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CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. Buenos dias, commissioners. My name is Pedro Toledo, and I'll be chairing today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Public Input Session on our draft maps.

We are offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to listen to their meeting -- or to listen to this meeting in their native language. Could I please have the Spanish interpreters provide our language line number where the public can listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita, Spanish interpreter. I will go ahead and read the instructions for the Spanish speakers.

(In Spanish, not translated)

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

Good morning, Ravi. Please conduct roll call.

MR. R. SINGH: Thank you, Chair; and good morning.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.
MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Presente.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, she's here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present, Ravi.

MR. R. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

MR. R. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. 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.

You can visit us at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org to get more information. This week we've been getting public input on our draft maps. Today, we will be accepting input on any one of our maps, including State Senate, State Assembly, Board of Equalization, or congressional.

Participating through these forums is not the only way to give input. You can also go online to WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, and use our submission tool to provide input.

You can also draw maps at DrawMyCalifornia.org. You can submit maps through that platform, and additional information to the Commission, and we are able to access that information and use it as -- consider it and use it in our deliberations.

Some housekeeping rules: The Commission will be
enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time limits on appointments, and will provide warnings 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 that the mappers can bring it up on the map.

We will open up the lines at the end of the day when we reach our public comment session. And today that'll be around 1:30, and we will continue to accept public comment callers through to 2:30 when we will close the lines. If you are calling without an appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose your place in the line.

With that, Katy, please go over the directions and instructions on starting the appointment sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Yes, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Good morning.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the Draft Map Feedback Session. If you have not done so already, and if your unique ID number ends in 001 through 037, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number received with your invite for this session.

When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video in
the lower-left corner of your screen. Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time. There will also be 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're present and ready to comment if your unique ID number ends anywhere from 001 through 037 for session 1.

And right now, we will begin our day with unique ID 034. And then up next after that will be 010. 034, I'll be promoting you now. 034, 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 or region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. ROSS-FRANCOM: I would like to address congressional district for the County of Sacramento. Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for all your work and allowing me to comment today. My name is Deniece Ross-Francom, and I am calling to ask that you keep the Sacramento floodplain together in one state and
federal district. I own a home, live, and work in the City of Sacramento, specifically in North Natomas, which is one of the areas in Sacramento most likely to flood.

Sacramento has one of the highest flood risks in the nation. We are surrounded by two large rivers: the Sacramento and American. Our community shares evacuation routes, levee patrol watches, flood insurance rates, and very active local flood agencies whose work we could not live without. Millions and millions of dollars have been invested in our flood protection program -- excuse me -- system, and we are very grateful for this investment.

Since the City of Sacramento was founded, it has worked very hard to build and fortify its flood protection system. You may be familiar with the famous photo from 1862 when Governor Leland Stanford rode a boat to his inauguration at the Capitol because the city was underwater.

Seventy-five percent of the funding for this work is from the federal government, and our advocacy as a community has been significant to get that funding. Having unified representation has made all the difference when we advocate for funding at the state and federal levels; these projects are much more expensive than any local community could afford.

Over many decades of work by this local, state, and
federal government, our flood protection system is
better, but we still have much more work to do. Please
respect the history that our city has endured and keep
the Sacramento floodplain in one state and federal
district.

Thank you so much for your dedication, time, and
thoughtful consideration. And just to give you an idea,
in case you’re not aware, in the area where my home is
built, if there was a catastrophic flood, we would be
under twenty-six feet of water, is the estimate. Thank
you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have 010. And then up next after that will be, 005.

010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, 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 address. The
floor is yours.

MR. PAYNE: Good morning. Thank you, Katy. My name
is Jeremy Payne calling for Equality California. I would
like to zoom into the East Bay region. I'll be talking
about our Assembly, Senate, and congressional maps. All
right, thank you.

So for all three of these maps, I just want to thank
the Commission for your recognition of the East Bay LGBTQ+ community be kept together in the Assembly, Senate and congressional draft maps. The East Bay region stretching from the City of El Cerrito in the north and south through Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro has served as major building blocks of the East Bay LGBTQ+ community.

Today, notable LGBTQ+ institutions, like the Oakland LGBTQ+ Community Center, and the Pacific Center, and several LGBTQ+ businesses and community spaces throughout the East Bay continue serving members of our community, looking for more welcoming and affirming spaces, or direct services unique to our community's needs. Our community has always come together to support one another, and the East Bay LGBTQ+ community is no exception.

The community is mobilized and active, and has demonstrated a cohesive voting pattern of electing diverse LGBTQ+ leaders in their local cities. For example, in El Cerrito, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and San Leandro, that all has diverse LGBTQ+ representation. And this is spearheading LGBTQ+ representation throughout the state that reflects the LGBTQ+ community's true diversity in California.

So again, I just want to thank you for keeping this
LGBTQ+ community united. And since this is my last comment, I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. And take care.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a great Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have 005. And up next after that will be 024.

005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, 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 address. The floor is yours.

MR. HACEGABA: Yes, good morning, Commissioners. My name is Noel Hacegaba, and I'm calling to comment on the City of Long Beach. Long Beach is my home and I'm raising two daughters on the east side of the city. I'm not too far from the border of Orange County.

I live in Long Beach and I also work in Long Beach. In fact, I work for the Port of Long Beach. And I can tell you that while our city has a great diversity of spaces, we are one community. I want to thank you for grouping a large majority of Long Beach in the congressional map that you've drawn for this region. It's really important that you continue to support us by keeping us as intact as possible.
In the past, I've seen iterations that have split us apart, and we definitely don't want to go in that direction. I know there's a little over a month more of line drawing and public comment left before the final maps are adopted, so I just ask that, for Long Beach, that you please continue to keep the large majority of our city united. You have heard from hundreds of people across our city and our voice is united.

So as you consider other areas to add to the congressional map for this area, I would like to remind you that -- this Commission that we already share a congressional district with numerous Orange County cities like Rossmoor and Los Alamitos; and of course Avalon, Signal Hill, and Lakewood are part of our community, and our school and college system.

So again, thank you for your time. And I wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we're on 024. And up next after that will be 036.

024, I'll be promoting you now. 024, 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 address, the floor is yours.
MS. INSCOE: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Tina Inscoe. I'm a council member in the City of Escondido, located in North County San Diego, on the I-15 corridor. I am testifying today regarding the ESC-Bonsall-Rainbow Assembly draft map to request that you revise the map to keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow in a separate district from the City of San Diego, and unify it with our rural neighbors along the I-15 corridor, including Valley Center, Temecula, and the tribal lands east of the 15 to the San Diego/Imperial Border.

Under the current Assembly draft, Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow, which are rural communities, are connected with urban neighborhoods in the City of San Diego, including Rancho Bernardo, Forest Ranch, and Mira Mesa. These neighborhoods have very little in common with Escondido and our rural neighbors along the 15 freeway.

I urge the Commission to draw the San Diego neighborhoods below Lake Hodges, or at least below the 56 freeway into a separate district from Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, and the other rural communities near Escondido.

Under the current draft maps, Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow are also separated from Valley Center, Temecula, and other rural agricultural
communities along the 15. Valley Center and Hidden Meadows are, in many ways, suburbs of Escondido. Residents living in Valley Center and Hidden Meadows rely on Escondido, not just for shopping and other commercial needs, but also medical and emergency services.

Escondido police and fire respond to public safety concerns in these neighboring rural communities when needed. Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Pala, and Pauma Valley rely on the City of Temecula in the same way. All of our communities are connected by the 15 freeway. I urge the Commission to redraw the Assembly draft map to keep Escondido with a rural community of interest, including Valley Center, Rincon, Pala, Pauma Valley, Hidden Meadows, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Temecula, and the tribal communities east of the --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. INSCOE: -- Escondido County line. Thank you for your time and service to the state. And happy Thanksgiving to all.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 036. And up next after that will be 001.

036, I'll be promoting you now. 036, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what
MR. ADEVA: Yes, thank you. I will be speaking about congressional maps, and specifically CD-Ventura Draft. All right, thank you.

Good morning, members of the Commission. My name is Ramiro Adeva, and I'm the assistant city manager for the City of Agoura Hills. Thank you to the Commission for the tireless work in drafting boundaries. I'm speaking today in regards to major concerns we have with the latest draft congressional maps.

Early in the redistricting process, Agoura Hills stood alongside the cities of Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Westlake Village, to author a letter from the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG urging the Commission for a redistricting plan that keeps the COG cities together and connected to the Santa Monica Mountains.

Unfortunately, Agoura Hills was placed in a district comprised predominantly of Ventura County cities, separated from the Santa Monica Mountains, despite Agoura Hills residing entirely within Los Angeles County. The city of Agoura Hills was incorporated into LA County in 1982. All essential services and community interests are rooted in Los Angeles County.

Our police force are LA County sheriffs. Our
firefighters are from LA County Fire District. Our city
even falls under LA County's North Area Plan, a specific
plan containing policies governing areas of Los Angeles
County that include Agoura Hills. Unlike any of the
agencies in the proposed congressional district, we are
geographically located in a region that drains directly
to the Santa Monica Bay, and are active partners in the
North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee.

From an emergency management and hazardous
mitigation standpoint, it's imperative we remain
connected with LA County agencies we have historically
leaned on to coordinate first responders and mass
evacuations. The success of recovery efforts, as we
learned firsthand from the devastating Woolsey Fire in
2018, depends on locking arms with our COG and
surrounding cities to seek federal assistance from a
common congressional representative.

As a COG, along with Los Angeles County, we have
secured funding towards critical services,
infrastructure, and protection of natural resources,
which often include assistance or support from shared
congressional representation which, again, would be
threatened if the current plan is approved. Agoura Hills
respectfully ask the Commission to revise the lines --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. ADEVA: -- in a way that reconnects Agoura Hills with its COG cities, partners in Los Angeles County, and the Santa Monica Mountains. Agoura Hills is vastly different demographically and socioeconomically than the agencies included in the draft maps. As a result --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. ADEVA: -- the challenges we face are different as well. Redrawing the lines is the only way we stand a chance of having representation that can advocate for what's important to us. Relocating 21,000 people will hardly tip the population scales, but has profound impacts in ensuring effective congressional representation for Agoura Hills. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 001. And then up next after that will be 009.

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 district plan and region you'd --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. This will --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes. This will be District 25, with the Santa Clarita Antelope Valley.

It was -- been an interesting processing of these
revisions. We have lost Simi Valley. Please return -- keep Simi Valley in District 25, continue with the plan that is already in effect. Please do not take this draft version.

Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are quite a bit similar demographically, and the Antelope Valley has long been connected to Santa Clarita, thanks to the 14 freeway, and people that do come over the back way, the backdoor entrance over through the mountain. I am a big part of the veteran community up here, although I am not a veteran. I support veterans. I've had many family members, and friends who have been veterans.

One of the groups I'm with has a strong connection with the veteran community in Simi Valley. Please bring Simi Valley back into this district. Keep the original. Please do not accept the draft. Veterans are an important part of our entire nation. They cover all socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.

They are, I'm going to say, the backbone of our country. They have given their lives. Some have actually given their lives. Some have many disabling factors from serving, and that goes for the families as well that need to support their loved ones.

Please keep Simi Valley and the Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita together, as the current District 25 is.
Please do not accept this draft. Thank you. Have a great Thanksgiving. It's been an interesting process on this, and learning what you all need to be doing as general citizens pulled out of the -- stepping up to take this position on for our state. Thank you again. Have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a great Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 009. And then up next after that will be 007.

009, I'll be promoting you now. 009, 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 address. The floor is yours.

MS. NAVARRO: Hi. Thank you. Good morning. It will be the Long Beach congressional map -- draft maps, please.

Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the chance to provide feedback today. My name is Mirea (ph.) Navarro, and I'm speaking today about the Long Beach congressional draft maps.

Professionally, I work in the Port of Long Beach, and have been very involved in the Long Beach area for many years. Firstly, I want to thank the Commission for
your recent work to bring more of the city into one
Assembly, State Senate, and congressional district. The
Port of Long Beach is always striving to be greener,
cleaner, and more business-friendly; having good lines of
communications with our elected officials help with those
goals.

Moving forward, I hope the Commission will continue
to keep Long Beach unified. From my perspective, we are
a city that cares deeply about the environment, and ask
that if more cities are needed to be added to our final
maps, that they be similarly passionate about the
environment. Keep the Port of Long Beach with the rest
of our city and our coastline. Again, I thank the
Commission for all you're doing for the state. Thank
you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

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

007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, it would
appear there might be a connectivity issue with the
audio? Oh, well, see -- I just need to say that and
then -- I'll just go over. Okay.

007, 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
MR. NEVIN: Good morning. Thank you and good morning, Commissioners. My name is Miles Nevin, and I wanted to address the Long Beach area. So firstly, I just wanted to say thank you so much for uniting as much of Long Beach as possible in your draft congressional maps. I'm really encouraged, and hope to see that it stays this way throughout your process.

Several weeks ago, I had sent a letter to the Commission expressing how important it is to the LGBTQ community here in our area to remain united. And that's because Long Beach is such a special place; we have a proud, visible, and connected LGBT community, and one of the largest in California, in fact. And we have worked hard to uplift our LGBTQ voices in our city.

I'd certainly like for us to be able to continue this work in a meaningful way, and to work with elected officials in our area who understand the power of our LGBTQ voices. Please don't break up our LGBT community here in the Long Beach area.

Again, thank you for hearing this feedback, and for bringing more of Long Beach into the congressional map for this region. I know that you have such a tough job to do, and at the end of the day that Long Beach won't be a district by itself. So again, please, as you look to
add more population in this region, look to places where
the LGBTQ population is strong. Equality California
presented maps that include most of Long Beach and
Lakewoode, they also connect Orange County coastal LGBTQ
communities, so please take that into consideration as
you draw the maps.

But again, for me personally, it's most important
not to break up our Long Beach LGBTQ historic community
because of how meaningful it has been. So thank you
again so much. And hope you all have a great day and a
great week.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
037. And then up next after that will be 013.
037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, you can now
enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
your screen. If you'll please remain the mapper of what
district plan and region you would like to address. The
floor is yours.

MS. CHAVEZ: Yes, addressing the Central Valley
congressional, Assembly, and Senate. Shall I start?

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

MS. CHAVEZ: Great. I'm Camila Chavez, executive
director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, DHF. Our
president, Dolores Huerta, has been working in the
Central Valley since the early '60s. We established DHF in 2003. We are putting racial and social justice in GIS.

Our redistricting experience began in 2011 with the statewide redistricting. We then engaged in Kern County Board of Supervisors Mapping in 2017, Kern High School District in 2018, and Kern Community College District in 2020. This experience allowed us to testify as experts at state legislative hearings to support AB-849, the California Fair Maps Act of 2019. We live and work in the Central Valley and have profound local knowledge.

As there are no commissioners from Kern, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Madera, Stanislaus, or Merced counties, the DHF established a comprehensive Equitable Maps Coalition working with over 5,000 Central Valley residents and dozens of public interest organizations.

We collected over 1,200 community-of-interest surveys, and drew maps at all levels of government that hundreds of people have testified to support. We applied proven metrics to draw effective Kern, Kings, and Tulare County VRA districts that meet at least sixty-five percent Latino population, fifty-five percent plus Latino CVAP, and fifty percent plus voter registration.

The Tulare County Independent Redistricting Commission used our standards to adopt a Board of
Supervisors map that has already prevented legal action. While fifty-five percent CVAP or higher is absolutely necessary in Kern, Tulare, and Kings counties, it may not be necessary in other areas.

We strongly believe that this Commission must to draw three effective VRA congressional districts, two effective VRA Senate districts, and four effective VRA Assembly districts in the Central Valley.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CHAVEZ: Asian and Latinx communities are growing and will continue to grow over the next ten years, in Fresno, the Valley, and California, hard decisions must be made and must be guided by those in our region. Our maps were drawn by Central Valley residents for Central Valley residents --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen --

MS. CHAVEZ: -- and should continue to inform your next round of maps. Thank you. Si se puede. Yes, we can.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have 013. And up next after that will be 006.

013, I'll be promoting you now. 013, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. MORAZA: Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. I will be focusing on the San Joaquin Valley. All right.

My name is Marisa Moraza. I am with Power California. I have spoken with you all before, and really appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide comments, and really want to thank the Commission for the time, dedication, and effort that has gone into this process and in drafting these maps. And continuing to highlight comments that have already happened from the Central Valley, we appreciate the inclusion of three VRA seats in the Central Valley and we know we can continue to strengthen districts to ensure fair representation and candidates of choice.

I'll be speaking specifically on Assembly and Senate districts. So to start at the Senate level, I want to provide comment on the ECA map. As has already been highlighted, the Central Valley floor should not be included with the Sierras. We need to strengthen representation for Central Valley priorities, and Sierra and Foothills populations.

