutter counties together.

And as you've heard over and over, and I've mentioned a couple of times, our two counties are uniquely intertwined. We have the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce, the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, Yuba-Sutter Bi-County Mental Health, and many other NGOs and bi-county governmental organizations that are combined within the two organizations.
My concern with this map is that it really breaks us away from other Northern Sacramento, kind of the Northern Sacramento Valley, like Butte, Glen, and Tehama County. Now, this draft map puts us actually -- takes our two farming counties and puts us with other mountain counties, I mean wealthier areas, like Granite Bay, and Rockland.

Yuba City and Granite Bay are really two different worlds. Yuba City median home price is a million -- sorry, Granite Bay median home price is a million, and Yuba City is under 400,000. A median income there is 143,000 in Yuba City; Yuba-Sutter region it's only 61,000.

Residents in the suburban areas commute, white-collar jobs in the Sacramento area, whereas here in the Sacramento Valley we have the truck drivers, farmers, and blue-collar jobs, and we believe that we connect, and many of our issues are very similar.

And I'd ask the Commission to please rework these draft maps, and combine the Northern Sacramento Valley -- Sacramento Valley counties into a single district, so to include us with Butte, Tehama, and Colusa counties. And this will make sure that our districts and representation can advocate for our needs. And appreciate your time this evening. Thank you.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 068. And up next after that will be 090.

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MR. KWON: Hello. I'd like to talk about today about Orange County and Southern California, specifically regarding Irvine. First of all, thank you, everyone, for the opportunity to speak and give my input to the Committee today. My name is Andrew Kwon. I am a long-time Irvine resident.

Irvine is a pretty big city with several different distinct neighborhoods. And if you look in the South the city is quite industrial and has the university, UC Irvine, which has a large student population. However, as you travel North above the 5, you're much more inclined to find more single-family homes, and much less renters, as well as less dense housing.

Northern Irvine, I find has much more in common with North Tustin, and Lake Forest than it does with the area around the college campus. And so in my opinion, it doesn't make sense to be really be included in the same
district. And so I ask the Commission to please reconsider splitting Irvine in these ways. So thank you, everyone, for your time. That's it for me.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 090. And up next after that will be 093.

090, I'll be promoting you now. 090, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. FAULK: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you so much for the opportunity here today to give comments. My name is Dionne Faulk, and I represent the City of Inglewood. I am the city councilwoman for District 4.

I'm calling here this evening because I am concerned about your Assembly map proposal that splits up the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox. By splitting up these cities, what you're really doing is splitting up communities that have provided community service together, that have worked together, that have played together, lobby together, and comforted each other in difficult times.

For the past decade, our communities have worked tirelessly to lift Black and Brown residents. And your
proposal to split the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox at this point, to me, definitely misses the mark. The Commission has kept Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft maps for the Senate and Congress, and we are asking that you do the same here today for the Assembly map. And that the same justice for our residents is included here in this Assembly map.

Thank you. Again, this is City Councilwoman Dionne Faulk, and I really appreciate the opportunity to give comments here today.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will have 093. And up next after that will be 094.

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MS. CUEVAS: Good evening, Commissioners. I would like to speak out regarding Assembly plan, region Inglewood. My name is Sirley Cuevas, and for the past twenty-three years, I have been a resident of Lawndale. I'm also the newly elected council member for City of Lawndale.
And the reason for my call is that I am concerned about your proposed Assembly map that will be splitting the Cities of Lawndale, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lennox. By splitting these cities, the Assembly map -- the -- on your Assembly map, you are also splitting the unified school districts that serve these four cities. The school districts include Lawndale Elementary School District, Hawthorne and Lennox School District, and Centinela Valley Union High School District.

For the past decade, our communities have worked together very hard to lift our low-income children -- mostly brown and black -- out of poverty by providing them with quality education. Your proposal to split these four cities does not help our children education.

I have reviewed your draft maps, and the Commission has split Lawndale, Inglewood, and Hawthorne, and Lennox together ha -- excuse me -- has kept all four cities together in the Senate and in the Congress maps. At this time, I am asking that you do the same for this Assembly map so that the children could continue to receive the quality of education that they are currently receiving.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you take this under consideration. Have a good evening.
CHAIR TAYLOR: You as well. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have 094. And up next after that will be 085.

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MR. BOWEN: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, the floor is yours.

MR. BOWEN: Fantastic. Thank you very much.

This is Chris Bowen. I am the president of the Stonewall Young Democrats. We are an organization that uplifts LGBT people of color to get involved civically in their communities.

And I am calling today to speak about Inglewood and the surrounding areas. Like the other callers, I am urging the Commission to keep the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together, because like the other callers said, by splitting up these cities, you are also splitting up the school districts that serve the children of these communities and cities. Those districts include the Lawndale Elementary School District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and the Centinela Unified School District.
For the past decade, our communities have worked tirelessly to lift black and brown children out of poverty by providing them with a quality education. And your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox misses the mark. The Commission has kept together these communities in the draft maps for the Senate and Congress, and we're just asking that you do the same justice for our kids in these Assembly maps.

Thank you very much for your efforts, and that is all. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 087. And up next after that, we will have 086.

087, I'll be promoting you now. 087, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what region --

MS. LANKFORD: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- plan -- hello, the floor is yours.

MS. LANKFORD: Hi, my name is Joy Lankford (ph.). I'm calling regarding the map of Inglewood, Lawndale, and Gardena. Hold on one second. I'm just turning off my --

So yeah, I'm calling regarding that map. And I'm
really concerned due to the fact that you'd be breaking up the school districts. My mother was a long-time teacher of Inglewood, and I've watched Inglewood over the years go through quite some turmoil in trying to educate the children in their area. Including the fact that the school district had gone into receivership prior to. Within the last couple years, it's just coming out of receivership.

So California -- so for the redistricting, I'm calling because I'm concerned about the map proposal that splits up Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox. When you're splitting up these cities and the unified school districts that they serve, the children in these communities are going to be the ones that suffer. The districts have, for decades, worked tirelessly to lift each other up. And the black and brown children that are mostly in poverty in these districts -- in these unified school districts elevate themselves to a level where they can at least compete later on in life.

So I just find it concerning, and I really would like you to reconsider and plan on keeping Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together just as a mark for our kids. Helping our kids stay on level and stay within the realm of a fighting chance of having the opportunity to learn.
I think that's basically about it. But I just would urge you to keep that in mind. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 086. And up next after that, we will have 097.

086, I'm promoting you now. 086, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind mapper of what district plan and what region you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MR. CASTILLO: Thank you. Actually, the map would be the same map that callers have been calling about, so this makes it easy.

My name is Ernesto Castillo. I'm a -- born and raised here in Inglewood, California. I'm a proud member of the school board district here in Inglewood Unified School District. And I'm calling about the same issues that people are seeing in this map when it comes to Lawndale not being included in the map.

Like I said, I was born and raised here in Inglewood, and most of my family lives here in Inglewood. The ones that don't live in Hawthorne and Lawndale. So it shows you how connected we are as a community when we discuss, not only demographics, income levels, and school districts, which I could speak to as well, but also just
the community that we have here.

My uncles have gone to Hawthorne schools. My cousins have gone to Lawndale. My cousin plays little league in Lawndale. There's so many similarities in these communities, that it would be a shame for them to be split up in this map. Which otherwise, it's a pretty reasonable map, but this -- one city particular feels a little left out because there's so much similarities and so much to speak about on it.

But as a school board member, I'll speak on the school districts. We are all small cities. We have our own school districts, so it would be great to keep that united voice in the same Assembly district, as we all -- calling for resources on both federal and state level. And also, making sure that we have a united voice when it comes to our -- our students.