So this will require architectural changes and adjustments. But it is important that cities such as Merced, Modesto, Turlock, that were included in this --
in this district are able to have their own Central Valley district.

Moving on to Assembly maps, wanting to provide comment on the Fresno draft, wanting to ensure that we are continuing to put communities of color together and keeping those communities of interest together. It's also important to ensure that we are considering socioeconomic status, and ensuring that we have Highway City, which is West -- with West Fresno, and that southern portion of the Fresno urban CORE.

This means including the section of apartments and multi-family units that are part of the Fig Garden Loop. This is around west of the railroad tracks, up to around Bullard Avenue. Folks are united by issues of infrastructure, housing insecurity, and affordability. With this map, we do also want to ensure student housing continues to be included. So thank you for including areas of student housing around Fresno State --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. MORAZA: -- which is the area below Shaw and west of the campus. In the Assembly Merced/Fresno map, we want to continue to strengthen the Latino CVAP, so please keep that in mind as we continue to build out that large district.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.
MS. MORAZA: So just want to thank you for your time, and continue to have good -- sorry -- good luck with the rest of this process. Thank you so much for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 006. And then up next after that will be 025.

006, I’ll be promoting you now. 006, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. BOLTON: Hello, Commissioners. I am addressing the Long Beach Congressional District. My name is Camille Bolton, and I'm calling about Long Beach.

I want to thank you for reuniting the two Long Beach City College campuses into the same congressional district. As someone who cares deeply about the success of Long Beach City College students, I can tell you that the decision impacts our students, faculty, and staff greatly, and we truly appreciate it. I know you still have a few weeks worth of work to do, and certainly there will be a lot to cover statewide.

But for Long Beach City College, I want to share our appreciation for the decision you've made to reunify our City College campuses in a single congressional district.
Please do not make any changes to that. As long as Long Beach is kept mostly together, our Long Beach City College campuses should be okay. And that's what we need.

Thank you for your time and we wish you all the very best. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have 025. And then up next after that will be 012.

025, I'll be promoting you now. 025, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. HAGOBIAN: Good morning. My name is Masis Hagobian, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, and would like to provide comments on the congressional, Senate, and Assembly draft maps related to the Santa Clarita area located in North Los Angeles County. Perfect.

The City of Santa Clarita is third most populous city in the county, home to approximately 228,000 residents, with an additional 78,000 people residing in the adjacent unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. These adjacent unincorporated communities include Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, and Stevenson Ranch.
shared many unifying conditions with the city, including geographic, economic, social, climatic, and watershed boundaries.

Furthermore, the city collaborates on regional issues, including transportation planning, homelessness, public safety, emergency preparedness and response, and water quality and supply with the surrounding unincorporated areas directly adjacent to the city, and the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, located in the Antelope Valley, and the City of Simi Valley, connected by the Santa Susanna Mountains.

Specifically, the city serves on the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition with the unincorporated areas of the North Los Angeles County, including Acton and Agua Dulce, and the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. The coalition develops regional policies and implements projects and programs to address critical transportation issues, promote economic development, maximize transportation and funding opportunities in the region.

Moreover, the city shares many commonalities with the City of Simi Valley, including almost identical topographies, with both cities predominantly surrounded by mountain passes and open space. As such, the cities work diligently on wildfire prevention and safety
policies with state and federal representatives.

Additionally, due to similar dry climates and vast open space, the city and Simi Valley have been disproportionately impacted by public safety power shutoff events issued by Southern California Edison. As those service areas have experienced a significantly high frequency of PSPS events, local officials from both communities have collectively advocated to Edison, state and federal representatives, and the California Public Utilities Commission for greater investments in electric --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. HAGOBIAN: -- grid hardening and wildfire prevention. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Commission to include the City of Simi Valley, and the Congressional and Assembly draft map, and to replace the communities of the San Fernando Valley, including Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley, North Hollywood West, and Panorama City, which have limited to no commonalities with the (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. HAGOBIAN: -- Santa Clarita Valley, with Acton, Agua Dulce, and the cities in the Antelope Valley for the Senate draft map. Thank you for your consideration of my comments, and for your service this past year. Happy
Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we'll have 012. And up next after that will be 026.

012, I'll be promoting you now. 012, you can enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. AI: I would look at CD_SAVANAANA, and CD_NOCOAST.

Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai. I'm actually calling on behalf of myself today, as a Vietnamese -- as a first-generation Vietnamese American who grew up in Orange County, I want to bring your attention to the issues around CD_SAVANAANA. I know there's been a great deal of testimony about uniting Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little Saigon.

I just wanted to point out to the Commission that by combining Seal Beach and Huntington Beach with Little Saigon, you actually decrease the API CVAP in Savana Ana. If the Commission plans to increase API CVAP in Savana Ana, adding Seal Beach and Huntington Beach to Santa Ana, will do the opposite. It decreases the API CVAP.

It would make more sense to create a coastal
congressional district, combining the coastal communities into CD_NOCOAST, which shares the same coastal issues, and also unites the LGBTQ+ community.

Finally, I would like to thank you all again for all the hard work you have done. I wish you an early Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now I have 026. And up next after that will be 016.

026, I'll be promoting you now. 026, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

026, you should be seeing an unmute prompt in the center of your screen at this point. There you are.

MR. STANDERFER: Okay. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Harold Standerfer, and I would like to address the Commission on Southwest Riverside and the South Orange County, North San Diego County districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission on these maps. And my bottom line is, I urge you to keep the City of Encinitas in one congressional district, one Senate district, and one Assembly district.

I am a resident of a community of Olivenhain, one of the five neighborhoods that comprise the City of
Encinitas. Approximate population of the city is 61,000. The city incorporated in 1986. The city was founded in part as a result of rampant unplanned growth in the area when it was unincorporated. The growth was subjected -- was done at the whim of the existing County Board of Supervisors. Between 1980 and 1990, this region grew in population from one 10,000 to 50,000.

My request to the Commission is that the community of Olivenhain, which is part of the city of Encinitas, be included in the same congressional district as the remaining portion of the city. We are a community, one city, one community. We share the same City Council, mayor, representatives on the County Board of Supervisors, the same school districts, including community college district, same water board, same police, same fire district; we share the same cultural history, and currently we have the same state senator, same State Assembly representative, and same congressional member.

In short, we are a community of interest with similar concerns and issues. I speak for my community. Please do not attach us to a different district that stretches as far east as Riverside, nearly a hundred miles away. We should be included with the coastal district, reflecting our coastal issues and mutual
interests.

I thank the Commission for their service to the State of California. And wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 016. And then up next after that will be 028.

016, I'll be promoting you now. 016, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. FRANKLIN: Good morning, Commission. I am referencing the Oakland, Emeryville area. Good morning again. My name is Nicole Franklin. I'm an Oakland native and a member of Black Women Organized for Political Action. I'm here to ask the Commission to maintain a strong black voting population on all levels for the City of Oakland to protect the voice of black communities here, and make sure we're able to have a voice and elect a candidate and representative of our choice.

The Commission has done a great job by ensuring East and West Oakland are together. Well, should also consider bringing Emeryville in with Oakland on all district levels. Oakland has a rich history that is
anchored by its diversity. At the core of that diversity are the countless contributions made by black Oaklanders, to uphold the civil rights and social justice of all Oakland residents.

In my conversations with community's interest, everybody knows exactly what's happening in Oakland, black Oakland, strategic disinvestment. We have not felt the economic prosperity of a hot housing market and tech jobs. We've seen higher-income folks get priced out of San Francisco and move to Oakland, while Blacks have been pushed further east, or completely out of a city that we can no longer afford.

It's so important that we have representatives that understand this, and that redistricting does not divide us. Staying together is key to reversing the strategic disinvestment and fracturing that has happened in Oakland over the last forty years and the rapid gentrification that has accelerated in the city over the past decade. By working together we have an opportunity to reverse the legacy of black erasure, and lean into democracy by ensuring the Commission can draw lines that reflect and strengthen representation for our black communities.

The result of this year's redistricting will have far-reaching impacts on the residents of Oakland for years to come. So I want to thank this Commission for
its hard work on this very important issue. In closing, thank you, and happy holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now we have 028. And up next after that we will have 032.

028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. RIVERA: Yes. I'm speaking in favor of the current draft of the La Mesa-Spring Valley map. Okay?

MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

MS. RIVERA: Thank you. So yeah, hi everyone. My name is Ianne Rivera. I'm a San Diego County resident, specifically living in Lemon Grove. And I'm speaking in favor of the current draft of La Mesa-Spring Valley map, keeping these communities together specifically for the purposes of representation by elected officials, which is extremely important.

In this map, it encompasses the communities where people live and would commute to San Diego's 32nd Street Naval Station, Coronado Naval Station, and other military facilities. This district also encompasses a rich immigrant community and is the heart of San Diego's historical civilian working class.
And these people are responsible for building the foundation for which San Diego has become today. These people that live in this area, including myself, we really utilize the family resources -- resource centers that are within this particular draft of the map. The idea that the location where -- of these public services where strong immigrant communities like these African immigrant community live and work, would be separated, and wouldn't be a benefit to these communities, and to San Diego as a whole.

So thank you so much for your time. And happy holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 032. And up next after that it will be 029.

032, I'll be promoting you now. 032, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. STURDY: Hi. My name is Marjorie Sturdy. And I'm calling in today about the Northern Central Valley, Stanislaus County maps -- congressional maps, excuse me.

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

MS. STURDY: So the current draft maps that you guys released on the 10th of November do not accurately
represent our Northern Central Valley needs. We have a map here that splits our county main city, Modesto, straight in half. And while our county -- our City of Modesto is mostly minorities, this completely drowns our minority voices as well as our voices for our general county and community.

Our current congressional district map has almost the entire county in it, and it has provided us for the last several years amazing representation that has aided in getting plans and funding for various projects, including transportation and affordable housing. The current map would completely dilute and put into question the progress that has been made in the last five to ten years. As well as possibly diminish some of the growth -- transportation growth that we have had from the commute districts that include Tracy, Mountain House, Ripon, because our commuting population is very large.

They very frequently -- a huge number of our community commutes to the Bay Area, still, during COVID, myself being one of those in the past. I currently now live in Oakdale, which is in the northern right part of the district.

In the current map, the ECA map, would put me in a representation district with all of the Mountain communities all the way up to South Lake Tahoe. My
community, I can guarantee you, has absolutely nothing in common with those communities. Those are mostly tourist communities. We are a hardworking community with a huge number of people -- community representation that --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. STURDY: -- commutes to the west, not to the east. The east commutes to us. And so I really beg of you to change your map back to something similar to what you released on November 2nd, which also --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. STURDY: -- more accurately represents our minorities and our community best. Thank you for taking on this momentous task. And I really appreciate you. Have a -- happy holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have 029. And up next after that will be 027.

029, I'll be promoting you now. 029, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. ALTOON: Can you hear me now?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. ALTOON: Oh, wonderful. Well, thank you all for your time this morning. My name is Ryan Altoon. A long-
time resident of Toluca Lake in the San Fernando Valley,
so I'll be focusing on the San Fernando Valley map, the
SC-SFV, and I just want to focus in that area.

You know, historically, you know, Toluca Lake has --
even geographically, had a lot of affinity with our
neighbors to the north of us, North Hollywood. In fact,
the federal map's zip code actually overlays Toluca Lake
as a (indiscernible) of Hollywood.

And so a few things I just wanted to mention.

First, that we just appreciate the tremendous job the
panel has done in pairing the working class neighborhoods
of the East San Fernando Valley together, but note that
is critical that both the state -- the Senate district
labeled map, and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly
map should be corrected so that we can unify North
Hollywood and Toluca Lake to the Central San Fernando
Valley Assembly map, and so forth, with the Senate
district.

So I've had a lot of time within Toluca Lake. I
actually served in the neighborhood council for about ten
years, its former president for eight of those years, and
as chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee. And
note that there are tremendous amount of issues and
opportunities that affect both of our communities to the
north and south.
And right now we are currently drawn, as we're sharing jurisdiction with -- in the new map, Studio City and some other areas. And in fact, the freeway, the 170 freeway, acts as a geographic boundary between the two. So when you look at the corridors and the streets, principally, Lankershim Boulevard and Camarillo, they are corridors that impact, seamlessly, these two communities, which is why we'd like to have them unified.

You know, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake share not only cultural, but also historic ties. They rely on one another for critical infrastructure, including major transportation hubs, and also rely on the Red Line that connects them, and other state transportation projects to generate foot traffic in the areas for Toluca Lake, and our business corridors, which is most important these days. So keeping our neighborhoods in one Senate and Assembly seat --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ALTOON: -- that allows current projects -- thank you -- designed to economically develop the area and continue without disruption is very important. Now, these are small population shifts we're talking about, but they do have some meaningful impact. They don't require major changes, so we'd appreciate this adjustment, and look forward to your work in the time to
come. Thank you very much for your consideration. And happy Thanksgiving everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have 022. And up next after that we have 030.

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MR. MANOFF: 022, can you hear us?

MS. WOZAB: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Go ahead, please.

MS. WOZAB: Okay, I'm sorry. Do you see my video?

MR. MANOFF: We see your video, and we hear you loud and clear.

MS. WOZAB: Oh, fantastic. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Lisa Wozab. I am a lifelong resident of Fullerton and I appreciate all of the hard work the Commission has done throughout the process. I'm calling in reference to the SEALBREA draft map. I think the Commission, unfortunately, missed the mark while drawing this district. It includes the coast, a vibrant Vietnamese area, and then Fullerton and Brea.

There are three completely different communities
that are now arbitrarily drawn together in one congressional district. I think it would make more sense if we separated Brea and North Orange County from the Northwest Orange County and coastal cities, and instead grouped it with Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills. These are actually similar communities, and if we basically shifted the Orange County district clockwise around the VRA Santa Ana district, I think we would end up pleasing the many different communities of interest in this area: Fullerton, Brea, Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, and Orange share very similar concerns, such as infrastructure, wildfires, and housing affordability.

I'm a member of the Infrastructure and Natural Resources Commission of the City of Fullerton. Currently, Fullerton has mutual aid agreements for some of our first responder services with neighboring cities, which potentially could end up in different congressional districts, affecting potential funding and grant opportunities.

As a family, we reside in Fullerton, our son attends school in Yorba Linda, and our church is located in Anaheim Hills. As North Orange County residents, this is an experience for many families and business owners. We also share similar economies, and I hope the Commission considers placing them in one congressional district.
And I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. And thank you for all your efforts and consideration of these regional concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now we will have 030. And then up next after that will be 003.

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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SCOBOLD: Hello? Am I visible and heard by everyone?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

MR. SCOBOLD: Great. Thank you. My name is Zachary Scobold (ph.). I live in Simi Valley. I'm a lifelong resident of East Ventura County. I'd like to quickly thank the Commission for their service in this redistricting process. I can only imagine the difficulty in finding a fair solution for as many residents as possible. So the continued effort here is highly appreciated.

However, I do call in to express disappointment with the decision to lump the entirety of Simi Valley into the same district as Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, and Malibu. I believe these areas are quite distinctively separate
communities in many regards. A previous commenter had
mentioned there was far more in common with our
neighboring city of Santa Clarita, and I agree with that.

Notably today, I'd like to just bring to the
attention that the fact that Simi Valley is a lot younger
than Calabasas, Westlake Village, and Malibu. My
research shows that our sixty-five and younger population
is a mere fifteen percent, compared to upwards of twenty-
six percent in both Malibu and Westlake.

Simi Valley's residents are also a lot less affluent
than those regions as well; our per capita income in Simi
Valley is around ten percent less than it is in Thousand
Oaks, and upwards of twenty percent in Malibu, and
Calabasas areas as well.

There are really many differences between Simi
Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, Malibu, and West Lake
than what I describe, that these are just a few that
demonstrate that Simi Valley should really not be in the
same district as Thousand Oaks and those other regions I
mentioned. I believe we are far more culturally sharing
a community with Santa Clarita and the North Valley area.
So I really hope you'll take that into consideration and
maybe consider redrawing that area.

Thank you for your time. And happy Thanksgiving,
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have 003. And then up next after that will be 027.

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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SEN: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. SEN: Perfect. Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Rahul Sen. I'm calling about Long Beach. Thank you for uniting more of our city into a single congressional district. I recently got more engaged in the local City Council race and got to know the downtown area quite well. Before that, I used to think Long Beach was one big city. Even though that's true, there are so many unique neighborhoods that each play their own part in our city's urban fabric, and each depends on the other.

That's why it's so important for us to stay grouped together. Long Beach just finished our own independent redistricting process for City Council districts recently, so I think we know a little bit about what you have to consider.

Thank you for all that you're doing, and for making
public comments so accessible. We appreciate being able to share just how important it is to keep -- continue keeping Long Beach united in your draft maps so that, especially in our congressional district, the final map reflects a united Long Beach.

We know you will have to make some tough decisions about population, but please keep our downtown, our Cambodian community, our port, and our LGBT communities together. Thank you again, and have a great day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique ID 027.

I'll be promoting you now. 027, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. RIVAS: Hi. Good morning. I am commenting on Draft Map ECA for California State Senate, Merced County, current Senate District 12.

Good morning, everyone, Citizen Redistricting Commission. My name is Sol Rivas. And I am the executive director of Valley Onward. I want to start by thanking you all for the hard work you're doing to draw the lines for all California congressional, state, and Assembly districts. I have been a long -- a lifelong resident of Merced County, born and raised here. And I
have never seen the kind of enthusiasm for participation in our elections and our communities that I have in the past several years. And I have never felt so hopeful.

Valley Onward, in conjunction with many other organizational leaders, were inspired by the results of the 2018 election in Merced County, not just because of who was elected, but because who voted. And all of these elections overall turnout exceeded expectation. As a percentage of the total electoral Merced County, there were more young and Latino voters than ever. This has happened because Merced County, along with other majority Latino counties in the current Senate District 12, Monterey, San Bernardino, Madera, and Fresno, have come together with a purpose to support each other and to work in partnership with other elected candidates of our choice, and to dedicate ourselves to making an impact in our community.

The effects of your Draft Senate Map ECA will roll back all of the progress we have made to build our local democracy and increase participation among the underserved communities and those less frequent voters. You are removing us from our Central Valley and San Benito Valley, and Salinas Valley's racial, agricultural, and rural communities of interest, and placing us with counties who we have very little in common, Inyo, Mono,
Before you draw final maps, please consider some of the leaders that I have had the pleasure of working with since 2018 in Merced County. Please consider families and leaders who have lived and become animated by the political opportunities to make a difference. Please consider the message you will --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. RIVAS: -- send to them to never be able to elect a state senator who looks like them. Consider somebody like my own child that have had ambitions to be civically engaged. What will they tell their children --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. RIVAS: -- my children about how our democracy works? Please, put Merced County back into something that resembles currents and a District town, so we can continue to work with our fellow Salinas, San Bernardino, and Central Valley allies.

Thank you, and have a wonder -- wonderful holiday week.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we'll have unique ID 014. I'll be promoting you now. 014, 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
an region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MR. SUKATON: Good morning. Please, move me to the congressional map. Let's start with NCOAST, North Coast. I'll go ahead and start my timer.

Hi. My name is Sam Sukaton. I'm calling for a third time on behalf of the California Environmental Voters Education Fund. Again, definitely appreciate your leadership and your thoughtfulness and your hard work on this. So I'm going to go over the congressional plan, as I did with our Senate and Assembly interests.

As I mentioned, on the North Coast, we appreciate it took the California Native Vote Project's maps. We have some changes to keep the Karuk lands whole in the west. With that in mind, please draw Siskiyou County, as much as Siskiyou County as necessary. And I defer to the -- to the Yurak and the Karuk, as far -- draw as -- at least to Fort Jones, very possibly west into the North Coast District, keeping Humboldt whole. And then, you can make up the population, if necessary, by going to Sonoma.

If you'd move east for me, looking at the PLACER-SAC District and the Eastern California District, as the executive director of Valley Forward mentioned, you have been drawing a Sierra's Corridor with the Central Valley. I believe in the Senate, you've taken Stanislaus. In the Assembly, you've taken Fresno. And here, in the
congressional map, you've taken what's called the -- what
we're calling the Modesto Bin.

We don't think that it's necessary to have a Sierra
and Eastern Calif -- like, a PLASER-SAC, and then, a ECA
District, if you, again, draw from Sierra down to Inyo
County with the Foothills and accept the Central Valley
in its entirety. Again, if you have to draw pop and go
west, go to Roseville, go to Truckee. You don't have to
go to Stanislaus, the Central Valley. And that frees you
up to do more Latino VRA districts in the Central Valley.

If I could just jump down to this SD North Coast.
So that's the South Coast -- North Coast of SD, North --
South Coast of Orange County. I do want to mention --
and I do want to mention, you know, Commissioner Sinay
mentioned this that --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. SUKATON: -- the I-15 corridor and Fallbrook
should not be drawn with the I-5 corridor, which
includes -- on the north side, your San Clemente, your
San Juan Capistrano, and your Dana Point. And then, on
the south with your Encinitas --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. SUKATON: -- your Carlsbad, Oceanside, and
Vista. So take that out. If you need to draw more, go
down as far as La Jolla, as you need to, taking UCSD as
the southern border, or north to Laguna. So again, an I-5 coastal community then.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And Chair, at this time, that is all of our unique IDs in the -- in the queue.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

Could we have the raised-hand instructions in English and Spanish?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, I do apologize. It looks like 008 just popped in.

008, if you'll please use the raised-hand button at the bottom of your screen.

And Chair, you would like me to read the -- read the instructions, or just give the raised-hand instructions?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Actually, there's a bunch of raised hands coming up, so maybe if we could just --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we'll just go with that?

CHAIR TOLEDO: -- take it, yeah.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Perfect. I will start with unique ID 008, as they do have an appointment.

And then, up next after that, will be caller ID 9286.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MR. BALAS: Hi, everyone. My name is Eric Balas. And I'm calling today about the congressional region involving Long Beach. I have lived in Long Beach for many years. I work in education. I'm also a member of the LGBTQ community. We've been united in asking that you do not break up our community. We have a historic and large gay communities. And we are asking that you respect and support us. We highlighted that Equality of California had identified Long Beach as a gay- and LGBTQ-dense region.

And I'm so thankful that you heard our call. I also want to thank the Commissioners that have worked, to not just keep Long Beach together, but also communities like San Diego, San Francisco, the Palm Springs area, and our neighbors in Los Angeles. It is vital that our voices are recognized as a strong community of interest. And I appreciate you recognizing that.

I continue to keep -- please continue to keep our community united, as you draw the final maps. We are counting on this commission, especially the LGBTQ members, to fight to keep us whole. Thank you, again.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
I would like to invite those that have called in to please press star-9. This will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

And right now, we will have caller 9286. And then, up next after that, will be caller 5701.

Caller 9286, I'll be -- or I'm sorry, caller 9286, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

I will be commenting on the congressional map in Northern Los Angeles County, where I've lived for thirty-seven years. And that is the CD_AVSCV draft map. The redistricting commission has done an excellent job drawing this continuous map and balancing the diverse population of this congressional district. Thank you to all of the commissioners for your hard work and your focused efforts to this nonpartisan process. I encourage you to finalize this map and keep LA County together, so that our elected officials can maximize their efforts without doubling the work they would need to do to serve populations in two, or even three, separate counties as previously considered.

LA County is large enough without having to superficially add in other counties by connecting them by a thread of a crosstown highway. And so I urge you not
to attach Simi Valley, which is a single city from another county. The residential communities from Northern San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, all the way through Palmdale and Lancaster, share these features in common. We live here because of the affordable housing. And that makes us commuters. We commute to jobs south of us in the greater LA area, and shares transportation system, including the 145 and 405 freeways, and the Metrolink that runs from Lancaster through Santa Clarita and San Fernando to Burbank and Downtown LA.

Our kids transferring from local community colleges funnel to the only university in our area, and that's Cal State University, Northridge, CSUN.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's closest. If adjustments are made, I urge you to continue with your plan and extend into LA County. In these public input sessions I've been hearing about, support to reattach a single city, Simi Valley, to the draft map.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For I have not heard a single caller able to identify a common interest between Simi and this map that isn't common to the entire State of California. Yes, we both have veterans. Yes, we both have Southern California Edison. But that serves most of
Southern California. I urge --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now, we will have caller 50 -- or 5701.

And then up next after that will be caller 2961.

Caller 5701, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

May I have a Spanish interpreter?

THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish interpreter.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Johanna. Caller 5701 will be needing interpretation.

THE INTERPRETER: Okay. I'll go ahead and introduce myself. Okay.

And Katy, did you want me to give him a number, or no?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no, we're not doing that.

THE INTERPRETER: Gotcha.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: But thank you.

THE INTERPRETER: Okay, just checking. Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so much. I wanted to call and give a comment regarding the Central Valley area.

Well, I've been reading along. And the way I see it now, the way that the Valley is being designed, it's very
difficult for the Latino community to have a good representation in the government for this next decade.

Well, we just want good opportunities. We want everything to be fair. And we need some consideration, or a better treatment, for the district lines to be drawn with a better representation and for the Latino community.

THE INTERPRETER: Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Better representation for the Latino community. Okay. Well, the Latino community here in the Central Valley is very big. And so we want fair lines and for good representation. That's all. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we have caller 2961. And then up next after that will be caller 0471.

Caller 2961, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. But -- oh, one more time. Go ahead 2961, if you'll please press star-6 one more time. The floor is yours.

MS. GRIJALVE: Buenos dias. Maria Grijalve, director of Latino Information and Resource Center here, from West Sacramento. I'm calling regarding YOLOLAKE congressional draft map.

I am the resident a/k/a plaintiff that forced
district elections under the CVRA into my school district
and city council. The proposed map would separate Yolo
County from Paloma County. Yolo County has nothing in
common with Lake -- with the Lake Region. Please do not
accept this draft map. And it is politically dangerous
for Latinos. It would lump us into a very politically
conservative region. We would lose John Garamendi. And
it would further silence the Latino voices in Yolo
County. I beg your consideration.

Yesterday, I commented about extreme racist policies
in Yolo County against Latinos and people of color, which
have developed here thanks to our fifteen-, sixteen-year
district attorney, Jeff Reisig. I had -- I wanted to
share how that in 2013, we had the highest rate in the
whole state for charging minors as adults in court, more
than Los Angeles, Stockton, or Oakland. We are known for
the harsh sentences. Ninety-year prison sentences are
very common here, even if you don't spill blood or kill
anyone. It's -- ninety years is very common for Latinos
and people of color, by the way, not for the white
population.

The last example of an extreme policy here is that I
want to give you is the fact that only three percent of
Yolo is black.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds, please.
MS. GRIJALVE: Yet on any given day -- yet on any
given day, the average amount of the black population in
the inmate population is twenty-three percent. So please
reject this map. Please don't separate us from Solano.
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.
MS. GRIJALVE: It's practically a death sentence.
Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
And right now, we will have caller 0471. And then
up next after that will be caller 4775.
Caller 0471, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute, by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.
MR. LO: Thank you very much. My name is Henry Lo.
I am the mayor pro tem for the City of Monterey Park.
And I will be making comments for the West Sacramento
Valley congressional district.
The West Sacramento Valley Asian American Pacific
Islander community has strong and longstanding cultural
identity, which has allowed immigrant AAPI
(indiscernible) to a sense of belonging and seek
opportunities for economic success. In the West
Sacramento Valley, the cities of Monterrey Park,
Alhambra, Rosemeade, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple
City, and Arcadia have AAPI majority, and should be in
the same congressional district.
It makes no sense that these communities should be split at a congressional level in a way that dilutes the political power of the Asian American Pacific Islander in the community. Please keep these communities together. These communities should remain together with neighborhoods that reflect similar economic and demographic characteristics. Please keep these communities together. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now, we will have caller 4775. And then up next after that will be caller 5492.

Caller 4775, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. CAIN: Thank you.

Dear Commissioners, my name is Domas Tadivola Cain (ph.). And I'm a long-term resident of the Bay Area and a homeowner in Campbell, California. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge your work so far in conducting a complex process. But I do find the current congressional map bizarre, with Cupertino being excluded. Personally, it looks gerrymandered and strangely placed with other cities that are very different from us. Having spent twenty-two years in the Bay Area, I think Cupertino belongs in the West Valley cities and the Santa Clara County Congressional District. This is core Silicon
Valley, along with Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga. Please fix the mistakes of the 2012
districting and keep Cupertino together with West Valley
cities.

I see that the City of San Jose is being split into
so many congressional districts. And I believe we should
keep communities of interest together. Please do your
utmost to keep San Jose together. Thank you so much for
listening to me.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
And right now we have caller 5492. And then, up
next after that, will be caller 5820.

Caller 5492, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute, by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. SHATRI: Thank you, Commissioner. My name is
Pia Shatri (ph.). And I am a resident of Saratoga. I've
lived in the Santa Clara County for fifteen years, and
have been following the redistricting commission. In
reviewing VCD_SANTACLARA_1107 (ph.), I find the
visualization awkward, with Cupertino excluded and placed
strangely with other cities that are very different from
us in the visualization called VCD_GREATERED_1107.
Cupertino belongs in the West Valley cities, along with
Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

Secondly, the Asian population of
VCD_SANTA_CLARA_1107 is the smallest compared to any other congressional district of the Bay Area. The Asian population being the majority and minority hasn't had the opportunity for congressional representation from District 18 ever. So please distribute the Asian population evenly among -- between VCD_SANTA_CLARA and VCD_GREATERED, and make it possible for another Asian American representative from Silicon Valley.

Please consider adding portions of Fruitdale, Cambrian Park, San Jose -- the portion of San Jose which is west of Campbell, Los Gatos, into VCD_GREATERED to compensate for Cupertino. But that will also keep areas of COI from San Jose together. Thanks so much for leading a complex task. I appreciate your service to our state. Happy Thanksgiving and happy holidays. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we have caller 5820. And then up next after that will be unique ID 051 from Session 2.

Caller 5820, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Good morning, Commission. And I'm a lifelong resident of the wonderful San Joaquin Valley. And I've been listening to the meetings. And I've wanted to call in regarding some
comments I've heard from other people in the Valley, specifically the fear of splitting up counties in the Valley. I've heard a lot of comments, especially, with Stanislaus County, scared that, you know, splitting the county was, you know, first their progress, their economic progress, getting their funding for their communities, you know, hurting the growth they've had.

But I did just want to bring up, that in the past ten years, you have a county like Tulare County, which is 100,000 people smaller than Stanislaus County, which was split three times. It was split three times ten years ago for three different representatives. It wasn't kept whole, and that didn't affect their funding. The county has grown immensely, both economically, both population-wise, and is very successful in what they've done. And they did that while being separated three times. And I think you could say the same about Kern or Fresno or other counties in the wonderful San Joaquin Valley, even San Joaquin County.

So I just -- I wanted to say that I don't think that the -- that the concern of keeping counties whole, and necessarily as important as your other priorities. And some of the callers, you know, may be having other motives, like, trying to protect certain political classes versus actually caring for what's best for the
county, right?

I just wanted to thank you for your work, Commissioner, and the time listening to me. Thank you for your care for the San Joaquin Valley and everything you're doing for us. And we look forward to seeing more --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of your work. So thank you. Have a good day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, right now we will have unique ID 051. And then up next after that will be 0751.

Unique ID 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. A. SINGH: Hello. My name is Amrita Singh. I am the senior research analyst with Asian Americans Advancing Justice LA, and part of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. I'll be providing public input in Fresno on the latest Assembly, congressional, and Senate draft maps.

Before I continue, I want to remind the Commission to review the Collaborative's COI shape files, as well as
our new and forthcoming congressional and Assembly maps, which keep communities whole while maintaining the Commission's existing Latino citizen voting age populations in West and Central Fresno Districts.

First, they're overlapping Muslim, Sikh, Hmong and COIs east and west of Highway 99 in North Fresno. While we are grateful that the Hmong COI is whole in Assembly and Senate configurations, it is split at the congressional level. And the Sikh and Muslim COI is split at all three levels of government. These communities would prefer to remain whole. But if they must be cut, they request that, one, the eastern boundary of the Fresno-Merced Assembly district extend along the Northern Santa Fe Railway; two, that the Fresno-Merced Shields Avenue boundary move south to West Clinton Avenue; and three, that the Assembly lines and the aforementioned adjustments in the region be maintained in congressional and Senate plans as well, as they will keep all three overlapping COIs whole at all three levels of government. We will also send shape files and plans that demonstrate this specific cut.

Next, we found that the Commission's congressional plan splits several other Hmong communities, including one south of Fresno Downtown, and one just above Sunnyside. These COIs should be kept whole and in Latino
VRA districts, as they are in Assembly and Senate plans.
Likewise, we are grateful that the Muslim community near Masjid Fresno and Fresno State is whole at the Assembly level. However, the community wants to be kept whole at congressional and the Senate level as well.