So for the next minute, I wouldn't take too much of your time. Just wanted to, again, highlight all the issues that was brought up earlier. Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, and Lawndale are very close-knit communities here. And I'm sure, you know, this map was done with the best intentions, but it is kind of missing a mark not including Lawndale into this district. So I hope they can still revise that and include Lawndale, not only for our school districts, but for our community in whole.
And I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you, and thank you for your service on the Commission. And thank you for listening to our comments. I'm sure this is a long night for you guys. So thank you for everything.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have 097. And up next after that will be 098.

097, I'll be promoting you now. 097, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what district plan you would like to discuss and region, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. And you can hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'm calling about the Malibu East Ventura map, so we can move away from Inglewood for a moment.

As with previous callers, I admire the -- the work and the -- the load of work that has to have gone into making these maps. However, this particular map, as a proud resident of Simi Valley and knowing the -- the different areas that are involved in this map, there couldn't be two more different communities than the --
the valley communities of Simi and Moorpark. And those are the beach communities of Malibu and Palos Verdes.

I was a previous resident of Woodlawn Hills, which ironically, my old house would be in this Congressional district. We moved away for the very reasons of having a more calm and peaceful lifestyle. The median income of Simi Valley and Moorpark is very similar. The -- the median income of Malibu and Palos Verdes is not. The household -- or the property values are obviously very different.

I understand that part of LA County has to be merged with parts of Ventura County. And that the numbers just work that way. I would encourage you to reconsider putting Simi Valley and Moorpark where it has been with Santa Clarita, as we have far more in common with the residents of Santa Clarita, both in lifestyle choices and in incomes and property values.

And I get it. It's a -- it's a hard line to draw. There's been several different versions of the map. But I would really consider, if you have to cross over into LA County, merging with the Santa Clarita area as opposed to Malibu and the beach cities. And with that, and just from a personal note, having our map of Simi Valley, Moorpark in Ventura County, up here in the LA County maps, sort of makes us feel like we have been the -- the
stepchild that needed to get placed somewhere.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And if that's the case, please consider Santa Clarita as the -- as the other child.

Thank you, and thank you for your hard work on the maps.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have 098. And up next after that, we will have 084.

I'd like to invite 082 and 083 to use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. Your hands were raised and then they went down, and I don't think it was on purpose.

Right now, we have 098. I'll be promoting you now. 098, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what region you would like to discuss and plan -- district plan, floor is yours.

MR. GRAYSON: Thank you very much.

Can we please return to the South Bays and lead district area, where Inglewood is? Thank you very much.

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Michael Grayson. I'm speak -- I'm speaking on behalf of my concern related to Assembly draft map here that splits up
the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox. Splitting up these cities means that you're also splitting up the school districts that have several children of these communities. They include Lawndale Elementary School District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and Centinela Unified School District.

For the past ten years, our communities have worked very hard to provide quality education to our black and brown kids so they have a better life in the future. With this proposed draft map, it splits the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox and creates a disservice towards our kids.

I would ask that we met -- we mirror how the Congressional and state Senate maps to put together Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together so that our kids can live and thrive in the same area.

Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 084. And up next after that will be 080.

084, I'll be promoting you now. 084, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, and the floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone, on --
on this crazy evening. I know all of you have been have
a long day.

I'm actually talking about the Inglewood Assembly
district, which is around 8062. I, myself, like others
that have spoke on the Cities of Lennox, Lawndale,
Hawthorne, and Inglewood, I am a long re -- long-time
resident of Lennox. I -- actually, I'm a -- also a
mother of seven, and I have children in the current
school districts of Lennox School District and Centinela
Valley Union Valley High School District.

And as for my other constituents that spoke about
splitting up these -- these cities and these school
districts actually will be very detrimental, not only to
my children, but to many others. And the great thing
about these cities and how long we've been together and
become a full unit, we feed off of one another. We
collaborate with one another, and I, being a former Board
of Education member of the Lennox School District, it
would be very detrimental to split each and every one of
these children up.

Being that Lennox School District is the feeder
district to Centinela Valley, so is Lawndale Elementary
School District, as well as Hawthorne Elementary School
District. It is very important and very key that our
black and Latin X people continue to grow, so that way, we can become productive and very elegant, I would say, citizens of Los Angeles County.

I really appreciate the time and thank you for allowing me to speak. This has been an amazing opportunity. But most of all, I just want the Commission to please understand and take a look at what you're really doing. I understand this is a hard task for you all. I understand that it's a very big job, but because of the fact that I know these areas and I live and breathe them, this needs -- these cities need to stay together.

We only have so many voices in our AD district and we really just need to make sure that we continue the fight. Thank you, and you have an amazing blessed evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: You as well. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 080. And up next after that will be 081.

080, I'll be promoting you now. 080, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. COLLINS: Hello. Thank you for this opportunity
to share and for having an interest in our comments.

My tribe is addressing Siskiyou County Congressional District 1. We are, each of us, all of us, here in this moment because of our ancestors. Our parents, our grandparents, and our descendants. I ask that we remember our ancestors and our descendants as we carefully consider this very important matter.

What binds us together within our respective communities is our history, our culture and traditions, and our spirituality. What connects us to the broader community is a deep respect for the cultures of other communities.

I'm an enrolled member of the Shasta Indian Nation. Our tribe is the one tribe who has inhabited Siskiyou County from time immemorial. We have lived and died here. You will find our historic village sites throughout the county. Our Shasta people are from the river and from the valley. Not from the coast. Wirika (ph.) is Shasta traditional land. To split Wirika is to split our community of interest, our tribe.

It is important to know that we don't just claim this identity. All of history supports these facts. We are still here. We Shasta people -- we Shasta people agree with the current map as it is. We see that there are a lot of form letters coming in to you that support
different outcomes, but that would not be a just outcome for Shasta people. We are the historic tribe in Siskiyou County.

It should be noted that other tribes have, in recent history, purchased property in the county, but that does not make them from the county. We are here to ask you to keep our community of interest in tact and to adopt the recent map that you drafted. The one that -- the one that is. We support this map and affirm that it accurately represents our community of interest --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. COLLINS: -- and that of the Shasta Indian Nation.

I respectfully thank you and -- for taking the time to listen and offer you my gratitude for your service to our state and to our people. And I -- I put a little map in the chat. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 081. And up next after that will be 082.

081, I'll be promoting you now. 081, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.
MR. JACKSON: Yes, good evening. I'd like to talk about Imperial County and Riverside County. Thank you very much.

My name is Jason Jackson, lifelong resident of Imperial County and business owner of two or three businesses that encompass both Imperial County and Riverside County. I want to speak today a little bit about the map of -- joining Coachella Valley and Imperial County, as I believe we have a lot of interest in -- in common.

Obviously, the Salton Sea is one of the most environmental -- probably the greatest environmental cause that we have in the State of California currently. And it's really something that's shared by people of Coachella Valley and Imperial County.

Demographically, I think we share a lot of common items also. I mean, we're -- we're heavily Hispanic, very linked by a culture and heritage throughout Imperial County and into Riverside County, all the way up from the Mexican border. We have a lot of things in common that -- that we need to lobby for and be able to have representation at the state level for those things.

Agriculturally, we have a lot of things that are very similar. We're both agricultural areas and -- and we have a -- a very vibrant farmworker and immigrant
population.

So your latest maps that I've seen, I think, is -- is much better than some of the earlier ones. I thank you for acknowledging that there is ties between the Riverside County -- or Coachella Valleys and Imperial County. I think those are the two counties that really need to be -- or two valleys that really need to be linked together.