Finally, I'd like to share some plan recommendations overall. To maintain the existing levels of LCVAP in the Fresno Assembly district --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. A. SINGH: -- we recommend removing Tarpey Village from the Fresno District and placing it with the CALA-INYO District. Also, the current Senate district configuration combines areas that have little to do with each other. We recommend viewing MALDEF and Black Census and --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. SINGH: -- Redistricting Hub plans, which provide sensible and alternative configurations. Thank you so much for your time and this opportunity to uplift AAPI and AMEMSA priorities in Fresno.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So Katy, we'll take one more call before the break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are at -- okay. We are at 10:58. Okay.
Caller 0751, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Oh, hi. My name is Victor. And I've been a resident of Simi Valley, Ventura County for nineteen years. And first, I'd like to say thank you, Commissioner, for all your hard work. And I'd like to comment on the congressional map CD_VENTURA_DRAFT. And I'd like to say bravo to the Commissioner. I think you got this map correct this time. You kept Simi Valley with Moorpark and Thousand Oaks. Simi Valley has many more in common with — with — with Ventura County than LA County. So please keep Simi Valley with Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and the Conejo Valley.

Simi Valley is a bedroom community. And many of us drive to Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Valley for work. And man — and also, the three communities, Simi, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks, we travel back and forth for shopping, entertainment, churches, schools. We share Moorpark College in common. Many of us live in these three communities and drive to Moorpark College and Cal Lutheran.

So I'd just like to encourage that you keep the map the way it is for CD_VENTURA Draft map. And — and thank you for your time.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
We'll go ahead and go to our required break now.
And we'll return at -- let's see, 11:16.
(Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:00 a.m.
until 11:15 a.m.)
CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back from break to the
California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Continue
to take public input on our draft maps.
Katy, we'll continue with our appointments?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, sure. Would you
like the call-in instructions read in Spanish prior to us
beginning again?
CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.
Could we have the call-in instructions for the
Spanish listening line read, please?
THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish
interpreter, Margarita. Did you want the full call-in
instructions?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, just the listening
line at this time.
THE INTERPRETER: Okay.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.
THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated).
Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Margarita.

And at this time, welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you've not done so already, and you have a unique ID that ends in 038 -- uh-oh. All unique IDs and -- we have all unique IDs. Please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number received with your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to have the ability to enable your own audio and or video in the lower-left corner of your screen.

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 comment queue line indicating you are present and ready to give comment, for anyone who has unique ID that is signed up for an appointment.

At this time, we will have unique ID 040 and then up
next, after that, will be 050.

040, I'll be promoting you now. 040, you can now enable your audio video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Tyler (ph.) and I'm calling in today about Long Beach, and specifically the congressional map. My wife and I are Long Beach residents and we are committed to the Long Beach community. I work in Long Beach and my wife also works in the region.

As a young couple, being a part of a big city like Long Beach has been perfect for us. Long Beach has so many resources to offer and it's so well connected to other cities that it makes exploring areas outside of Long Beach easy to do. Today, I'm calling specifically about the congressional map because I'd like to see the entire city of Long Beach continue to be united, but also connected with neighboring communities like Lakewood, Bellflower, and Seal Beach.

We previously lived in Lakewood, and think of these surrounding cities as part of the greater Long Beach area and experience. I think it would be ideal to have them in the region's congressional district. Last, I'd like
to thank you all for working to unite more communities
during this process. You've listened to the Long Beach
community asking to remain together, and we appreciate
that. Thank you so much for all you're doing and have a
great day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have 050. And up next, after that, will be
049.

I'd like to invite unique ID 046 and 055, 056, 059,
and 072. If you will please use the raise hand button at
the bottom of your screen. And so raise your hand
indicating you are ready and present to give your comment
today during session 2.

Right now, we have 050. I will be promoting you.
050, 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 you'd like to
address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much.
Silicon Valley congressional map is perfect.

So my name is Hung and I'm actually one of the over
half a million Asian-Americans who currently lives in the
SGV. I'm actually joining you today from Arcadia, you'll
see that on the map. But I was also proudly born and
raised here, born in Monterey Park and went to school in
My family and I have been in the unique position to have lived in every city in the SGV. And so that's three generations that have called this place home, beginning with my refugee parents. So when I introduce myself, the most accurate description is to say I'm from SGV, but you see I'm not the only one that says that. Every person I know who grew up in the SGV identifies that way too, regardless of whether they've moved around the area like me or to this day still go back to their childhood home in just one of these cities. And it's because despite city names, those from here know that what binds these communities together is a collective experience and cultural phenomenon.

That SGV is a unique area and that despite its vast geographic space, if you've ever been here, it actually feels like one giant neighborhood. Growing up, my mom, like many other working mothers, made Sundays the ultimate day of chores. She'd start the day by dropping me off at a temple for me to go to Vietnamese school. She'd go to Rosemead to this hole-in-the-wall place that makes fresh tofu. If it was crab season, she'd drive over to Monterey Park for the market. And she would always stop off in (indiscernible) to the bakery. Which all sounds really labor intensive, but this is the
routine she's done for decades. And beyond the chores, it was her way of convening with community on Sundays to speak with them, to ask the fishmonger how his family is, or to say hi to the baker.

So despite zipping from city to city, if you're from here, you know that everything is ten to fifteen minutes apart and the borders between the cities are arbitrary when it comes to being with a community. Just this past Sunday, I did the same. I went and bought fresh soy milk, and visit the auntie who watched me grow up, I stopped off in San Gabriel to shop, I had dim sum in Alhambra. But it isn't just food that makes this one giant community. There are small business owners and multigenerational families.

And with the rise of anti-Asian hate

(indiscernible) --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- these are the areas that have the best culturally sensitive services that these folks need. It's where people can see signs in their languages, hear people speak in their native tongues, and can feel like they belong. I am the person I am today because of the collective SGV.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So I ask that this
commission keep this community of interest whole at all levels of government. I ask that you keep my home intact and as one community as it's always been and should continue to be. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we have unique ID 409, and then up next after that will be 059.

049, I'll be promoting you now. 049, 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

049, you should be seeing an unmute prompt in the center of your screen. There you are. Floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Sound good? Okay, thank you. Hi. Thanks for this floor. My name is Melissa. I'm here asking questions about the redistricting in California 25. I hope you can hear me, my computer fan is a little bit loud.

So I'm here to ask your consideration to -- to keep the map that involves -- the prior map that involves Santa Clarita Valley and, just below that, Simi Valley. Instead of -- I think your current map that you're considering, incorporates Sylmar to Santa Clarita Valley as opposed to maintaining Simi Valley.

Here's why. Let me just give you the big picture.
So Santa Clarita Valley, simply like the past few

callers -- by the way, I'm a longtime resident. Thirty-

three years of Santa Clarita Valley, and I've seen it
grow tremendously over that period of time. However,

what has always been the same, and I believe will be the

same in the future is, Santa Clarita Valley is LA County

unincorporated and has a different -- it has county fire,

county police, county water, Edison Power, and our local

Santa Clarita Valley school districts. Sylmar, on the

other hand, is LA city, and then has different LA city

fire, police, water, power, and as we know, LA USC as a

really -- well, let's just say factually, the second

largest school district in the nation.

So my concern is -- and the concern of some of my

neighbors and longtime residents is, to have every

California constituent represented, but Santa Clarita

Valley and Simi Valley being more bedroom communities and

more rural as opposed to LA city and Fillmore, we think

that -- well, we're concerned that our needs needs to be

met. Similar to Sylmar, our needs are a little bit

different. We have wildfires out here that are

significant. And we need just the --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the comprehensive

focus of both the citizens and our representatives to
meet our needs for fire, water, and school districts. I think that can be best done with maintaining Santa Clarita Valley, plus --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the Simi versus the current plan that seems to designate Fillmore. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have 059, and then up next, we will have 066.

And again, I'd like to invite those that have signed up for the session with unique IDs 043, 046, 055, 056, 061, 072, please use the raise button at the bottom of your screen. It will help me manage the queue.

059, I'll be promoting you now. 059, 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: Good afternoon, and thank you. I'd like to address Assembly District 47 map, please. And I am calling to express my concerns for this map. As much as possible, I'd like to keep community of interests whole in Adelanto and Victorville, as well as other high desert communities, along with pairing San
Bernardino -- keeping it paired in whole or with Rialto also -- and also our cities of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, together as whole as possible. And we also have emerging black communities in Corona and Banning and Desert Hot Springs, so that we pair those communities of interest with like interests. We keep them together while also protecting other key communities of interest. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique ID 066, and then up next, after that will be 043.

0666, I'll be promoting you now. 066, you can now enable your audio and video. And please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, this is Sara, Toluca Lake homeowner, and I'd like to look at East San Fernando Valley. Thank you. Thank you so much.

I want to first thank the commission for all the work you've been doing. I really appreciate it. But as a homeowner in Toluca Lake, I really believe it's critical that both the Senate District labeled SCSFV and the CENTRALSFV Assembly map be corrected. It's really important that we unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to CENTRALSFV Assembly map.
You know, as a Toluca Lake homeowner, I really do believe that North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share economic and community assets that are traditionally linked. Please, please do not break Toluca Lake from North Hollywood. These are small population shifts that don't require major changes. And I would really, really deeply appreciate if you finish your good work by unifying our working neighborhoods. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. If I could please ask for the assistance of our Spanish interpreter?

THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Katy. This is Johanna, the Spanish interpreter.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Johanna. I just wanted to, you know, cross all T's and dot all I's. If we could please ask for all people with appointments to use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. I don't know that it's something that's written in your instructions, but that is the instruction that I -- we have people that are not raising their hand that have appointments.

THE INTERPRETER: No problem. I'll go ahead and say that in Spanish.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

THE INTERPRETER: No, you're welcome.
Thank you, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Johanna.

And right now we have a unique ID 043, and then up next after that will be 046.

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

DR. SABRINA SANDERS: Good morning. I would like Assembly District Number 70, Long Beach area. Excellent.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Dr. Sabrina Sanders, and I am calling today about the greater Long Beach area. I'd really like to thank the commission for your attention and your openness to feedback by the community. It really reminds us of the opportunity for democracy on behalf of all of our communities.

I'm a resident of the city of Long Beach and a long-time higher education leader in the city, the region, across the state of California. It's been my life's work to improve educational access and equity for students across the greater Long Beach region and the state. I can tell you that the congressional representation is
important to making that a reality.

So much of our education policy is set by federal government, and Long Beach is making that work and really leading the way through the Long Beach College Promise in our city. We ensure that kids from K through twelve school district have free access to our local community college, and if they graduate from our community college, they are guaranteed admission for a local four-year university at California State University, Long Beach. This is huge and really taken the community many, many years and collaboration across many layers and levels of the government, the school district, community college, and the university. But it's become so worth it and become a national model for other cities and communities to recreate to improve their own educational access and development of the workforce.

I know you have many choices to make on these maps, but please, I urge you to not break up our educational systems. Our school district, our community college, our university include Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon. Please continue to keep as much of Long Beach united as possible. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now we will have unique ID 046.

And once again, I'd like to invite you unique ID
043, unique ID 047, unique ID 055, 056, 061, and 072 to please use raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.

046, I'll be promoting you now. 046?

MS. ALEMSEGED: Hi, can you hear me all right?

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

MS. ALEMSEGED: Thank you so much. Hello, my name is Maraky Alemseged. I am with the Black Alliance for Just Immigration and I wanted to look at the districts in South LA, specifically Crenshaw and Inglewood. Thank you so much.

Okay. So I wanted to commend you on so far being able to keep Inglewood and Crenshaw as whole and different districts. I think that's incredibly important. Even further, though, I think it would be important that we create four black opportunity districts, right?

Right now, as the math is, we have three South LA districts instead of four. And I think this is important that we expand this and we move the Inglewood districts and Crenshaw districts more west so that we can create a fourth district east of the 110 LA that includes downtown LA, Skid Row, paired with USC University Park, historic south central Florence, and Florence-Graham.
I think we should move AD_110LA draft towards the northwest, as far as Westwood, to include these areas of interest. Yeah. And so I think that we need to include these areas east of the 405 and include making Culver City sort of whole again as well. I think that, you know, there's a strong need to keep the community that -- to keep black LA communities together and whole.

And right now we're sort of not seeing that. We're seeing that Inglewood isn't even paired with northern South Bay cities like Hawthorne, Gardena, and Lawndale, which it should be. Those communities are known together in LA, and they should be paired together. And similarly, Inglewood district is not including LAX. LAX should very much so be included in the Inglewood district. That economic opportunity should exist for black communities as well.

And so I'm urging that you --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. ALEMSEGED: Thank you. I'm urging that you take heed of these, and that you do what you can to make sure that there are four black South LA districts that are being represented on these maps. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have a 055. I'll 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 you'd like to
address, the floor is yours.

MS. DAVIS: Hi, good morning. Can you guys hear me okay? Well, I hope you can hear me.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. DAVIS: Okay, great. My name is China Davis, and I'm here to talk about the congressional draft maps in the Inland Empire, but more specifically, though, I want to talk about the drafted lines in the San Bernardino region.

So I'm an Inland Empire native. Not only was I born here, but my entire generation of cousins and those after me have also been born here. I intend to raise my family in this area. Therefore, these lines will have a huge impact on not just me, but my kids as well. And so with this in mind, I'm completely committed to advocating for the protection of my community.

The commission has proposed to pair Rancho Cucamonga with Rialto and San Bernardino and other similar communities. This is a gross mispairing and I'm asking the commission to remove Rancho Cucamonga from this congressional district and include some of Fontana instead. The Rancho Cucamonga demographic has very different needs, interests, and concerns than those in
Rialto and San Bernardino.

Though I appreciate the commission in keeping Rialto whole and paired with San Bernardino in this congressional district, the commission missed the mark by including Rancho Cucamonga in this district. So by adding the city in, it will politically dilute the voices of those of the COIs, which will lead to the perpetual disenfranchisement and blatant disregard for these community members. Some of the common needs of Rialto, San Bernardino, and Fontana are equitable school systems, affordable housing, and general public safety, none of which are needs or concerns in Rancho Cucamonga.

I'm respectfully asking the commission to seriously consider this recommendation and make the appropriate changes for these congressional lines. And I would just like to thank you all for all your hard work, and I really hope to see these changes be reflected in the upcoming draft maps. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have unique ID 047. I'll be promoting you now. 047, 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

MS. BROWN: Hi. I'll be referring to Los Angeles
County as a whole at all levels.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

MS. BROWN: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Natasha Brown. I would like to give input on Los Angeles County at the Assembly, Congressional, and Senate levels. As a black resident born and raised in Los Angeles County, it is my hope that the commission takes these recommendations and adjust their draft maps to protect and properly group black communities of interest in the region.

At the Assembly level, the CRC draft map packs black communities into three South LA districts instead of four districts. In addition to this, important, historically significant black communities of interest are not paired together. For example, Watts and Compton are not paired together, downtown LA and Skid Row are not in core South LA districts, and Inglewood is not paired with similar South Bay cities such as Hawthorne, Gardena, and Lawndale. By moving the Crenshaw and Inglewood districts you drew west, you can make room for two additional strong black opportunity districts in the east.

The black -- or excuse me. The draft maps at the Senate level face a similar issue in regards to COIs. While it is good to see Compton paired with Watts and Altadena as whole and paired with Pasadena, again, we see
that Inglewood is not paired with similar South Bay areas, and North Hollywood, which is a growing and emerging black community of interest, is split. The black residents in these communities should be together, being that they share cultural ties and similar interests.

Finally, at the Congressional level, we see again downtown LA and Skid Row is not in a south LA district, and North Hollywood is again split. Here, it would be best to place Skid Row and Culver City into the Crenshaw District, which would balance the Black CVAP between the Crenshaw and Inglewood districts. By doing this and making North Hollywood whole, you will be projecting and uplifting the political voice of the black residents in these communities.

In closing, I advise that you reference the Black Hub's --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

Ms. BROWN -- map proposal. This proposal efficiently protects historic black communities while supporting emerging black communities. I hope you take these recommendations into consideration. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, well, we've got unique ID 065. I'll be
promoting you now. 065, 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Hello, Commissioners, and thank you all so much for your tireless work in redrawing these commissions. After volunteering in local progressive politics and trying to beat Congressman Steve Knight and Mike Garcia, I'm super ecstatic to join other like-minded callers to see if this new blue district being drawn can finally elect a strong progressive candidate who will fight for the people of the 25th District. Thank you all so much for your time and have a nice day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And at this time, I'll be going to unique ID 056. As you've not chosen to raise your hand, I'm going to go with the audio only option.

Oh, we do have a raised hand from 075. I guess we will go there first. I will invite those that have appointments, again, one more time, unique IDs 056, 061, 065, and 072, if you would please use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen. And if that is
something that you cannot do, I will be giving you an
opportunity when I am done with the hands.

075, I'll be promoting you now. 075, 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

075, it would appear you are still on mute.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: There we go.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we are.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good morning,
Commissioners. My name is John (ph.), and I'm calling to
talk about the congressional map for the area where my
family and I live, which is Long Beach. I wanted to
share my appreciation for the maps that show the majority
of Long Beach in a single congressional district.

My home is on the east side of the city, not too far
from Orange County, and we love it here. I get to raise
my son, J.T., in an area where we feel safe letting him
run around, where it's close to a lot of his friends and
our schools too. We're big fans of baseball and fishing
and playgrounds, so being close to park spaces has been a
huge plus. On the weekends, we get together with a lot
of our families and friends and play, and it's always a
great time. People come from all over, including
Lakewood and Orange County.
I feel very fortunate to be raising my family in a place that has such great diversity. And we're also part of a big city close to downtown, the beaches, and even a port. Long Beach is a very unique city that has so much to offer, not just our own community, but everyone around us, including the state. Thank you again for placing the majority of my city in a single congressional district. I think that will really help our community support each other. We appreciate your work. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have unique ID 072. And up next, after that, we will have 069.

072, I'll be promoting you now. 072, 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 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

Unique ID 072, you should be seeing an unmute prompt in the center of your screen -- there you are.

MS. FOSTER-DOTSON: Oh, hi. My name is Vanessa Foster-Dotson, and I'm here to represent the Altadena, Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale area. And I've lived here for quite some time. I've watched the community grow, and I would like to keep that area intact. There's some community of interest that definitely benefits from the
unique experience of keeping that area intact. And part of what I'm concerned about is the Burbank Airport, keeping that intact with Pasadena and Altadena, as the Burbank Airport provides resources that definitely benefit the black communities that are in the Altadena-Pasadena area. I also would like to make reference to the Black Hub map, that that map be placed in consideration as a -- as part of your maps. So thank you, and thank you for the work you're doing.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have unique ID 069. And if you'll please follow the prompts -- I'm sorry. I will be promoting you now. 068, 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. NIMMERS: Hi. I was talking about all levels, but in the Bay Area, specifically, Vallejo and East Contra Costa.

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

MS. NIMMERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Kristin Nimmers. I'm an organizing coordinator with the Black Hub, working with our coalition partners in the Bay Area and Central Valley. I called about the Central Valley over the weekend, but today I wanted to
give feedback on the Bay Area, specifically, around Vallejo and east Contra Costa.

During the COI phase, we engaged community members as well as local community organizations in both these regions, who listed that they shared similar community issues, like significant poverty, and need for affordable housing, funding for inner-city schools, and more. And Vallejo should be paired with Antioch, Bay Point, and Pittsburg, because it shares more interests with the Bay Area and Contra Costa communities than some of the more rural and often affluent northern California communities. It's historically been paired with, like, in counties like Napa and Yolo.

So to get to specific levels, on the Assembly level, the Commission should shift the east Contra Costa district to include Vallejo while also not splitting Bay Point, Antioch, and Pittsburg. On the Senate level, the Commission does ensure that Bay Point, Antioch, and Pittsburg are whole, but pairs them with more affluent communities in central Contra Costa that don't share their interest, and that community members did not want to be paired with.

The Napa-Byron District should be shifted to include east Contra Costa communities so that these areas are still paired. And then on the congressional level, the
Commission does a good job of considering community interest by pairing Vallejo with the Bay and Contra Costa communities, but the draft still splits communities of interest by separating Pittsburg and Antioch. The western boundary of this district should be extended to include Antioch as well.

Thank you, all, for considering the feedback, and taking the time to hear the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will be going to unique ID 056. Ah, you've raised your hand. I'll be promoting you now. 056, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

MS. LEBEAU: Hello. Good afternoon, commissioners and everyone on this call. My name is Olani LeBeau (ph.) and I'm a community member from the Inland Empire. I was proudly born in Fontana, and raised in different cities throughout the region. I am present today to give input on the congressional district draft maps in the Inland Empire. The communities of interest that I will be detailing are Rialto and San Bernardino. It is clear that draft maps -- it is clear that maps drafted by the Commission do not reflect the input of the community, nor
the coalition members that have continued to advocate for these COIs to be kept whole and together due to their shared culture relativity. It is illustrative that the CRC draft map has removed certain parts of Fontana that were advocated for in previous submissions made by the Black California Redistricting Hub and the community members that go to work, attend school, and live in these areas.

I noticed that while San Bernardino is kept as whole as possible, it is being grouped with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, which is a disrespectful and detrimental mispairing. I'm requesting the Commission to acknowledge its mismatch of pairings, and remove Rancho Cucamonga from the Rialto and San Bernardino Congressional District, while incorporating some of the portions of Fontana as well, rather than cutting it out completely. The maps submitted previously by the Black California Redistricting Hub, in addition to advocacy, center the importance in uplifting voices that are often neglected. Rancho Cucamonga and their ideals are not parallel to that of Rialto and North San Bernardino individually or collectively.

While I appreciate the Commission keeping Rialto whole and paired with San Bernardino in its congressional district, it is revealed that full consideration wasn't
taken into account with the addition of Rancho Cucamonga in the district. Adding the city will assist in the minimization of the black voice and experience, and the continued barriers put in place to deter political agency of the black community.

Some common necessities in Rialto, San Bernardino, and parts of Fontana are equitable housing, education, public safety, and food accessibility. These issues are not concerns of the Rancho Cucamonga regions. I am emphasizing the request to the Commission to genuinely consider this recommendation, listen to the advocacy of the community members, and for this to be reflected.

Thank you for all your hard work, and I hope these recommendations are taken into account and reflected in the next submissions. Have a great day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have unique ID 061. And 061, you have not chosen to raise your hand, so I will be doing the audio only option at this time in case there is a connectivity issue. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute on your screen. That is for unique ID with the last three digits 061. Ah, there you are. If you will please let the mapper know what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours. 061, you may want to double check your microphones. You are unmuted.
in the meeting, but we are not hearing you. Check your audio settings next to the microphone in the lower-left corner. And you may need to change the microphone selection.

I do apologize, 061. While you work on the microphone issue, I'm going to go ahead and have to go on to another caller. I will come back to you, though. At this time we will be going to 063, as you have just joined us. 063, I'll be promoting you now. 063, 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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning. The -- just want to say, the Commission has done a great job of pairing most of the working-class neighborhoods in the east San Fernando Valley, but I think it's critical that both the Senate district labeled SC_SFV on page 34 of the slides, and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map on page 77 be corrected. I think it's important that we unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to the central SFV Assembly map, and the Senate district I mentioned, SC_SFV.

North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share not only cultural and historic ties, but they also rely on another
for critical infrastructure, major transportation hubs, and unifying the leadership in those areas for ongoing projects, and that infrastructure work would be critical. For example, Toluca Lake relies on the Red Line and other state transportation projects to generate foot traffic in the Toluca Lake business corridor, so you want to have someone who's connecting the Red Line infrastructure with those neighborhoods. So keeping those neighborhoods in one Senate and Assembly seat allow for current projects designed to be continuing without disruption.

These also require small population shifts that I don't think require major changes in these boundaries, so it would be great if you could finish the good work of this Commission by unifying those neighborhoods. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At this time, Chair, with the exception of the one person that is still working out the audio issue, we do not have any other appointments here, so would you like me to invite general public comment, and then invite the interpretation as well?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, let's please do that. Thank you, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. One moment, please.
In order to maximize transparency and 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 to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 854-8314-4624. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a queue.

To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press star-6 to speak. If you would like to give your name, please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to provided your name to give public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down the livestream volume. I'd like to ask that one of our lovely interpreters, if they could please read the full call-in instructions for general public comment?

THE INTERPRETER: Hi. This is the Spanish interpreter, Margarita. I will go ahead and read the
full call-in instructions in Spanish.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you.

THE INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

(In Spanish, not translated)

Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Margarita. And right now, we will be going to caller 0236. And then up next after that will be caller 7733. Caller 0236, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller with the last four -- oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

MR. SHENOVAN: Are you able to hear?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. SHENOVAN: Are you able to hear?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, interpretation?

MR. SHENOVAN: No. I -- I'm fine without. Okay. So can I start?

MR. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead, please.

MR. SHENOVAN: Okay. I'm Ashok Shenovan (ph.). I'm calling from Santa Clara County. Hello, Commissioners. I have been a resident of Santa Clara County for fifteen years, and I have been following the redistricting. I like that California has an independent Commission. I appreciate your hard work so far. So I find the
congressional map bizarre with Cupertino excluded. It looks -- and it (indiscernible) the other cities that are very different from us. Cupertino belongs in the West Valley cities and the Santa Clara County Congressional District, the core Silicon Valley, along with Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

Please fix the mistakes of the 2012 failed redistricting, and keep Cupertino together with the West Valley cities. Also, I see the City of San Jose being split into so many congressional districts. I believe we should keep communities of interest together. Please, do your utmost to keep San Jose together. Thanks so much for allowing me to speak. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 7733. And then up next after that will be caller 6058. Caller 7733, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon. I am a Simi Valley resident, and I'm calling to urge the Commission to please ensure that Simi Valley's included in Ventura County. This is in regard to congressional map for Ventura county. This is really the only fair, equitable thing to do, and it makes sense.

I can tell you that, being a Simi Valleyian, I
consider myself a community of interest with the cities in Ventura County, like Moorpark, and Somis, and Thousand Oaks, and Fillmore. We have the 118 freeway that combines us. We have the Thousand Oaks Mall. There is the Moorpark Community College, which is one of the best in the country. These are all in Ventura County. And we have our agriculture and beach communities where we go to from Simi Valley.

Simi Valley has nothing in common with Santa Clarita and with Lancaster and Palmdale. It's separated by mountains. There's that 5 freeway, which is horrible, which is not the kind of traffic you see in Ventura County. The people who are calling in to keep Simi Valley with Santa Clarita can't identify a single community of interest that actually isn't true for the entire state. I can't imagine the people in Santa Clarita are coming to Simi Valley or the rest of Ventura County when they need to go outside of Santa Clarita Valley to meet their needs. I can pretty much bet that they go to LA County and not to Ventura County. And that's probably why a lot of our representatives in -- for Simi Valley kind of neglect us, because they really think of LA County when they're thinking about representation, and not Simi County, which is part of Ventura County.
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I really urge you to consider that we are within Ventura County. Please keep us within Ventura County. It is absolutely a community of interest with the -- Ventura County, and the current maps are equitable and fair, because they keep Santa Clarita Valley in LA County and Simi Valley with Ventura County.

So thank you so much for your hard work on this, and please, please keep the maps where Simi Valley is included in Ventura County. And thank you for hearing me out. I appreciate it. Have a great rest of --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 6058. And then up next after that will be caller 5699. Caller 6058, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Yes. This is regarding the cities that are located on the border of LA County and Orange County, specifically, northwest Orange County: The cities of Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach. Please, please don't break county lines by merging Long Beach in Orange County.
Orange County cities, like Cypress, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach, have different needs than the Long Beach community. Specifically, like, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach -- they all belong to the same Los Alamitos Unified School District. We have the -- the same police and fire protection. Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base, Los Alamitos race track, and more, so I'm begging you to please, don't break the county line. Please keep these small cities on the side of Orange County. We -- our needs are completely different from Long Beach community. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now we have caller 5699. And then up next after that will be caller 0994. Caller 5699, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

MR. MUNSON: Well, thank you very much. This is John Munson from Nature for All. For us and many others, the maps that did the best broadening of stewardship, respecting diversity, and advancing the Foothills Cities Community of Interest, were AVSC1102, SFV1102, GLEN1102, and CDWGV1102. So we're urging you to go back to the visualizations of November 2nd, which we think are the best way to frame the final maps for the Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest and the cities in
I wanted to remind you of the context in which Nature for All asked you to recognize the Foothill Cities Community of Interest from Sylmar to Rancho Cucamonga. This included keeping the goal of keeping diverse voices in the congressional districts that have sections of the Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest in them. Maintaining diversity is often relatively easy for the Commission, since it typically involves changing lines within the national forest where there are far more critters than voters.

Our magnificent urban national forests need as many stewards as they can get. Nature for All has always envisioned, as we have mentioned, that as a practical matter, the Foothill Cities Community of Interest would need to be in more than one congressional district, as they quite successfully are right now. This advances both the interests of the Foothill Cities Community of Interest, and empowering a diversity of voices that have a say in how our public lands are protected and managed, which is certainly in the spirit of the Voting Rights Act. The power of the community of interest has survived its division quite well over the last ten years with much of the COI in the 27th --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
MR. MUNSON: -- but also some of the 28th and 29th. Maintaining this diversity of voices is one reason we urge you to keep the AAPI community intact in the new version of the 27th District. I listened to the November 4th discussions --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. MUNSON: -- and I'm not really entirely sure that the majority of the Commission really wanted to do this. Thanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 6 -- I'm sorry -- caller 0994. And then up next after that will be caller 6000. Caller 0994, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time. Caller with -- oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

MR. MILAN: Hi. My name is Michael Milan. I serve as president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. I am calling to speak to the proposed draft maps for the congressional district and the State Senate district in the Coachella Valley. I just want to emphasize the importance of keeping our Coachella Valley -- our Coachella Valley community intact, as (indiscernible) those boundaries because we do share many priorities across our community, particularly economically, as well as environmentally, and it makes
the most sense for us to be able to uplift our representative voice at the state level as well as at the federal level if our power is not eroded. We do not want to separate the -- the farm worker communities, the essential worker communities, the communities of color in our eastern Coachella Valley cities from our neighbors in the western Coachella Valley. And with that, I yield my time. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 6000. And up next after that will be caller 6625. Caller 6000, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. ROSENBERG: Commissioners, thank you. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. ROSENBERG: Perfect. Hi. I am Matt Rosenberg from Woodland Hills. I'm a longtime resident of the San Fernando Valley. Thank you for keeping the Valley in mind. I'm concerned about the fact that Santa Monica is presently included with the Valley in your congressional map. And I support VICA's proposal to keep Santa Monica with the coast, while making the Valley districts even more Valley-focused.

The priority has to be moving Santa Monica out of
the Valley district. Santa Monica is not part of the Valley. Santa Monica is not Valley-adjacent. The 93,000 residents of Santa Monica Beach deserve to be in a shoreline district. The only thing that Santa Monica people and San Fernando Valley people agree on is that they definitely should not be in the same district.

The VICA map achieves an important priority because it respects Mulholland Drive as the Valley's boundary. It also unifies Northridge in a single congressional district. While Northridge may have separate neighborhood councils, it is one vibrant community that is home of the Cal State Northridge campus and student housing. It deserves to be in a single congressional district.

In addition, please, the VICA map returns North Hollywood, Studio City, and Toluca Lake to a San Fernando Valley district and puts it with Valley neighborhoods like Sherman Oaks and Valley Village. This is important because the southeast Valley communities suffer from incredible airport noise and need a member of Congress who focuses on stopping airport noise. The last thing these communities want is one member of Congress trying to get the planes to fly over Studio City, while another member of Congress is trying to get the planes to fly over Sherman Oaks.
MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. ROSENBERG: Okay. The VICA map also keeps east San Fernando Valley congressional district with a Latino Valley population of more than fifty-two percent, which is higher than when it was drawn by the prior Commission. Please take a look at the VICA map to make Valley congressional districts --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 6625. And up next after that will be caller 7348. Caller 6625, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller 6625, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. TARALLO: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Cory Tarallo, and I'm a business owner in Alta Loma. Our community is the rural part of northwest Rancho Cucamonga, and we actually butt up to the National Forest. Our community is known for our horse trails and a riding club. I previously wrote the Commission about how the last Commission drew our community into an Assembly seat based in Pasadena, and we never see that representative, and feel ignored for the residents of Los Angeles County.

This Commission has now drawn our community into
three districts in Los Angeles County, which we do not want. I also see similar comments on your website from my neighbors in Upland not wanting to be with Los Angeles County. Our community wants to be with other San Bernardino County communities, particularly other rural communities. The Senate map and VCVAL is the only map that connects us to other rural areas in our county, which is good, but still includes part of Los Angeles County.

I am very concerned that the voices of our neighbors are going to be drowned out by the Los Angeles County communities you have connected us with, and I think that is wrong. Please work to keep our community in Alta Loma and north Upland connected to other rural San Bernardino County communities. Thank you so much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 7348. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, my -- hi, I'm a resident of Brea, and I'm calling about the Commission's strange decision to combine Seal Beach with inland regions like Brea for the congressional count. A coastal community and an inland community have little to nothing in common in terms of the types of problems that require
specialized representation at the federal level. This seems highly arbitrary to me.