I want to thank you guys for all your work. I know it's a lot of work to try to do this, and there's a lot of things that are pulling you guys in different directions. But please keep in mind that when you're looking at these areas, that there's so many things that we need representation for as a whole, and bringing us into other areas that don't have the same needs and the same causes, I think, does not do our area any good.

So --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. JACKSON: -- thank you again for your latest map version, and hopefully you'll -- you'll keep that in mind when you finalize the map. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have unique ID 082. And up next after that will be 078.

082, I'll be promoting you now. 082, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

MS. SATRIAN: Hi, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. SATRIAN: My name is Elena Satrian (ph.). I'm calling for the San Fernando Valley. The Commission has done a great job of pairing both the working-class neighborhoods of the East San Fernando Valley, but it's critical that both the Senate, district labeled SCSFV, page 34 of the slides, and the Central SV Assembly map, page 77 of the slides, be corrected.

You have the power to end the division of North Hollywood and unite our community by drawing the boundaries to what an acceptable local as our equitable neighborhood boundaries, which is established by the LA Times neighborhood map.

Please use the 134 as the sovereign boundary as you did before. As well as the boundary that covers North Hollywood should extend to the 170 on West, 134 on the South, and Lankershim on the East. That's all I have for today. Thank you.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 078, and then unique ID 083. If you wish to give comment, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.

Just want to make sure you're there at your computer. Perfect, I see your hand right now.

We will have unique ID 078. And up next after that will be 083.

078, as you have chose to call in, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. 078, if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'd like to talk about Stanislaus County, please. Can you guys hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Thank you. Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, for Stanislaus County, I want to talk about these Assembly maps that are in place here. I come from a long-time dairy family, and just want to say that these maps look very good. Want to commend all of you on a great job for building these maps, keeping the East side of Stanislaus with the East side of San Joaquin is really, really great. Those wetlands in the West there tied to the South side of Stanislaus, that makes a lot of sense. And keeping the
rest of the San Joaquin whole is -- is -- is really great.

I think these three maps in particular for the South of Sacramento, but North of Merced look really good. So thank you for all you guys are doing, and wish you good night and a happy holidays. Keep up the good work, and I know you guys have been doing this a long time. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Happy holidays and thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 083.

I'll be promoting you now. 083, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and region you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.


Good evening. I'm here to -- once again, as the -- it's Assembly District 62. Everybody else has said about the school district, but it's a disgrace that you would kick out Lawndale in the first beginning.

And I -- and then I have another issue too. What are we doing with removing the Assemblymember for the 62nd AD and trying to include lots into the district of
the 62nd? I hope that that's not the case. I understand that you make many changes there, but my issue is that you're diminishing the representation.

If we're not at the table, then we're not counted. Okay. We've done a lot with this community. We should be together.

Also, don't -- don't exclude my vote. That's voter suppression there, and that is my -- my issue, and that is what I see in this map. So please continue on, and please listen to the people and do what they say. You're removing an Assemblymember and they've got to find another home. They're going to represent a -- a -- a city that they -- that's way across the specter.

So please pay attention to what you're doing, and thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And I'll go ahead and read the general public comment instructions, as we have no one else registered in our queue.

In order to maximize transparency in public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID
number provided on the livestream feed. It is 85382336625 for this meeting. When prompted to enter participant ID, simply press the pound key.

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

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

This evening, I believe we would also like our translators to read the general call-in instructions as well in Spanish.

THE INTERPRETER: Gladly. Good evening.

(In Spanish, not translated)

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And again, for those that have called in this evening, if you'll please press star nine. This will
raise your hand indicating you have called in to give
comment, and not just to listen. It will allow me to
manage the queue much more effectively. Thank you so
much.

We will be starting off with caller 0569. And up
next after that will be caller 3134.

Caller 0569, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you so much for
what you guys are doing. I just wanted to note for Santa
Clarita a -- Santa Clarita and Simi Valley, your draft
map shows Santa Clarita attached with the San Fernando
Valley. Santa Clarita and Simi Valley need to be re --
remer -- remerged for some of these reasons.

They both are independent cities with their own
water district. Both cities are powered by Southern
California Edison. Both cities rely on the public safety
power shutoff, so PSPS, to prevent wildfires because both
cities -- cities face the risk of wildfires multiple
times a year, especially during the summer.

San Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los
Angeles with its own utility company, the -- the LADWP.
LADWP is regulated by the City Council and the Water and
Power Board of Commissioners. Not -- and not by the
Public Utility Commission, like Southern California
Edison is. This would mean our representative would need to understand the complicated regulations of a municipality, LADWP to properly oversee the PSPS.

My concern is that our representation in Santa Clarita would be diluted should Santa Clarita re-remain with the denser community of the San Fernando Valley. Santa Clarita is also safely patrolled by the LA County sheriffs and fire department. Santa Clarita has a population of almost 220,000. Santa Clarita has --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- five school districts and one community college.

The San Fernando Valley is part of the City of Los Angeles with a population of almost 4 million and 63 colleges. Their public school is LAUSC and the second largest district in the nation, with almost --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- 619,000 students and 76,000 employees, and a budget of 8.55 billion dollars.

Please keep Santa Clarita together with Simi Valley, and San Fernando Valley with the City of Los Angeles.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
And right now, we will have caller 3134. And up next after that will be caller 0503.

Caller 3134, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute, the floor is yours.

MS. CHEN: Hi, everyone. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to speak. My name is Joy Chen, and I am a long-term resident of Orange County. I was born and raised there. I went all through school there, and I work there and live there today.

I wanted to call out specifically visualization feedback submission number 20602, which was submitted on November 4th regarding Orange County districts. I wanted you to kind of check out their comments. The submitter was careless and submitted blank lines for their name and where people are from, and even has directions to thank the Commission for their time, and to acknowledge the Commission's hard work.

Including -- phonetic pronunciations were even included. But please make no mistake. These organizations are AstroTurf sham community organizations that are really political operators with a biased agenda attempting to avert the nonpartisan mandate passed by the voters.

This type of behavior is shameful, and the Commission should not consider this testimony to be authentic from real people. My background is I do a lot of community organizing and activism within Orange County, including being on the board of various
nonprofits. These are not practices that are standard. These are not things that we should be doing or allowing people to do. And I hope that the Commission can see through these types of submissions for what they are, and disqualify their comments accordingly.

Thank you again, everybody. Thank you so much for your time and for your energy put into this process, and we hope that we can keep it honest.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 0503. And up next after that will be caller 0378.

Caller 057 -- 0503, if you would please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, hi. My name is Deanna (ph.). I am calling on behalf of the mapping for Santa Clarita Valley. I can pretty much attest to what the previous caller had said in all of her comments.

I'm hoping that we can keep Santa Clarita Valley with Simi Valley. There's a lot of needs that she said, but more specifically, Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are small suburban areas. And if you're looking at it from an educational standpoint, along with, like she said, the sheriff's department and LA -- LA County Fire Department,
you have very different needs here than in the San
Fernando Valley.

I think it's important that you group them with Simi
Valley so that you are appropriately meeting the needs of
the citizens here, and specifically, the children. I
think that some of the needs that they have will be
better addressed when you're grouping -- able to group
suburban areas that are smaller. And I think that it is
more beneficial for the kids as well. And the resources
are -- are better allocated and not wasted in -- in -- in
any way.

So I would just urge that Santa Clarita is -- is
kept with Simi Valley. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 0378. And up next will be 0011.

Caller 0378, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so very much for
the opportunity to speak, and also, thank you so very
much for those of you who are fortunate enough to serve
on this redistricting committee for our state.

We need more cross-cultural competency, an
appreciation for the various cultures in all of the State
of California. There is no culture in California that is
100 percent of California. And I will repeat that one more time. There is no culture in California that is a hundred percent of California.

Having said that, it is critically important that we recognize the value of multi-cultural districts. If we don't have a district that is broke, why fix it? It was brought up that the Assemblywoman in the 63rd district was drawn out of her district. Well, it is important because that is a multi-cultural district. You have whites in that district, you have Latinos in that districts, you have Asians in that district. If it's not broke, why fix it?

We are against the cracking that would divide certain minority groups. Splitting up areas where there are large communities of African-American people puts communities at a disadvantage. But when we have multi-cultural districts, a candidate with --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- knowledge and skill can convince the others to be able to be a representative, and we need opportunities for all of Californians. Not just some of them. There is no African-American who is a democrat on that board, and we can't be --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- a utopia. But bringing
multi-cultural districts as a priority as we seek to also have equity is critically important. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 0011. And up next after that will be caller 4575.

Caller 0011, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, good evening. My name is Daniel (ph.), and I'm calling once again to reiterate our desire from the Northeast Los Angeles area of your draft map -- Northeast LA -- to express our concerns about the apparent de -- disengagement of our communities by not allowing for two Assembly districts to represent the majority of these areas that span from Eagle Rock in the North to some areas just South of the 10 Freeway of South LA, from the West in Pico-Union Westlake and to the eastside to East Los Angeles.

We are hoping that the Commission heeds our calls and can appreciate the concerns that we have by helping us redirect some of these lines to provide maps that are inclusive and maps that represent these communities as they are in both the Congressional and the Senate. We hope that you can take that criteria that you've used to
create those maps to create two Assembly districts that are -- although have many things in common, are also distinct in many of the communities that are --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- represented here.

Thank you so much for your time and your work. We hope that our -- that our vision for our communities is represented as the process moves on.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 4575. And up next after that will be caller 7205.

Caller 4575, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller 4575, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, this is Jillian (ph.). I am calling about the Central Orange County map for Assembly that was released to the public last week. I want to make a couple of points.

Costa Meca -- Mesa really should be with other beach communities, like Newport Beach and Huntington Beach. Costa Mesa and Newport Beach share many services, like the school districts and water districts. Putting them into two different districts dilutes the effectiveness of
representation in the area to work on important issues, like class sizes, education funding, and teacher performance.

In fact, riding down the 55 Freeway close to where it ends, most drivers don't know if they are in Costa Mesa or Newport Beach because the border is so ambiguous. The point I'm making is that parents in both Newport and Costa Mesa consider these cities as one community of interest. And I'm asking for the Commission to not split them up into two districts. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 7205. And up next after that will be caller 1656.

Caller 7205, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I, first, want to tell you it warms my heart to hear so many people being pleased with their maps. We -- I know you guys have worked so hard. I've been on these calls with you since June. And I just cannot express -- I -- I -- I know I can't imagine all of the work, but I cannot express enough my gratitude.

I'm calling about Simi Valley and Santa Clarita, and I'm begging for us to be able to remain together. Demographically, we're like sister cities. We -- we have
similar numbers for everything from home ownership to college graduates. Like, a lot. We also both have roles in the entertainment community.

Simi Valley and Santa Clarita provide products and services for Hollywood and the entertainment industry. We have studios. Lots of movies are filmed here and in Santa -- and in Santa Clarita. But our -- for our children, the sports teams even through the schools and also through private business are linked with Santa Clarita. And it is very common to -- to go there for games --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- or for them to come here for games.

And so -- and there's other reasons too, of course. The fires. There's lots of reasons that we're just -- we're linked together, and we just would really like to stay together. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 1656. And up next after that will be caller 1289.

Caller 1656, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. EIGENBERG: Hi, my name is Helen Eigenberg, and
I live in Greater Wilshire area. And I also volunteer in the Hollywood doing outreach with our unhoused neighbors. And I'm calling to ask Commission -- first of all, thank you for all your work on this. I know how hard and difficult it is, so I appreciate the time and the ability to make public comment.

I find that Central Hollywood should not be in the same district as Glendale. They have nothing in common with Glendale. What they do have a lot in common is with Koreatown. And Greater Wilshire, we kind of lie in between Hollywood, which we share a big community with, and Koreatown. And one of the two things that Koreatown and Hollywood both have in common is our homeless crisis, right?

Hollywood and Koreatown bear the brunt of California's homelessness crisis. In 2020, Glendale's homeless crisis census counted 169 unhoused people. That same year, a single census track in Central Hollywood had the same number of unhoused people. Korea has over 2.5 times the amount of Glendale's homeless population.

Homelessness is the number one concern for ninety-five percent of LA voters. So placing communities with such desperate disparate (sic) experiences as Glendale and Hollywood in the same districts will dilute the concerns of voters in Hollywood, which is very
important to me. Hollywood has much more in common with Koreatown than Glendale, so I therefore oppose the adoption of AD Glen/LA draft, and I urge the Commission to with -- redraw Central Hollywood into the AD N10 draft with Koreatown. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 1289. And up next after that will be caller 8571.

Caller 1289, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. RAMIREZ: Thank you very much, Commissioners. My name is Greeson Ramirez (ph.), and I would like to talk to you tonight about CBSY District in San Diego County. I'm a resident of Sherman Heights in the historic Barrios district, the City of San Diego. And I urge the Commission to correct the draft map that puts a historic Barrios community from Sherman and Logan Heights into the same Assembly district as El Cajon and Spring Valley.

This is a mistake, and I respectfully request that you change the CBSY District to include Logan, Sherman, and City Heights by putting in Chula Vista and Bonita into the La Mesa and El Cajon District.

I grew up in Chula Vista as a -- as a kid, and have
lived in the South Bay and (audio interference) County my
whole life. The 805 Freeway is a very significant
dividing line in Chula Vista. The West side is made up
of Barrios, renters, and multi-generational households,
and our culture is directly tied to our binational
nature. It stretches from the historic Barrios of Logan
and Sherman all the way -- all the way down to San -- the
San Ysidro, Tijuana border region.

It is much more like Sherman Heights and the East La
(ph.) Vista, which is aff -- which is affluent and has
houses with big yards and hills with (audio
interference). That's nothing like our communities on
the West side. The South Bay has a working-class
character that you find in San Diego District 8, where
Sherman, Logan, and San Ysidro can be found.

Along with City Heights, San Ysidro, West La (ph.)
Vista, and National City, this has been the historic
Latino --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RAMIREZ: -- part of the city. And our
churches, our families, our community center,
(indiscernible) Logan less than half a mile from our --
from me is the truth cultural spirit. Which you cannot
(indiscernible).

So I urge you to please reconsider this map. Thank
you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8571. And up next after that will be caller 3461.

Caller 8571, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller 8571, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And I do apologize, caller 8571. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I will do my best to come back.

And right now, we will be going to caller 3461. And up next after that will be caller 2252.

Caller 3461, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. ROJAS: Dear Commissioners, good evening. I'm Hugo Rojas, Centinela Valley Union High School District Board Vice President, and if I may add, founder of California Youth Karate Club, which ties into the communities that I serve.

Today, I'm calling because I'm concerned about your Assembly map proposal that splits up the Cities of Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, and the un--incorporated community of Lennox. By splitting up these cities, you
are also splitting up the school districts that serve the
children of these communities and cities. Those
districts include the Lawndale Elementary School
District, Hawthorne School District, Lennox School
District, and Centinela Valley Union High School
District.

For the past decade, our communities have worked
tirelessly to lift children and families out of poverty
by providing them with quality education. And your
proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood,
Hawthorne, and Lennox into different Assembly districts
missed the mark for our kids. The Commission has kept
Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in
the draft maps for Congress, and we are kindly asking
that you do the same justice for our kids in the Assembly
maps.