Instead, Orange County should have a single coastal district and have representation that can truly focus on coastal issues, and a single inland northern Orange County district so that we can have a representative that understands the unique problems that face our community, such as wildfires. Diluting the voices of coastal communities and north Orange County communities by dividing them into two different districts does a major disservice to both. I hope you will reconsider. Thank you for your time and all your hard work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have -- one moment -- right now, we will have caller 6725. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. CORA: Hello. My name is Lucia Cora (ph.), and I live in Yucaipa, and I wanted to call in to say I support the draft congressional map for my city. This map keep -- keeps us with La Mesa, who we share our school district with. We also share one water district, and have other common interests. It also connects us to Big Bear and other mountain communities who are worried about wildfires. And it keeps us with mostly rural areas
in our county, which is good. I really appreciate the work you are doing for my community, and please continue to keep Yucaipa with other rural areas and continue the good work. Have a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8587. And then up next after that will be caller 0824. Caller 8587, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling about Cupertino, which is currently looking to be placed in the CD_GREATER D1107. I'm calling to urge all of you to place the City of Santa Clara in 1107. Cupertino is a (indiscernible) city, along with Los Angeles, Saratoga, Campbell, Los Gatos. We (indiscernible) on transit issues are all shared by that. We are currently being coupled with cities which are on the East Bay, which have very different issues; they get BART, they get light rail, which we don't.

Cupertino is also the home for Apple, and we have a very large office commuting population, and we really, really need -- have different needs in terms of the federal funding to get BART and other public transportation to send it to our place. Those needs are
very different from the needs of the GREATER D1107, which is very well served by trains.

We also have other issues connected to a quarry and a cement plant because it's just right next to Cupertino, and those issues are shared by many cities, like Los Altos, Saratoga, and Mountain View. And we would probably need some federal help in getting that plan to become compliant with at least the European standards. (Indiscernible) European company that they follow standards which they would not be allowed to operate in Europe, and these things are within a few hundred meters of massive homes and schools and everything. So I would really, really urge you to please lose Cupertino --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- from Santa Clara 1107.

Thank you. Is my time up?

MR. MANOFF: You've got twenty-five seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. (Indiscernible) Santa Clara 1107, and that will also allow the Asian population of the Valley to get representation beyond one district. And I think -- I pride in California being an inclusive place, and this looks like almost everybody getting concentrated in one district, and it will be good to have representation with --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you --
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be going to unique ID 060. And then up next after that will be caller 0824. Unique ID 060, I'll be promoting you now. 060, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners.

I'll be addressing the San Diego region today in my comments. I do appreciate the Commission's time and tireless efforts here. I know there's a lot to work through and a lot of feedback, so we really do appreciate the time and consideration that the Commission has spent in hearing communities' needs and priorities through this process.

As I mentioned, I'd like to talk about San Diego, really on all levels, if I can manage to get it in in two-and-a-half minutes. We definitely appreciate, at the Assembly level, that Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, and La Mesa, and southeast San Diego have been in one district, and that we've seen City Heights paired with southeast San Diego and not with the downtown areas. We would ask that we do make El Cajon whole in Assembly by placing it in AD_CENTRAL-SD, and pairing it with Serra Mesa,
Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and Mira Mesa. La Mesa should also remain whole in the AD_LMESA-SVAL draft.

Again, we'd also like for southeast San Diego to be made whole in its current district. Again, we'd ask for La Presa to be moved into AD_LMESA-SVAL district and to move Barrio Logan into AD_CVSY with other Latinx communities that we've heard from our community would resonate and align much more there. Again, we ask that our folk are not paired with Santee -- locally known as Klantee.

On the Senate side, again, we appreciate Lemon Grove, La Mesa, El Cajon, and City Heights being whole and together, but again, we do see splits in southeast and again, some of our COIs paired with downtown and some of the more affluent coastal areas. Again, we'd ask that the Commission make southeast San Diego whole, and brings it into SD_COR-CAJON District. It can then replace eastern communities like Crest and Jamul.

Last thing, on congressional, again, we appreciate that southeast San Diego is paired with Lemon Grove; however, again, there are splits in City Heights, and we do see El Cajon, La Mesa --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Spring Valley, and parts of City Heights are paired with Santee in the eastern San
Diego border district. Again, we ask that City Heights be brought in whole to the CD_SOUTHBAYSD draft district, and ensure that all of our COIs, El Cajon --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- La Mesa, Spring Valley, southeast San Diego, City Heights, Lemon Grove, are not paired with Santee. Again, thank you for your consideration and all of your time. I hope you all get to have a fabulous break, well-deserved after all of this. Thank you again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for everything, and thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 0824. And up next after that will be unique ID 017. Caller 0824, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. SURAN: Hi. My name is Monesh Suran (ph.) and I'm a resident of Cupertino. First, I would like to thank the Commission for leading such a complex task, and we all really appreciate your service to the state. I also will try to be short because a couple of callers back, a resident of Cupertino went through a lot of issues regarding Cupertino, and I'd like to bring up one or two things that they did not mention.

Cupertino is very different from other state --
cities it's been grouped with. And it has a pretty large Asian population. And it should belong with District 18, which hasn't had any Asian representation so far. And the way District 18 has been organized, it has the least smallest Asian population compared to all of the Bay Area districts. And there is no chance of it having Asian representation at all if you continue with the district map of Cupertino not being there on it. So I would urge the Commission to find a way to include Cupertino into District 18 with the cities that are closer by, and I would also like to retread a lot of other issues, like BART and other things that the previous caller mentioned. Thank you all again for your service. And I'd like to give up some of my time right now.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 017. And then up next after that will be caller 8032. 017, I'll be promoting you now. 017, you can now unmute 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. BROWN: Yes. I would like to address the Inland Empire. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Rishana Brown (ph.). I would like to give input on the Inland Empire
region at the Assembly, Congressional, and Senate levels. As a resident of the IE, and alum of UC Riverside, I feel it is imperative that the Commission adjust their draft maps to protect and properly group the black communities of interest.

At the Assembly level, it is good to see the draft maps keep Rialto whole and pairs it with the parts of Fontana. However, the City of San Bernardino is split from Rialto in black communities in Fontana. San Bernardino should not be grouped with dissimilar areas like Loma Linda, Redlands, and Mentone.

The draft maps have similar issues at the Senate level. While the City of San Bernardino is paired with Rialto, they are not paired with similar black communities of interest in north Fontana. These communities share concerns around the needs for opportunities for young people in regards to better school and jobs.

Finally, at the congressional level, some COIs are paired well, such as Moreno Valley whole with Perris, as well as Hemet with east Hemet and San Jacinto. Yet Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs are not paired together, and COIs Banning and Beaumont are not paired together. These desert communities lack resources, funding, and infrastructure that is not enough to support the rapid
growth of black communities. In order to remedy these
mispairings of COIs, I advise you -- I advise that you
reference the Black Hub's map proposal. This proposal
efficiently protects black communities of interest. It
gives the black residents of the Inland Empire the
ability to effectively organize their communities, make
their voices heard politically, and flourish. I hope you
take these recommendations into consideration. Thank you
for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
have caller 8032. And then up next after that will be
caller 0565. Caller 8032, if you will please follow the
prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
yours.

MR. SIMONOFF: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is
Marty Simonoff. I'm actually a councilmember with the
City of Brea, and I'm calling about the importance of
keeping north Orange County in one congressional
district.

For point of reference, I'm starting my twenty-sixth
year on the city council, and this has allowed me to
witness Brea's sharing the district with the surrounding
counties for many, many years. The most recent
congressional map has created a Seal-Brea District. I sit on regional boards that cover Brea, La Habra, Placentia, and Yorba Linda. These are all north Orange County cities, so I understand our needs. Those needs are not being met by the current map that, in reality, makes absolutely no sense for north Orange County.

As someone who serves Brea and has lived in the community for decades, Seal Beach could not be more different than Brea. We have vastly different economies and interests. I would encourage you to amend the map to include Brea in -- with north Orange County cities that face the same kind of problems that we have. For example, wildfires. And if you just look at the recent past few years, you will see what we share. It would be most logical to create a northern Orange County district and a separate Orange County coastal district.

And again, those are issues that I feel are important for my particular area. We work -- try to work on a regional basis as much as we can with the cities surrounding us, and to be able to carry things to the federal level on that regional basis, would be very, very important to all of us in the area. So I want to thank you for your time and for your hard work, and I hope you take this into consideration. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd
like to invite unique ID 058 to please use the raise hand
button at the bottom of your screen if you are ready to
give comment, as you do have an appointment during the
session. Oh, well they are -- they did just pop in, so
right now, we will go to caller 0565. If you will please
follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
floor is yours.

MS. JONES: Yeah. Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. JONES: Okay. Hi. My name is Jennifer Jones,
and I am a resident of Simi Valley. I actually do live
in Simi Valley. There's been some callers in indicating
that people are claiming from -- to be from Simi Valley
and they don't live there. I actually do live here.
With that being said, I would like to keep Simi Valley
and Santa Clarita whole and keep them together. Simi
Valley and Santa Clarita both have a lot of demographics
in common. We have a high percentage of home ownership.
We have a large high school graduating class each year
along with Santa Clarita. We have similar economics. We
are part of the entertainment industry, along with Santa
Clarita, which is known as the Thirty-Mile Zone. And we
share the same first responders for wildfires, since both
cities are prone to wildfires.

And I would also like to mention, there has been
other individuals that have called in and said, let's keep Simi Valley in Ventura County. If you look at the map, there is still part of LA in all of these maps. So Simi Valley is not going to be exclusive in Ventura County. There are still other cities that are in LA County that are part of these maps. So the misconception is, we're going to lose resources because we're in Ventura County versus LA County. That's not how it works on a congressional level. And I encourage everybody to kind of do a little bit of research before making interesting comments such as that. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8702. And up next after that will be caller 0045. Caller 8702, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. CHO: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. CHO: Excellent. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Candace Cho. I live in LA. I also work in LA for the Asian-Pacific Policy and Planning Council, or APCON, one of the founding partners of Stop AAPI Hate. APCON is a coalition of over forty community-based organizations, serving and representing the million-and-a-half AAPIs who
make up fifteen percent of LA County. I call in today as an Asian-American resident of LA in support of our members ask.

In Metro L.A., please keep Koreatown whole in the congressional and Senate map as it is in the Assembly map. Please also keep Thai Town in the congressional map as it is in the Assembly and Senate maps. For the boundaries of these communities of interest, please see the shape files submitted by the AAPI and AMENSA State Redistricting Collaborative. In SGV, please keep west SGV whole in the congressional map as it is in the Assembly map, by moving Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead into a district with the rest of west SGV. This region is home to over half-a-million Asian-Americans.

In the South Bay, please include the community east of Torrance in the Harbor Gateway with the rest of the Asian-American community in Torrance and Gardena. And please draw this middle-class Asian-American community out of the wealthy coastal district at the congressional and Senate levels. Please keep Inglewood, Lennox, and Hawthorne together in the Senate map. These cities are home to a concentration of Pacific Islanders. Finally, I would like to thank the Commission for keeping at every level of government, the following AAPI communities of interest whole, as those communities --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CHO: -- define themselves. In Metro LA, that's Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and Historic Filipino Town. In west LA, the two Japanese-American communities. In Carson and west Carson, the AAPI community. In Long Beach, the Cambodian community --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. CHO: -- and in Torrance and Gardena, the Asian-American community. I urge the Commission to preserve these communities of interest as it completes its work. Thank you for your time and attention.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, I would like to invite those with unique IDs to please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. That is for unique ID 058, and unique ID 023 that has recently joined us. All right. Unique ID 058, you will be up next after caller 0045. Caller 0045, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. MENDOZA: Yes. My name is John Mendoza. I live in the City of Pomona, Senate District 20, Congressional District 35, also near the Rancho Cucamonga area. I think you should keep Rancho Cucamonga in the draft maps
you have. We have a lot of affordable housing, and it
should be expanded and protected.

I just don't understand why you crafted out Chino
Hills from Chino again in this redistricting process,
because it dilutes the vote of the City of Chino. And
they're both interconnected to each other with the same
culture. Chino Hills extends down toward the south up to
the -- where the Prado Dam is along -- the 91 Freeway
stops right there, and then the other side of the freeway
is Corona; it's a pretty different area. I don't
understand how you could split Montclair -- I mean Upton
up and put it in the congressional district, and then
still keep Chino split. That doesn't make any sense.

Also, you have Eastvale that's going to be going
into the 35th Congressional District. That's a new city.
That's directly connected to some of the cities like
Norco and Corona. There's land there between them.
There's housing all the way up there where the Chino
Hills and the 91 Freeway went into Corona, which, I
looked on the map, they don't even connect. Chino Hills,
the City of Chino, Pomona --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. MENDOZA: -- Montclair, Ontario -- we all feed
off the same watershed, the Santa Ana Watershed, which
ends over there at Prado Dam. And we all share water
problems, water droughts, and matter of fact, recently they closed down --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. MENDOZA: -- they closed down some of the water to Chino Hills. Thank you. Have a good day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have unique ID 058. And then up next after that will be caller 5944. Unique ID 058, I'll be promoting you now. 058, 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.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you for your work, Commissioners. I'm calling to speak about the east San Fernando Valley. The Commission has done a great job with pairing most of the neighborhoods of the east San Fernando Valley together, but it's critical that both the Senate district labeled SCSF, page 35, and the CENTRALSF Assembly map, page 77, be corrected. Please unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to CENTRALSF Assembly map, and SCS -- San Fernando Valley Senate district.

North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share not only culture and historical ties, they also share and rely on
critical infrastructure, such as the Red Line and other transportation hubs along the corridor. Keeping these neighborhoods in one Senate and Assembly seat will allow current projects to succeed, and it's designed to economically develop the area to continue without disruption. A lot of the small businesses in the east San Fernando Valley rely on one another, as we've had a lot of events, projects, working with both North Hollywood and Toluca Lake, collectively. So we'd like to ask for you to rethink the unification of our community, because we think unification brings a lot of proper representation. Thank you again for all of your hard work and dedication. Please unify the southeast San Fernando Valley, bringing Toluca Lake and North Hollywood closer together.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 5944. And then up next after that will be caller 3210. Caller 5944, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. I guess I'll be looking at Lancaster -- Lancaster, Rosamond, Palmdale area. I just want to have a general observation that I would hope you all would
keep in mind as you're editing draft maps, which is that over the next ten years, we're very likely to go through another round of base realignment and closures, and there are bases in California that are likely going to be targeted for realignment or closure, based on what we saw in the last round, which, I believe, was in 2007.

And right now at Lancaster, we've got U.S. Air Force Plant 42 separated from Edwards Air Force Base and Armstrong Research Lab, which is located there, and I'd just like to draw your attention to that. I think that that research lab, Edwards Air Force Base, and Plant 42, really all should be in the same congressional district. Those, collectively, are the second biggest employer in the Antelope Valley, and they really -- it really does make sense for them to have one member of Congress. So I'm not really advocating that those areas be in one district or another, but I just think they should be included together. And that includes Lancaster, Palmdale, Rosamond, Mojave --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- all those areas. It's critically important. As Northrup-Grumman and other contractors moved into Plant 42 about a decade ago, the unemployment rate --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in Lancaster dropped by about ten percent, and if these areas become the target of base closure it would be pretty devastating to those areas. So I just hope that as a whole that we look at the California bases and do what we can.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 3210. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. LEE: Thank you. My name is Faith Lee, and I lived in the City of Alhambra and worked in the San Gabriel Valley for almost a decade before I moved to Sacramento two years ago. I still consider the San Gabriel Valley my home, because I still have my core family and friends in the San Gabriel Valley area. I would like to request the Commission to keep core AAPI community of interest in west San Gabriel Valley -- that is the City of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel with the rest of the west San Gabriel Valley, including El Monte, Baldwin Park, and Montebello.

When I used to live in Alhambra, I worked in the City of Montebello and would frequent El Monte for their restaurants and to visit my family in Monterey Park -- Baldwin Park, excuse me. These cities share very similar cultural institutions, policy interests, and languages.
I would also add that my parents also used to use the public transportation from Alhambra to venture towards the El Monte, Baldwin Park, and Montebello area.

I ask that the Commission, at the Senate and congressional levels, please keep the core AAPI COI with the other west San Gabriel Valley cities together so the communities can continue living and working together as one district. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much. Katy, let's take one additional caller and then after that, we'll go to our lunch break and come back after that. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. And right now, we will have caller 3362. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

MR. BARZAGA: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MR. BARZAGA: Thank you. Yes. My name is Conrado Barzaga. I'm the Chief Executive Officer at the Desert Healthcare District here in the Coachella Valley. And I would like to speak on behalf of our area, and call to your attention that the Coachella Valley is one contiguous geographic area with nine cities, eleven unincorporated areas, and five tribal governments.