Thank you, and have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 2252. And up next after that will be caller
6817.

Caller 2252, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (In Spanish).

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Would you like a
translator?

THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter will give the
interpreter instructions at this point.

(In Spanish).

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
Commissioners. I'm calling for the draft map DAD for
East LA -- for Northeast LA. My name is Rebecca (ph.).
My family has been in Northeast LA for more than fifty
years. We also have family in the area of South LA.
They are currently being represented by District 53. We
had built great relationships with the communities that
are currently being represented by the Assembly
districts. And we work together to improve the quality
of life in these communities.

Even though there are many similar points, these
populations being represented must still continue to be
represented by two Assembly -- two district Assemblies.
The work that has been done for the districts in terms of
the shared geography for the Senate districts and the
Congress districts makes it obvious that these
communities should remain together.

We're asking in name of the parents, the students,
and the community advocates for these districts that you
consider and redesign these maps in order to ensure and
guarantee an equitable and the appropriate
representation. And once again, thank you very much for all your hard work, and have a good evening.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

And for our listing public, if your intention is to call in to provide public input for tonight's session, you must do so before 8 p.m. Lines will be closing at 8 p.m. You will not be able to connect. If you are currently in line, do not hang up. When the lines close, you will not be able to reconnect. So hang in there.

We'll get to you. We want your feedback.

Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will go to caller 6817. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, yes. I wanted to call in to say that I am pleased with the way the district map is done currently for CA 25. I don't think that Simi Valley belongs with Santa Clarita Valley or any of the Northern Antelope Valley.

Simi Valley is not on the same transportation corridor. We don't share any common infrastructure. We don't have -- we're not even in the same county. They are in Ventura County. We are in Los Angeles County. We have very different needs. We have a very different population.
And I'm just calling to say that I really, really strongly recommend that we keep the new map that has been drawn because it will be best serving the people of our community for all in this area. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Looks like we have time for one more caller before break.

Caller -- oh, my bad. 8:15?

CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah, Katy, I think we're going to 8:15.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, my -- Kristian just informed me. Thank you so much.

Caller 2595 will be right now. And then up next after that will be caller 6942.

Caller 2595, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 2595, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, caller 2595. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. We will come back to you.

And right now, we'll go to caller 6942. And then up next after that will be caller 5371.

Caller 6942, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to address map AD Northeast Los Angeles draft. I've been teaching in North Los Angeles for over twenty years. I've taught in many schools, from Eagle Rock to Boyle Heights across downtown Los Angeles into Westlake and Pico-Union. I'm a youth advocate. I understand and see firsthand the changes that are happening in all these neighborhoods.

I kindly ask you to consider these communities of interest as it relates to education, which is vital. Do not allow this process to disenfranchise tens of thousands of students and their families from state government by diluting their votes.

These communities have been historically represented by two Assembly district districts. Let's work together to keep this true. Our Senate and Congressional draft draft maps must allow for this to happen. We can make Assembly districts work for these communities.

Thank you very much for your work. I appreciate it.

Have a good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 5371. And then up next after that will be caller 8441.

Caller 5371, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. SUNOA: Oh, yes, thank you so much. My name is Wendy Sunoa (ph.), and I live here in Lawndale. I've raised five children here and they have all gone through the Lawndale school system.

So dear Commissioners, I am calling today because I am concerned about your Assembly map proposal that splits up the Cities of Inglewood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox. That's because by splitting up these cities, you are also splitting up the school districts that serve the children of these communities and these cities.

So these districts, including Lawndale Elementary School District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and the Centinela Valley Union School District, for the past decade, these communities have worked tirelessly to lift us out of hard times and to work together to help support one another. And without that support, my family and myself wouldn't be where we are today. Excuse --

So I am asking you not to remove Lawndale from the district of Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8441. And up next after that will be caller 5826.
Caller 8441, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I'd like to talk tonight about the CBSY District in South San Diego County. I've lived in South Bay for nearly my whole life. Currently, I'm in City Heights, but I've lived in Barrio Logan, San Ysidro, and National City, Costa Mesa, and I grew up in Chula Vista.

To be specific, I lived in West Chula Vista off of L Street, West of the 805. That's the Chula Vista that everyone's familiar with because it's part of the bigger South Bay community. When they talk about Chula Vista being a Latino community with family businesses, independent Latino restaurants and the deep roots that go back generations, they're talking about West Chula Vista.

In Eastlake, they have master plan communities with big mansions and street names like Discovery Falls and MacKenzie Creek. That's not the same Chula Vista. They have an island out there. No joke. How can this Latino district have an island in Eastlake, but not Chicano Park. East of 805 is much more affluent than West Chula Vista. Their schools are newer than our crumbling schools, and they have lots of open spaces when we barely have any parks in our neighborhood.

Our life experiences are very different from theirs.
They even made Chula Vista go to District (indiscernible) for city council because East and West are so different and our community was getting out voted. And they even have horses. We don't have horses in City Heights. That's for sure, and we certainly don't have horses on the West side. There are horses in El Cajon and Spring Valley, though. Maybe Bonita can go into that district.

But please look at the (indiscernible) map, which keeps our communities where Latinos are majority of eligible voters together for an effective voting rights district. Putting City Heights, Sherman, and Logan with El Cajon and Spring Valley is not an effective use of the Latino political strengths, as a resident of City Heights.

Please add City Heights to the Barrio ne -- neighborhood, the Logan and Sherman into the South Bay districts by removing Eastlake and Bonita. Thank you, and good night.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 5826. And up next after that will be caller 4767.

Caller 5826, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 5826, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
I do apologize, caller 5826. There appears to be some type of connectivity issue for the moment. I do have you marked as a retry. I will come back.

Caller 4767, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. MANSOUR: Good evening, everybody. My name is Marlon Mansour. I'm speaking in regards to the state Senate maps. I'm a lifelong San Diego resident and also a president of the Neighborhood Market Association, a nonprofit organization focused on representing independent small family business owners mostly in our community down here in San Diego.

I'm alarmed at the proposals currently put in place. Particularly as it pertains to the Eastern county part of San Diego County. One of the previous callers brought up Sherman Heights, a town of Hispanics -- a -- a -- filled with Hispanic residents in the San Diego County area. In his concerns about cultural identity being misplaced and impacted greatly as a result if these -- these plans are enacted. I agree with that sentence.

The districts must be communities of interest, not just geographically, but also of ID. The Eastern county part of San Diego is a -- has a huge population of Chaldean Christian -- of Chaldean Christians. Population has grown over the past 70 years from just a handful to
now 50,000 people. Many which provide businesses, provide jobs, and services to their community.

The current proposals --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MANSOUR: -- put in place would move and split up parks of El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and Humboldt with places with North Park, over forty, forty-five-minute drive away. This issue is vital.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. MANSOUR: Doing -- following these plans would, in effect, silence the voice of our community, and I ask for your consideration in rejecting the current pro --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll be going to caller 3700. And up next after that will be caller 5338.

Caller 3700, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson. I am the executive director for the Business Council. I am calling in regarding the draft Assembly map dated 11/10/21 for zone F, San Joaquin County.

We just want to say great job, and thank you so very much. We worked with a broad, diverse community coalition, and we are all very pleased with the outcome
of these Assembly maps. I'm very appreciative of the Commissioner's hard work. Thank you in advance for approving these fair and equitable maps, and thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 5338. And up next after that will be caller 2292.