Recent maps would break our congressional district in two, and I think it will be important to keep the
Coachella Valley one. Most recently, we came together as
one Coachella Valley by extending the Desert Healthcare
District to cover the entire area. We also have many
differences in social, economic, and civil interests from
the proposed annexation to San Diego or San Bernardino
Counties. Current maps separate farm workers, Latinx,
immigrants, monolingual Spanish-speaker migrants, and
essential workers in eastern Coachella Valley cities from
the black, LGBTQ+, AAPI equally essential and Latinx
neighborhoods in western Coachella Valley. So again, I
encourage you to look into this area and make sure that
the Coachella Valley is one congressional district.
Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And with that, we
will be on lunch break until 1:30, at which time, we will
start to take the public input once again until 2:30 when
the lines will be closed. But we'll continue to --
anyone in the queue we'll listen to, as long as they're
in the queue by 2:30. Thank you. We're in recess.
(Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m.
to 1:30 p.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We're back with the
California Citizens Redistricting Commission, accepting
public input on our draft maps. We are offering a
language lines for Spanish-language speakers to listen to
the meeting in their native language. Could I please have the Spanish interpreter provide our Spanish-language line where the public can listen in to today's meeting in Spanish.

THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is Johanna, the interpreter.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi.

THE INTERPRETER: Hi.

(In Spanish, not translated)

Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Johanna. Just a reminder to the public that we will be closing the line at 2:30, at which time we will continue to hear the callers until we are done with the testimony. But you have to be in the queue and not hang up in order to be heard. With that, Katy, please, let's start with the callers.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now, we will begin with caller 8529. And up next after that will be caller 5592. Caller 8529, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me all right?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: All right. Thank you.
Hi. My name is Sean (ph.) I'm a resident of the SUNNYTINO draft Assembly district. I just want to call to support a recently submitted map by another community member, and just submit that, like, this submitted map improves upon the draft Assembly district map, in my opinion, by bringing together the whole west valley region much more than the current draft Assembly district map does.

I would really appreciate it if the Commission could reevaluate and take a look at these -- that submitted map, and also reevaluate the draft Assembly district map, just to ensure that the communities of Saratoga, Cupertino, and Campbell are aligned and within one district due to a lot of our, like, shared history, community services, large connected AAPI community, and also, like, community college districts and educational services as well. So yeah, thank you for the time today, and that would be my comment.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 5592. And up next after that will be caller 6420. Caller 5592, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. So the dozens of calls from Stanislaus County over the last week needs to be called out for what they are: an attempt by a sitting congressman to influence the redistricting process. In this case, these political operatives are advocating for reuniting Stanislaus County which, if you did so, would have the domino effect of eliminating a Voting Right Act district in the Central Valley.

The CRC was able to create three VRA districts, and I strongly advocate that you should protect these three VRA seats in the Valley at all costs. This is nothing more than an effort by a white Democrat congressman to keep Latinos down and prevent a Latino from winning in Stanislaus County. This congressman wants a majority white district to run in, despite the CRC's clear ability to create a Latino seat. These folks want to make sure our Latino community in the Valley remains second-class citizens, and I find this completely racist and utterly unacceptable. I urge the Commission to keep three VRA seats in the Central Valley, even if it means splitting counties and cities, which is unfortunate, but not as important as meeting the requirements of the VRA. Thank you for your time, Commissioners.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got caller 6420. And up next after that is caller 5619.
Caller 6420, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. WORHA: Good afternoon. I'm calling regarding the congressional and State Senate draft map pertaining to the Coachella Valley. My name is Pam Worha (ph.). I'm a lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley, and I'm speaking today under my capacity with Planned Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest. In the decades of service provided to the Coachella Valley, Planned Parenthood has continued to expand its services, because though our two local health centers in Rancho Mirage and the City of Coachella require expansion, it really is because the population has grown and has become more diverse across the Coachella Valley.

I want to inform you that there really are no true geographic boundary lines in the Coachella Valley. Our patients come from Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs, from Indio and Mecca, from all nine cities, all eleven unincorporated communities, and all five tribal government regions across the Valley. Continuing to place the entire Coachella Valley as one community of interest is crucial for access to healthcare, for
protected classes that we serve, such as the transgender community, farmworker patients, Latino patients, LGBTQ+ patients. When we separate the young and low income Latinos from black, LGBTQ+ and AAPI neighbors across the Coachella Valley through these draft maps, you unintentionally will cause --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. WORHA: -- literal separate and unequal regions within the Coachella Valley. Your draft maps have left all of the previously mentioned protected classes vulnerable if you divide the Coachella Valley into two congressional districts and two State Senate --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. WORHA: -- districts. I'm calling today to ask you to keep both congressional and Senate district lines within one Coachella Valley. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller 5619. And up next after that is caller 8861. Caller 5619, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. There you go. The floor is yours.

MR. T. SINGH: Hi. Thank you. My name is Tardeep Singh (ph.) and I'm an Alameda County resident. I appreciate you guys giving us an opportunity to contribute in this redistricting process. I'd like to
comment about Assembly district in Alameda County. We'd appreciate it if Union City can be combined in Assembly district Fremont, since our communities of interest, in particularly the Punjabi community, are closely tied. The Fremont Gurdwara congregation has a significant portion of attendees from Union City, and we'd like to keep our community together. That's all I have to say. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8861. And up next after that will be caller 1256. Caller 8861, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah. So I'm calling regarding the congressional draft map for the west San Gabriel Valley. Hi. My name is Hannah (ph.), a student at Cal State LA, and also the student program coordinator for the Asian-Pacific Islanders Student Resource Center. In this position, I'm able to work with student and student organization leaders, many of whom either reside or frequent west San Gabriel Valley cities, where we're able to bond over our shared experiences of growing up in the area and create programing and events that reflect
that. That includes having a panel of local community leaders running for office, and also a town hall regarding Stop Asian Hate that was hosted in collaboration with student interns.

To keep the west San Gabriel Valley together allows for the students and organization leaders to have the opportunities to advocate on issues that would impact both their experiences as residents and as students in the region. Personally, being born and raised in Monterey Park, whenever I spent time in neighboring cities, I enjoyed the comfort of continuing to feel at home and not feel culturally out of place. Frequenting Lunar New Year festivals, attending 626 Night Market, and supporting small businesses are all reflections of community relationships that have been built among the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Moreno, Temple City, and Arcadia.

With all these cities having an AAPI majority, I believe that they should be in the same congressional district to maintain the political power of the community. To split these cities would disrespect the cultural and historical connection of the AAPI folks that reside here, and I hope that you keep the communities together, and ensure that the values and interests of these cities are accurately --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- represented in Congress. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 1256. And up next after that will be caller 8917. Caller 1256, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. BAINES: Hi. My name is Mary Baines (ph.), and I'm a resident of Sutter County. And I just wanted to appreciate you guys for giving me the opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I just wanted to say that we really appreciate the Assembly, Senate, and Congress draft maps in Sutter County. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will have caller 8917. And up next after that will be caller 3080. Caller 8917, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. RAPATA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Harsim Rapata (ph.), and I am a resident of Tracy and a part of the Punjabi Sikh community. I really appreciate you guys giving me this opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment
about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the San Joaquin County.

We would greatly appreciate the Assembly maps to keep Tracy and Manteca together. There are large Punjabi trucking communities in these areas, and we would like to see if Manteca could find a home with us in either Tracy or in the south with the Assembly district Stanislaus area. We think parts of north Stockton that are more affluent may be better with the northern San Joaquin County District that goes into Sacramento County.

As for the Senate district draft maps and the congressional draft maps, we appreciate how they currently are. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we'll have caller 3080. And up next after that will be caller 5638. Caller 3080, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

Caller 3080, you might want to double check your phone and make sure it is not on mute.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, commissioners. My name is (indiscernible). I am calling on behalf of Sutter County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment, we appreciate the Assembly, Senate
and Congress draft maps. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 5638. And up next after that will be caller 0078. Caller 5638, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. S. KAUR: Thank you. Hello, commissioners. My name is Samneed Kaur (ph.). I am a resident of Oakland, California. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to share this historic -- during this historic redistricting process, and I would like to comment on the Assembly for Alameda County. We would like to see if Union City could be combined in the Assembly district of Fremont, since our communities are of interest. Especially the Punjabi community and as a Punjabi Sikh woman myself, we are closely tied and attend Fremont Gurdwara together, and we would like to keep us together. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 0078. And up next after that is caller 7533. Caller 0078, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

MS. H. KAUR: Hi. Can you all hear me all right?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
MS. H. Kaur: Good afternoon. My name is Harvir Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Bakersfield, California. Redistricting will determine the distribution of political power for the next decade, therefore, the final decision and say will be very important to me and my Punjabi Sikh community, along with countless minorities all across regions in California. I appreciate you guys giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts during this historic redistricting process.

In the Assembly district, we would like to keep southwest Bakersfield whole, as home to the region's largest Punjabi Sikh community and historic black communities. They both go to Ridgeview High School together. We would like southwest Bakersfield to be kept in Assembly district West Bakersfield by extending the line that currently splits the community in two. We would like the Assembly district West Bakersfield to include areas west of Bannister or see the entire region up to the 99 south of White into Assembly district Tulare-Kern. We have little representation in this area and we would like to see our Punjabi and black voices together and stronger in an area where we have never seen ourselves represented.

In the Senate district, we would like to be kept with the City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate
district boundary to be Buena Vista Road north and south, instead of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in the Senate, instead of splitting the black — instead of splitting the black and Punjabi communities at Ridgeview High. We would appreciate being part of the Senate district Kings-Kern and not Senate district Fresno-Kern. And that's all I have for you guys, so thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 7533. And up next after that will be caller 7185. Caller 7533, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller with the last four -- the floor is yours.

MS. ORTIZ: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. ORTIZ: This is -- all right. Thank you. My name is Jane Ortiz. I heard people calling in saying that the congressional maps for Stanislaus are not good, but in splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve two VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which was a huge accomplishment. It sounds like people who are calling in don't want to maximize the number of Latino seats in the Central Valley. I strongly support the three VRA seats in the Central Valley and urge the Commission to keep a minimum of three seats. Some hard
decisions must be made, including splitting up some
counties in order to meet the Voting Rights Act. If you
keep Stanislaus the way it is, it would marginalize
Latinos and prevent them from selecting a candidate of
their choice. Thank you for your consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 7185 will be right
now. And up next after that will be caller 7630. Caller
7185, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. GILL: Hi. My name is Simran Gill, and I'm a
resident of Sacramento County. I appreciate you giving
me an opportunity to share during this historic
redistricting process, and I'd like to comment about the
Congress in the Sacramento County region.

So we would like to see Elk Grove included in the
congressional district of Sacramento County and have it
loop along to include north and south Natomas because we
have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi
community. And in fact, the current draft includes west
Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region,
and we would like it to include Natomas, since most
congregants live there. And I would like to highlight
that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages
in that region. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 7630. And then up next after that will be caller 2569. Caller 7630, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours -- wait, where'd they go? Oh, they hung up. All right. They hung up.

Caller 2569, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller 2569, if you'll please -- the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Natdeep (ph.), and I live in Fresno County. And I am a resident of Central Unified Community. I'd like to comment on the Assembly and State comment (sic). In the current Assembly district map, you are splitting our Central Unified Community. That is also the largest Punjabi community -- that is the home to the largest Punjabi community. And being a resident of this community, it's important to us that the south of Shields -- the Punjabi community just south of Shields -- would be kept with the rest of the community in the AD_MERCEDFRESNO. We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently, as Shields on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep -- so that, you know, so that the Punjabi community be -- community of
interest could be kept together.

And regarding the Senate district -- in the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we would like to keep our Punjabi community of interest together as well there. In the area along Herndon and 99, we would like to see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks to be put in the SD at S-B-E-NFRESNO, so SBENFRESNO, and not the SD_FRESNO-KERN, you know, district or maps. So that's my comment for today. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 2211. And up next after that will be caller 7125. Caller 2211, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. GEMBAVA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mana Gembava (ph.), and I am here speaking on behalf of Kern County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I'd like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the Kern County region. We appreciate the Kern congressional draft maps in our area, but in the Assembly district, we would like to keep southwest Bakersfield whole as home -- whole as home to the region's largest Punjabi-speaking community and historic black communities. They both go to Ridgeview High together.
We would like to see southwest Bakersfield to either be kept in Assembly district West Bakersfield by either extending the line that currently splits the community in two. We would like Assembly district West Bakersfield to include areas west of Bannister or Seed (ph.) in the entire region. Up to the 99 south of White into Assembly district Tulare-Kern, we have little representation in this area and we would like to see our Punjabi and black voices together and stronger in an area where we have never seen ourselves represented.

In the Senate district, we would like to be kept with the City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate district boundary to be Buena Vista Road north and south, instead of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in the Senate, instead of splitting our historic Punjabi and black communities at Ridgeview High in half. We would appreciate being part of Senate district Kings-Kern --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GEMBAVA: -- and not Senate district Fresno-Kern. Thank you for letting me speak today.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got caller 7125. And up next after that will be caller 3929. 7125, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. CHAO: Hello. Hi. This is Liang Chao. I am
vice mayor of Cupertino in Santa Clara County. I'm representing myself. I submitted a comment earlier, but I'm having second thoughts. I looked at the demographic statistics. The -- and my comment is regarding the congressional district. If Cupertino right now is grouped together with Milpitas and Fremont, that area is significantly Asian. I think Cupertino has more synergy also with Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Saratoga, and Campbell -- that area. I think if grouping Cupertino with those cities will add diversity to that congressional district. The Asian voices would be significant in both congressional districts, that would help amplify Asian voices to be represented by both congressmen, whoever are elected as so. Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got caller 3929. And up next after that is caller 2567. Caller 3929, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. GIERDALAY: Hello, commissioners. My name is Nan Gierdalay (ph.). I reside in Turlock, California and attend Pittman High School. I appreciate you giving me a chance to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment about the Assembly,
Senate, and Congress. We would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus.

We have family in those areas and there is a large community of interest. For instance, our Punjabi trucking community with family and lots of crossover. We would appreciate it if the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than west Lodi.

We appreciate the current Senate district draft maps in our area. We would like to see Ceres kept whole in our congressional district instead of being split in two. As a smaller community, we would rather be represented by one congressmember rather than have two ignore us.

Our Punjabi community is currently being split into the congressional district eastern California region where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together whole in part of the immediate district dividing us on the west. We want to be in the congressional district STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you so much. This is very important for us.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 2567. And up next after that will be caller 5355. Caller 2567, if you will please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to reference the Fresno-Tulare and Kings-Tulare-Kern congressional maps.

Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for taking the time to accept our public comments. During the September recall election, some towns in Kings County did not have vote centers or ballot drop boxes. Residents of these towns relied on neighboring Kings communities to vote in person. By splitting Kings County in half, you're only ensuring that our communities of interest will be overshadowed by these bigger cities, such as Visalia, Fresno, and Bakersfield. Our communities of interest are important to us, and I urge you to keep Kings County whole. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 5355. And up next after that is caller 9011. Caller 5355, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. KIPOOR: Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. KIPOOR: Okay. Hello, everyone. My name is Nom Kipoor (ph.). I'm a senior in Washington High School that is located in Fremont, but I currently reside in
Union City. And today I would like to talk about Alameda County. I would like to start out by saying we appreciate the current Senate and Congress draft maps in our county. Thank you for that.

In terms of Assembly district comments, I would like to say that -- I would like to see if it's possible for Union City to be combined in Assembly district Fremont because our community of interest, especially in the Punjabi community, are closely aligned. A great example of this is Fremont Gurdwara. It's located in Fremont. The majority of the community attending there is from Union City. It is not just a religious location. We do many actions there that affect the community as a whole. We hold vaccination drives, (indiscernible) services, food drives, and a lot of these things wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for combined efforts from Fremont and Union City.

And to end it all, I'd like to say personally, as someone who is going to be the next generation for voting, and partaking in these -- the results from this redistricting process, I would like to say, most of our students from our two communities are closely aligned, and we consider each community interchangeable. And since we are the ones who are going to be living through the decisions made today, I would like to say, we'd all
like to keep these communities connected. Thank you so much for your time today. That is -- that's all.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 9011. And up next after that will be caller 6666. Caller 9011, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you. So I've heard that a bunch of people have been saying that the congressional maps for Stanislaus are not very adequate, but in splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve three VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which was a major accomplishment. Now, I have been getting a feeling that people who are calling in don't want to maximize the number of Latino seats in the Central Valley. But I do strongly support three VRCs in the Central Valley and urge the Commission to keep a minimum of three. Unfortunately, hard decisions have to be made, and -- including splitting up counties in order to meet the VRA. Thank you so much for having me on.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we'll have caller 6666, and up next after that would be caller 4145. Caller 6666, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.
MR. BOZAJIAN: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. BOZAJIAN: Okay, thank you. My name is James Bozajian. I'm the mayor of the City of Calabasas, and we are now located in the draft maps in congressional district marked VENTURA, Senate district SHORELINE, and Assembly district Malevolent -- or sorry, MALIEVENT.

We're disappointed with the way the districts are drawn, as we've previously submitted documents, Calabasas and the surrounding cities. We'd like -- we'd like to have the inclusion of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village, and the unincorporated area from Topanga to the Ventura County line in one community of interest that should be kept intact for all the political boundaries to ensure that our residents are being properly represented at all levels of government.