Caller 5338, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you. I apologize. I'm about to hop on a bus here. I -- I am calling about the maps for the North 10 LA District and the 110 District, which bisect what is currently South LA, and urging that they do not do that. To leave the historically large black and brown communities that have been trying to reinvigorate South LA intact. This will dilute the -- the power of -- of black and brown communities that have been unified in South LA.

So please reconsider the maps for that area. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 2292. And up next after that will be caller
Caller 2292, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. And the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. First of all, thanks for all of your efforts. I know this is not easy and you get bombarded from all directions.

I'm actually calling in support of your draft for CD 25 AVSCV. I appreciate that you've married communities of like interests between Santa Clarita, where I live, Lancaster, and Palmdale, and the areas in between and (Indiscernible). And dropped Simi from our district, which is not contiguous with us, is in a different county, and is a very different community.

So since the squeaky wheel always gets the oil, I figured I'd call and say job well done, and I hope that this draft becomes permanent. Well, at least for the next ten years. All right. Thanks, folks.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3776. And up next after that will be caller 4340.

Caller 3776, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. ROMERO: Hi, can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. ROMERO: Okay, good. Thank you. My name is Rene Romero. I am a resident of South Central. I am calling on behalf because I'm speaking about the South Central region, which is the 105 Corridor, AD South LA, and AD_110LA. These three maps have split in -- split South Central up, and I am encouraging the Redistrict -- the Redistricting Commission to reconsider this and try and keep South Central whole.

South Central whole -- South Central is a very unique area. It is predominantly black and brown. There is no majority either way, but these two communities really have worked together to try and rig -- invigorate and bring economic growth to the area. Additionally, South Central has been a huge home to migrants from Central America, particularly with PPS. And the breaking up of this district really breaks -- ruins that identity and that political power.

For example, the top North part of the -- of just right under the 10 Freeway is the Salvadorian business and corner -- corridor. Even though all of South Central is filled with Central Americans, the business and corner -- corridor would be put in with Beverly Hills and West Hollywood and Hancock Park. That really has no cohesion. Many of those members of community don't
understand the needs and wants of the people in South Central, and I think that would really ruin the ability to hear -- the people of South Central --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ROMERO: -- have their voices (audio interference) respectively.

I'm asking the Commission to please keep South Central together. That better borders would be as far North as the 10 Freeway, South Ascentry Boulevard (ph.), West Asbeny Boulevard (ph.), and East Eshooper Avenue (ph.). That is a more realistic Assembly border --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. ROMERO: -- for South Central. And really keeps the identity of South Central whole and intact, and I'm just asking the Commission to please keep South Central whole. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

And Katy, we'll take one more caller before break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good.

Right now, we will have caller 4340. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. LADDISH: Thank you. I'll be commenting on AD Lake Napa draft in the Yolo County and Greater Winters areas this evening.
My name is Kate Laddish. I live in Winters, a couple blocks from Solano County and near Napa County. And thank you to the Commission for your ongoing work and for the opportunity to provide input.

So the Commission has received a significant amount of public input about Yolo County and the Greater Winters area. We have asked the Commission to keep Yolo County whole, to unify the Yolo and Solano parts of the Greater Winters area in districts, and to group Yolo with counties that match expressions of communities of the interest.

While that -- as that public input has been better reflected to some of the other districts, this district Assembly map doesn't match the public input that's -- that's been provided. So I'll focus particularly on the Greater Winters area.

As the Winters Joint Unified School District extends from Yolo County and into Solano County, down -- as you're looking at the Pleasants Valley Road area, it goes down to Shale Peak. And so it's partway down to Vacaville. And we would like to keep all of that unified school district in one district.

Yolo County and Solano County share fires, and in fact, we've shared the LNU Lightning Complex fire last year. Because of shared representation at the state
level, we've been able to join together in order to -- to
recover from that fire and be better prepared for the
next one. In fact, the Yolo County and Solano County
Resource Conservation Districts collaborate, as do our
Fire Safe Councils.

Putah Creek is the dividing line between Yolo County
and Solano County, and -- and actually, between the --
the district lines, as the Commission has drafted --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. LADISH: -- there is a salmon run that has come
up Putah Creek. There's been an issue this year, and
because we've been able to -- to collaborate from both
sides of the creek, we've been able to address the
problem and hopefully increase the -- the salmon run.

Our city Commissions draw on -- on parts --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. LADISH: -- of our community that are in both
Solano and Yolo, because we're all one community here.

So I urge you to please join Yolo and Solano, rather
than look farther North to Glenn and to Tehama. Thank
you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

And with that, we will go into a fifteen-minute
break for our final push for the evening. Callers, if
you are in the queue, please do not hang up as you will
not be able to reconnect.

So let's take a break and return at 8:30. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back to our final session for the evening.

Katy, we're all yours.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

I'd like to invite those that have called in that have not spoke this evening that wish to give comment, please press star nine. So help me get through the queue.

Right now, we will start out with caller 8571. And up next after that will be caller 8466.

And caller 5826, I do see you on a retry, and I will get to you here momentarily.

Caller 8571, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. MOMAN: Hello, I tried again previously, but thought I was able to get through this time. My name is Chris Moman. I lived in San Francisco most of my life, but I retired to the veteran's home in Yountville over two years ago.

And I wanted to say that the map that you have,
which was Napa and Solano, which is an Assembly district map, has Napa all the way in with Tehama. Which was, like, two-thirds of the way to Redding. And really, Napa has absolutely nothing in common with the ranchers of Tehama. I don't even think they grow grapes in the Tehama County.

But Assembly districts should be compact. There are 400 -- roughly 494,000 people, and Napa has 136,000. If you looked at the Valley of the Moon, there's about 60,000 there. And if you look at Solano County, other than the layout, it's-- makes up for the difference. And I will tell you that at 2:00 in the afternoon, most of the workers who work in the hotel industry and restaurant industry, and also in the nursing homes, commute to the affordable housing in Fairfield and in Vacaville.

They don't commute to Tehama. So I would ask strongly that we try to compact Assembly district to include Eastern part of Sonoma County, all of Napa County, and --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MOMAN: -- most of -- most of Solano County. Delano is a better match for Richmond. It's a multi-racial community. And it would be completely outnumbered in --
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. MOMAN: -- the district that you created. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be with caller 8466. And -- and up next after that will be the retry of caller 5826.

Caller 8466, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. HARRIS: Hi, my name is Jen Harris (ph.), and I'm asking that the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox be kept together in the district Assembly map.

My concern is that the current map, from what I viewed, splits up our cities. And we've come a long way in our Assembly district. Our communities have done a great job to uplift our children and our families out of poverty. Also, the organizations and businesses in the area have come together to support our schools and school districts. And something really awesome is that we're seeing our children do amazing things because of the support that they've been able to receive in our Assembly district.

By splitting these cities up, you're unfortunately splitting up our school districts that serve the children.
of our communities in our cities. And the school
districts in that area are Lawndale Elementary School
District, Hawthorne Lennox School District, and Centinela
Valley Union School District. They need to stay together
because it benefits us all.

And something else too. The draft Co -- Congress
Commission map that you all created -- that was created
kept Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together.
And so I'm asking that you all do the same to support our
kids and our families in our Assembly maps.

And I want to thank you all, as others have said,
for your service. We truly do appreciate it, and again,
I'm asking that we keep our Cities of Lawndale,
Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be
going to caller 5826. And then up next after that will
be caller 7246.

Caller 5826, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. YOUNG: Hi, there. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. YOUNG: Okay. I apologize for the earlier
technical difficult. This is John Young (ph.), and I'm
calling with regards to Assembly district draft West
PLACERSAC draft. And as it's currently drafted, you have the line of demarcation on Eastbound Interstate 80 between Roseville and Rockland and two separate Assembly districts.

And I would just suggest to the committee that Rockland and Roseville and all but name are indistinguishable. And by splitting those two into two separate Assembly districts, you really are, I -- I guess, creating more work for the state than anything, because we share so many of the same challenges with growth and the economy, and so many characteristics together, that I just don't think by putting Rockland in the same district boundary as Sierra County, which is bordering the State of Nevada, makes -- makes very much sense.

So I would like your consideration to maybe include Rockland, Granite Bay, and even Lincoln, which are all kind of really related together in terms of demographics into that Assembly district draft West PLACERSAC draft, as opposed to where they currently are. And -- and what I -- what I would consider kind of a rural district versus a suburban district.

Thank you so much for your time, and I appreciate you guys all working late.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 7246. And then up next after that will be caller 3553.

Caller 7246, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MR. FOSTER: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you very much for taking my call. My name is Matt Foster. I'm a veteran. I do a lot of volunteering. I run a couple of nonprofits in the San Diego County area. Mostly North County.

And I'm -- I'm happy with your recent Assembly map, the draft map for that area. I'm an Escon -- I live in Escondido, and I do most of my stuff on the North and East county. And I'm happy with how you did the Assembly map. But I was -- the Senate district map kind of puts us in the same district as Pacific Beach, which is completely different than what Escondido is.

And I'd -- I'd ask if you would reconsider that and put it back to -- basically, put the district map the way it was. It's -- the -- the community where it is -- where it's set up right now is very unified. We all think the same way. It's a -- it's a wonderful -- it's a wonderful set up, and it's worked for us. And I'd appreciate it if you could keep it that way.

So that's all I had to say. Thank you very much for
what you're doing. And I do appreciate you considering my -- my suggestion. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3553. And then up next after that will be caller 9698.

Caller 3553, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, hi. My name is Alena (indiscernible), and I'm calling regarding the school districts of Lawndale School District, and Hawthorne School District, and the Inglewood School District, and the Lennox School District, and the Centinela Valley School District. I would like to keep all those districts together for the children.

That would -- yeah, for the school districts, since for the past decade, our communities have worked tirelessly to lift children and families out of poverty by providing them with quality education. And your proposal to split the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox into different Assembly districts misses the mark for our kids.
The Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft maps for Congress, and we are asking that you do the same justice for our kids in Assembly maps. So please keep this school district together -- these districts together. We really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 9698. And then up next after that will be caller 7037.

Caller 9698, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller 9698, you may want to double-check and make sure your phone is not on mute. You are unmuted here in the meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi, yes. I am a parent and a very concerned citizen for the districts of Lawndale, Inglewood, Lennox. I have two children that graduated from the Lawndale School District. And redistricting would be so horrible. I have one currently in the Hawthorne School District, and I have two more in the Lawndale.

So this is not good for our children. You guys have kept them together in the past, and putting us with the beach cities is just not okay. The funding is not okay,
and it will definitely hurt the children that are
transitioning into other schools.

So the Commission has kept Lawndale, Inglewood,
Hawthorne, and Lennox together in the draft maps for
Congress, and we're asking that you do the same justice
for our kids in the Assembly maps. Thank --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Right now, we will
have caller 7037, and then up next after that will be
caller 7211. I'd like to invite those that have not
spoke this evening that have called in to please press
star 9. This will raise your hand, indicating you are
ready to give comment.

Caller 7037, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. CASTANEDA: Good evening, Commissioners. My
name is Aida Castaneda (ph.), I'm calling today to urge
you to respect the working-class Latino community of
interest by connecting South San Diego, which includes
the cities and communities of National City, San Ysidro,
West Chula Vista, Greater Logan Heights, and City
Heights.

As a community outreach specialist, and a former
senior field representative for the 80th Assembly
District, I'm concerned about the CVSY Assembly
District's (ph.) proposed map. The voting rights of Latino communities should be respected (indiscernible) and the areas where the majority of Latinos live.

Latino community has been historically marginalized, but we are empowered by our culture and activities that are very obviously unique to our culture. I'll share a simple example of it, and the clear example is cruising in Chicano -- in Chicano culture.

This past year, I've been working with the United Low Rider Coalition to repeal a very racist anti-cruising ordinance in the City of National City, that unfairly targets mostly Brown and Black youth who coast, meander, and drive their cars along our neighborhood streets, as an expression of cultural pride, or just plain fun.

The city's anti-cruising ordinance is thirty years old, when it was very rare that our city leaders look like the people who get arrested under this ordinance. The anti-cruising ordinance is unfair and has served as a pretext for police to pull over members of our community. We're hoping to fully repeal this law this year.

Cruising is a celebrated pastime in a lot of our neighborhoods, whether it's in National City, City Heights, West Chula Vista, Logan Heights, or around Chicano Park in Barrio Logan, at least to say our communities have come a long way together.
This is just one example --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CASTANEDA: -- as to why we need the right representation in elected office. The Latino community of interest needs to be empowered to ensure that Latinos can not only influence the voice they need -- to voice their needs and concerns, but that this be done inequitably to repair generations --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. CASTANEDA: -- of bias, neglect, that have harmed our community. Please respect our community by keeping communities along the 5 and the 805 together in the redistricting process. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll be going to caller 7211, and up next after that will be caller 7504. Caller 7211, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. ELISE: Yes. Good evening, and I thank you for your commitment to this project. It's very fascinating to listen to so many people throughout our wonderful state advocate for their community. My name is Wendy Elise (ph.), and I'm a former member of the Costa Mesa City Council, and I was also on the Newport-Mesa Unified
School Board, and the recently released Assembly draft map moves Costa Mesa from Newport Beach, where we have many similar interests, and consider ourselves as one large Newport-Mesa community. We share the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, and our property taxes are joined to unite our local schools into one political body.

Costa Mesa belongs within the other coastal districts, and definitely not with an inland district that includes Northern Irvine towards the foothills. Our community needs are totally separate, and it would make more sense for Costa Mesa -- and there's that name, Costa -- and the table to be coastal.

Please consider that you combine Costa Mesa when you draw the map for the next draft. Other things that we share in Costa Mesa, recently, our homeless center that we share with Newport Beach, and we collaborated. Also, we have many similar interests with our fire department where we share back and forth, because we are very close neighbors, and one other --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ELISE: -- caller mentioned, you know, at the end of the 55, you don't really know you're in Costa Mesa, and that's the same way when you're on 17, the Newport people -- the Newport Beach people don't know
that they're shopping in Costa Mesa. So please consider keeping us with Newport Beach, and don't split the school district. It would really create a hardship --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. ELISE: -- because we have kids going back and forth from each city. Thank you very much for your service.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will going to caller 7504, and then up next after that will be caller 9284. And for those that have not spoke this evening, those will be my last two hands, so if you wish to give comment, please press star 9.

Caller 7504, if you'll follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller 7504, if you want to double-check and make sure your telephone is not on mute. One more time, if you'll go ahead and press star six again, you are unmuted in the meeting, just going to make sure your phone is not on mute.

MR. BAINS: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are --

MR. BAINS: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours. We sure can.

MR. BAINS: All right. Sorry about that. I'd like
to thank you and the Commissioners and staffers for the opportunity to address you today. I'm calling you about SIEN-NUV (ph.), S-I-E-N dash N-U-V draft map. My name is Karm Bains, and I'm a supervisor with Sutter County. I'm a fourth generation California farmer, farming in Sutter County and the North Sacramento Valley.

First, I want to complement the Commission on keeping Yuba and Sutter Counties together in the draft. I participate on a number of boards and committees that are both joint Yuba and Sutter organizations, including government and nongovernmental organizations. These include, but are not limited to, the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau, Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce, Yuba-Sutter Fair, Yuba-Sutter Transit, Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture Council, Bi-County Mental Health, and that's just to name a few.

My concern with the map is that it breaks Yuba-Sutter away from the rural Northern Sacramento Valley partner counties like Butte, Glenn, and Colusa. Recently, our counties of Yuba and Sutter joined with Colusa County to create the first three county JPA to oversee a new juvenile rehabilitation --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- facility and services for Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. Our three counties
also partner with our valley neighbors to the North for ROP services and our five counties work for (indiscernible). Residents in the suburban areas of Sacramento commute to Sacramento --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and the Bay Area for white collar jobs. Residents in Northern Sacramento Valley drive trucks and tractors, and work blue collar industries tied to agriculture --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for your comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will have caller 9284, and then up next after that, we will be retrying caller 2595.

Caller 9284, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

MS. MARTIN: Good evening. Thank you. Good evening, I'm Nancy Martin (ph.), and I'm calling about the Tustin and North Tustin on the map for Assembly district IRV. And I was hoping that the draft would include Tustin and the unincorporated North Tustin, Santa Ana Heights, and that they all would be in the same district.

Although they are two distinct communities, they're interrelated, as residents from both areas consider it to be one Tustin community. North Tustin and the
surrounding foothill areas should not be split up into multiple Assembly districts.

If you may recall, in the 2020 fire season, when thousands of Tustin, North Tustin, and Santa Ana Heights residents had to be evacuated at a moment's notice, it was having one Assembly man that they could turn to – Assembly person – putting all these and help in that area. Putting these areas in different Assembly districts leaves it as a – having a risk, where one Assembly person might not understand the wildfire issues that these people and communities have faced every summer and every fall.

So I'm just asking you to please consider keeping Tustin and North Tustin in one Assembly district with all the other foothill communities in Central Orange County. Thank you for your time and all your work on this big project.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be retrying caller 2595. If you wish to give comment, we will retry. Please press star six to unmute. One more time, caller 2595, you did have your hand raised earlier, and were unable to unmute. Just wanted to try one more time. Please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
I do apologize for the technical difficulties this evening. Please reach out to the Commission in the multiple other ways that are available.

I would like to give caller 1043 the opportunity to unmute if you wish. Please press star six. And one more time, caller with the last four 1043, if you'd wish to give comment this evening, please press star six. And thank you so much for listening.

All right, now I'd like to give caller 2446 an opportunity to unmute if they'd wish to give comment this evening. Please press star six. One more time, caller with the last four 2446, if you wish to give comment, please press star six. Thank you as well for listening.

And we've got two more. Caller 3278, if you wish to give comment this evening, please press star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, thank you very much for taking my call late in your session. Appreciate all the work. Just have one thought. I live in rural Yolo County, near Winters, California, and the current draft that has Napa and us together with Tehama-Glenn and Colusa Counties far to the North does not well reflect the communities of interest here.

In particular, I'm very engaged in fire response and fire radiance, and we have a lot of common interest with
Solano County, because as we recently seen, the LNU fire
came through, and it affected Solano County and Yolo
County. The creek between us is not a barrier, the
county line is arbitrary. Those communities of interest
in terms of wildfire readiness and preparation are vastly
more important than our common interest with groups --
counties to the North.

So I really encourage you to group Yolo County with
Solano County to the South, rather than to the counties
far to the North, where wildfires will never interact
with us. And because the Assembly districts are
important for state funding, I particularly encourage you
to have the Assembly district --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- include both Yolo and
Solano Counties. Thank you very much. I appreciate your
effort, I appreciate the time, and I appreciate your
willingness to hear my thoughts.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
caller 7070, if you wish to give comment this evening,
please press star six to unmute. You would be our last
caller that has not had an opportunity to speak this
evening. That's caller 7070. If you wish to give
comment, please press star six.
Oh, I do have a hand from caller 2446. I will come to you next. Caller 7070, if you wish to give comment, please press star six. Otherwise, thank you so much for listening.

All right. I will be going to this hand. Caller 2446, I see your hand. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Athena (ph.), and I'm a long-time resident of Irvine. Irvine has so many given neighborhoods, each with their own unique character. That's why for the Assembly districts, I'm asking that you keep the similar North End (ph.) neighborhoods together above(indiscernible). These communities are most like Tustin and Lake Forest and there's no reason it should be three -- districts -- can they hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Keep going.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Three Assembly districts, thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I didn't know they could hear me.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sure at this time,
everyone in the queue has had an opportunity to speak if
they like.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, and just to cover all our
bases, can I have the Spanish interpreter give out the
raise your hand instruction, or just repeat it, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That would be to press
star 9 would be to raise your hand. Ashleigh?

MR. MANOFF: Correct.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I will give the
instructions for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, no, no, it would be
just to raise the hand.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. You're right. Already
dialed in but not raising their hand instructions. Okay.

Here it is.

(In Spanish)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
we did have our retry caller 2595 did raise their hand
again, and caller 1043. If you'll follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hi, Commissioner, I

have called in the last time, and I mentioned the last
time, that we need a representative that understand our
unit leader cycle and cultural community in Garden Grove,
Westminster, (indiscernible) Huntington Beach need to stay together for Assembly and Congressional districts. The draft map for Senate district is well done for our Little Saigon community. Thank you for this.

But for the ADGGW Assembly district (ph.) in Orange County, we have (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach, but more on the North side of (indiscernible). Instead of adding (indiscernible), which have no community of interest with us, you can remove it. You can also remove (indiscernible) Garden Grove starting the major street Euclid. In the past few years, this community of interest have grown very fast, and belong with Anaheim and Santa Ana community.

Put a Congressional map, (indiscernible). But in the long coastal part of Huntington Beach with (indiscernible). Thank you for all that you are doing and keep us, Little Saigon community, together. Thank you for allowing me to speak and listen to my concern. God bless, and goodnight.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. The same.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, oh, their hand went down again. Okay, caller 2595, you did raise your hand one more time. So let's just give you one more opportunity. That's caller 2595. If you wish to give comment and are able to unmute, please press star six.
The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you Commissioners, thank you for all your patience. I'm sorry my phone was not functioning, but now I am here. Thank you so much. Good evening, I'd like to put my input on the center district plan and Latino populations.

In the current center plan in L.A., there are three Latino majority districts, and three districts with more than forty percent Latino citizen voting age -- with voting age populations. Under your draft map, you have three Latino majority districts, and three with more than forty percent CVAP.

In other words, you are barely holding, even despite the state's continued rapidly growing Latino population, to not diminish and decimate the Latino opportunities you have created. While districts will surely change, I strongly encourage you to maintain the course of all the current opportunities for Latinos to elect a district built around West Covina and the San Gabriel Valley, a district in the gateway cities, a district running along the 710, a district that starts in East L.A. and runs North, and a strong correlation district in Compton and Carson, a district in the East San Fernando Valley as well. Thank you for your time and thank you for allowing me to speak.
CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Katy, can we try 1043 one more time?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1043, if you wish to give comment, please press star six. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 1043, if you wish to give comment this evening, please press star six to unmute. It would appear they are just listening, chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I appreciate the effort. And once again, I appreciate California for all the input, which is much needed for this valuable work in front of us.

Well, we're going to do it once again tomorrow, 3:00 tomorrow, we're going to take feedback regarding the Senate maps, so Commissioners, thank you for your tentativeness; staff, as always, thank you for your professionalism and wonderful work, and I will see everyone, with my bells on again, at 3:00 tomorrow.

Goodnight.

(Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.)
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