For the congressional district, the map includes Westlake Village, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills, but leaves out Hidden Hills and Malibu. For the Assembly district, the map groups Calabasas, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills and Malibu, but leaves out Hidden Hills. It's similar for the Senate district, where the map leaves out Hidden Hills but keeps the four other cities together. And then, unfortunately, it's not compact. It goes all the
way down to the bottom of Los Angeles County to include such areas as the Palos Verdes Peninsula and other locations adjacent to the Orange County line with which we have nothing in interest.

In addition, the City of Calabasas is currently in a process of annexing an unincorporated area known as Craftsman's Corner. It's north of the 101 freeway, as it runs east-west through our city. It's --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. BOZAJIAN: -- got a very small population, and we would like to -- because we're actually at LAFCO in the process of annexing it, we'd very much like to have that small portion included with wherever you place Calabasas, because it would make no sense for it to be annexed and then for ten years be an entirely separate district.

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. BOZAJIAN: We only have 25,000 people here in Calabasas, and 100,000 in the region I'm asking you to unite. Thank you very much for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 4145, and up next after that is caller 4388. The floor is yours.

MS. TAVOULARIS: Good afternoon. My name is Kathy
Tavoularis. I'm a city council member from the City of Orange in Orange County. I want to thank the Commission for all your hard work. I can just imagine what this is like. And you can't please everybody. Thank you for keeping parts of my city of Orange with our neighbors of Anaheim Hills and Yorba Linda. These inland northeast Orange County makes sense together. We share roads and stores and businesses and schools.

What doesn't make sense to me is why we are separate from Brea and North Fullerton. These cities faced with similar challenges. We work very hard together, and my colleagues in those cities share the same concerns as we do. They're very similar areas that make sense in one congressional district, so I hope the Commission will reconsider this oversight. And thank you again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have caller 4388, and up next after that we have caller 9751. Caller 4388, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. TRAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Benjamin Tran with Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles and a born and raised resident of the San Gabriel Valley, which is the area I'm here to comment on for the congressional maps.
The proposed redistricting would split the western San Gabriel Valley cities. I strongly encourage that the Commission reconsider these maps and keep the cities of San Gabriel, Arcadia, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and South Pasadena together, as it is in the Assembly maps. These cities are held in the cultural imagination of its residents as one large community, a community with a unique mixture of factors that created the lived experiences for everyone who grew up here.

With a strong API and Latino majority population, it was a common thing to drink bubble milk tea alongside an order of tacos. It was common to be bilingual and have a strong tie to our ancestral cultures, while also understanding for each other the struggle of coming from the immigrant background. Even after moving out of the area for college, anytime I met another person from the SGV, they would understand a similar construction of this community. The core cities I mentioned before from the communities and the culture that emerged in it. It is important that this community has a united voice in our democracy. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 9751, and up next after that would be caller 5700. Caller 9751, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Hello, Commission. I would like to mention, like I did before, and specify my exact location. I live off of the Sunset Corridor in West Hollywood, California. We are an independent city that is part of the county surrounded by the City of Los Angeles. I have grown attached to this area as the west side, but I was gentrified out. And I understand the Commission has to basically gerrymander areas in order to balance people's socioeconomic status.

I'm a renter. Most of West Hollywood is eighty percent renters. We live on the west side because we've been -- we've had an affinity for the west side, and we've been attached with the West Hollywood and the Beverly Hills Democratic Club, our relation with this area and the Sunset Corridor to Brentwood, to Westwood, and have been within the two, three mile radius, but yet, 500 feet from where I reside is the 33rd Congressional District.

Why can't West Hollywood be part of the 33rd Congressional District as well? But yet we're syphoned all the way into Hollywood, representing areas of the Senate map, which includes Highland Park and Eagle Rock, which I don't understand. While our Assembly district is attached to Beverly Hills, but yet our congressional
district is divided. You've divided West Hollywood. And yet we were part of the 30th Congressional District. And here I am having to be represented by someone who is part of Highland Park, Eagle Rock and the Senate district --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as well as parts of East Los Angeles. Now it's Glendale, Burbank and other parts have locked me out of Flintridge and the West San Gabriel Valley that West Hollywood has to be syphoned in. Why do you have to split a 1.9-mile city?

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why can't we be part of the west side? So I really urge and implore the Committee, please don't divide West Hollywood. Don't put us part of Hollywood. We're independent. We're a county who resides in the west side, and that's what we want to remain. And it's not fair for a city to be divided --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback. Just a reminder to the public that our phone lines will close at 2:30. Please, if you're interested in giving public feedback today to the Commission, make sure to call in, and please don't hang up. Stay in the queue to remain in the queue. Thank you. Katy, we will continue on with public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll go
with caller 5700. And up next after that is caller 4589.
Caller 5700, if you'll please follow the prompts to a
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. TRAN: Hello, Commissioner. My name is Jean-Huy Tran, and my pronoun, he/him/his. I am the president of a nonprofit called Viet Vote. We do a lot of voter education and voter empowerment for the API community, and specifically Vietnamese community here in San Diego. I also have been very involved in the local redistricting Commission at the city and county level here in San Diego. I'm calling in to discuss these COR-CAJON Senate district and other districts in San Diego County.

Last week, I called to urge you to please take a look at how the API community has come together to advocate for the API community of interest by keeping UCSD, University City, Convoy, Linda Vista, Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, and Carmel Valley in the same districts. These are the goal of the District 6 of the community collaboration map, which is a finalist in the City Redistricting Commission process. Additionally, this community interest in the final consideration by the County Redistricting Commission and the maps, draft map 10, 14, and others that are going to be considered in the next week hearing.

For the state and congressional map, the API
community can be placed with a coastal district, like the
county map 10 and 14 that will include the rest of the
UCSD community in La Jolla and Pacific Beach. But I also
want to uplift the work of PANA in District 4, that
included all of the county proposed maps, followed by
connecting the BIPOC refugee communities starting in El
Cajon and going west, including the LGBTQ community in
the new --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. TRAN: -- (indiscernible). So I will be
submitting a map that shows three things; first, how
the -- how an API community of interest is drawn in the
community, collaboration map can be drawn into the
congressional seat next to the BIPOC/refugee/LGBTQ
congressional district to the south that reflects in the
way of how the Commission is drawing.

Second, how the API community interest can be drawn
together in a large -- larger Senate to combine with the
same BIPOC community.

Third, and how the API community of interest can be
kept --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
caller 4589, and up next after that will be caller 6159.

Caller 4589, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.
MS. GOMEZ: Thank you. I'm calling in regards to the SD_SY-INTEL-MESA (ph.) district in Southern California -- South Bay, California County.

Hello, Commissioners. This is Georgia Gomez (ph.) calling again to please urge you to amend the draft maps to include a part of city council District 8 and District 9 in the Latino majority Assembly district. You're hearing from the community about a (indiscernible) Sherman Heights, City Heights should be included in the Latino majority Assembly district with the South Bay. This is -- this is captured in the Madras (ph.) proposed map, but I also want to describe the eight steps that the Commission can take to reflect the community of interest and make sure that the offsetting districts are identically populated.

I will be submitting this map later on today, but I will describe the right now to include some of the other changes that I believe are under consideration from the LMESA and SVSY (sic) district. Add 35,000 from SESDC to LMESA-SVAL to unite La Prensa with the rest of Spring Valley. You can add 13,000 from SV (audio interference) LMESA to add Bonita.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. GOMEZ: Add 13,000 to LMESA-SV to make Paradise Hills whole, and so forth. I -- like I said, I will
add -- I will send in the map today, but the purpose of
this is to really stress that City Heights, the greater
Logan Heights area should be added to the South Bay
district --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. GOMEZ: -- and not to the East County district.
This is a community that's been fighting for
environmental justice, housing affordability, mobility,
transportation justice, and they should be continuing
to --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
6159, and up next after that will be caller 0403. Caller
6159, if you'll please follow the prompts two unmute by
pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. SAVINI: Yes, hello. Thank you. First of all,
Commissioner, thank you for your hard work and also for
the opportunity for the public to respond. My name is
Tina Savini (ph.), and I live in Turlock, California.
And I'm calling just with two general comments. The
first general comment is that I would appreciate whatever
you can do, as a general aside, to clarify -- I have a
bit of trouble with the website. For those of us who
still use landlines and are a little bit less technically
savvy, it was a little bit difficult to find exactly the
changes in the various maps for my Senate, Assembly, and congressional district. And so if I -- and I've looked at the maps a couple of times, and I also did put a written comment, but I've never received a response that it was acknowledged. So I just wanted to make sure that I -- that I did express my concern.

I know there's limited time, so that the general comment I have about the current congressional district, as I've seen it last, and maybe it has changed since I last looked, which has been a week or two ago -- but I'm very concerned about the cities of Turlock, where I live, and the cities of Modesto, where I work, being cut virtually in half. I have lived in this community forty years of my life, so for quite some time, and it has changed rapidly. And I see that that change is continuing to happen with the, you know, many people that -- living in this community that are commuting over to the Bay Area --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. SAVINI: -- and we also have a long agricultural tradition. And I'm just concerned about the way the split is, first of all, it makes accessibility for people to understand where it is that they vote were split up so often in council districts, in Assembly districts and congressional districts.
MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. SAVINI: And it it's very hard to look at those lines. It's very hard to have the struggles and strains of the community addressed as a --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your feedback, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have caller 0403, and up next after that will be caller 3969. Caller 0403, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. GOHR: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Hervine Gohr (ph.), and I'm representing the Punjabi Sikh community in the 209 or Stanislas County. Personally, I have spent most of my life here, and I understand the demographics and geography of the region. I'm advocating for the Assembly district in Stanislaus to include Ripon and Manteca. With both cities having an extremely large Punjabi population, this is an extreme area of interest as the Punjabi trucking community and their families have tons of crossovers. We urge the Commission to consider finding Manteca a more suitable home in Stanislaus -- or Stockton versus Lodi.

In the congressional district, we would love -- all right. Give me one second. We would love to see Ceres kept whole in our congressional district instead of being
split up into two. We are smaller -- we are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and would rather be represented by one congressmember rather than having two ignore is.

Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into county district eastern California region versus -- where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together whole, as part of a part of a -- part of the immediate district dividing on the West. We want to be in Congressional District STANISFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you. This is very important to us.

As far as the Senate district draft maps go, we currently really appreciate them. Thank you, Commissioners, for your time. I yield.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have 3969, and up next after that will be caller 7962. Caller 3969, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. VAN ZANDT: Hi. Yes, my name is Carol Van Zandt (ph.), and I live in the Coachella Valley, and over the last months, I've submitted information, and I've listened to many hours of your of your calls, and I have great sympathy for what you must be going through with
these marathon sessions.

There's one issue that has been pretty consistent from the Coachella Valley, and that is we do not want to have our valley split down the middle. If you take a look at the -- the map AD_MBCV_DRAFT, it's blatantly obvious that there is an area that has been cut out as a gerrymandering that was done twenty years ago, ten years ago, and we don't want to keep it that way. Recognizing in the past there have been incidents where people gerrymandered to dilute the value of the votes of some minorities.

But that's no longer the case, especially out here in the Valley, because we have a large Latino Hispanic population that is totally integrated to all of the areas. And by cutting this right down the center of the Valley just makes absolutely no sense, especially when you take a look at the West End, where you've extended our district to areas that we have absolutely nothing in common with. We don't have any reason to be in the same district with them. Would like to see you take the southern line that's drawn from the city of La Quinta, draw it across to join up with the AD_SECA_DRAFT --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. VAN ZANDT: -- map of the second district and open up this whole area that has been sliced out and put
it back where it belongs into one district. We have
people living across the street with different people
taking care of them, and it just doesn't work.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MS. VAN ZANDT: So I appreciate your attention, and
thank you for your attention.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call. And just a
reminder that our lines will close at 2:30, and if you're
interested in giving comment today, please call in prior
to that. And please do not hang up. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we have seven 7072, and up next after that
will be call 9855. Caller 7972, if you'll please follow
the prompts to unmute by pressing the star-6. The floor
is yours.

MR. N. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners, my name's
Navjot Singh. I'm a resident of Fresno. I appreciate
you guys giving me the opportunity to share during the
redistricting process. I would like to comment about the
Assembly and Congress for the Fresno region.

As for the Congress, I would like to see Selma,
Kingsburg and Fowler be with West Fresno, since this is
where we work and commute. We are much closer to them
and our community of interest resides with them more than
the Tulare region. And we would like to have our
communities part of the CD_STANISFRESNO draft map rather than the CD_FRESNOTULARE draft map.

As for the Assembly district map, you are splitting our Central Unified community that's also the home to the largest Fresno community -- Punjabi community. Those of us that are south of Shields would like to be kept with the rest of the community and AD_MERCEDFRESNO. So we kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line at Shields on 99 to -- south to Clinton to keep many of these traditional CIOs together and to keep the Punjabi community continuing throughout California and the Fresno community. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have caller 9855. And up next after that will be caller 6466. Caller 9855, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name Kuthi (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of the proposed SUNNYTINO draft Assembly district, and I would appreciate it if the Commission could reevaluate the draft Assembly map such that Cupertino, Saratoga, and Campbell remain within one Assembly district. A fellow resident recently submitted a map today that improves upon this draft map by bringing together the West Valley
region, Saratoga, Campbell, and Cupertino share economic
priorities and histories, community college districts,
geography, and a unique Asian American and Pacific
Islander voting blocks.

Please consider placing Cupertino, Saratoga, and
Campbell within one Assembly district to ensure
representation of these economic, demographic, and
geographic similarities. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have
6466. And up next after will be caller 6365. Caller
6466, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

Caller 6466, you may want to double check your
phone, make sure it's not on mute.

MS. H. KAUR: Good afternoon. My name is Huner Kaur
(ph.), and I'm a resident of the Fresno County. I'm a
sophomore at Sanger West High School. And in the current
Assembly district map, you're splitting our Central
Unified community that is also home to the largest
Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just south
of Shields would like to be kept within the rest of our
community in Assembly District MERCEDFRESNO. We kindly
ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently
at Shields on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep
so many of these traditional COIs, communities of interests together.

In the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we would like to have our Punjabi -- Punjabi COI kept together. In the area at Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks be put in Senate District CBNFRESNO (sic) and not Senate District FRESNO-KERN. Thank you so much for my comments.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 6365. And up next after that will be caller 6926. Caller 6365, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name's Jodi, and I am a citizen of Simi Valley, unlike a previous caller who said that people from Simi are not from Simi. I am a public school teacher that travels to Encino. However, when I leave work, I come home, and everything that I do has to do with Ventura County. My son was attending Moorpark College.

I'm calling in support of CD_VENTURA_DRAFT to keep Simi Valley with Ventura County. I think it's really important that we have somebody that represents us with all the things that we are doing together. We have the
same water district, our kids go to school here at Moorpark College. We mostly do all our shopping in the Ventura County. We go to the Thousand Oaks Mall. We have the 118 that goes right into the 23 to Moorpark. I think it's really important that we consider the fact that we want representation for us right here. And it's a pretty cohesive community in Ventura County.

I heard earlier that somebody mentioned something about that -- well, something about veterans. Well, we have veterans in Ventura County. We even have a base in Ventura County. So I don't know where that enters into play at all. But I really feel it's important that Ventura County draft be the final draft with Simi Valley in Ventura County. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we've got caller 6926. And up next after that is caller 8102. 6926, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. ATWAL: Thank you very much. My name is Paz Atwal (ph.). I'm a proud resident of California, and more specifically, I live in Dublin, in Alameda County. It's kind of funny, because I have nearly the same comment to as Sharandeep Singh did much earlier. But first, I just wanted to say a few things. One is that I
wanted to mention that I am part of the Punjabi and Sikh community, and it's very strong in Alameda County, and not just in population, in terms of voting, but also the most important thing, tax revenue, so we're really big contributors there.

I'm getting involved because the more I kind of peel back the layers of gerrymandering -- and obviously, I'm late to the game -- I've become increasingly horrified. And this is bipartisan. I mean, both sides do it. And I think both sides are forgetting, you know, the basic principles of this country. And you know, our -- our foundational documents, they don't say a word about winning districts and whatnot, but we all know how much they talk about representation. It's mentioned everywhere.

So I urge the decision makers to keep this in mind and to focus on representation. So with that said, I first wanted to say that I'm okay with the Senate and congressional maps. Regarding the Assembly maps, we as a community insist that Union City be combined with Fremont, since they are communities of interest, especially in that Punjabi and Sikh community are very closely tied. We all attend the Fremont -- a lot of --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ATWAL: -- yeah, most of us attend the Fremont
Gurdwara together, even if we don't live nearby, since Fremont was, you know, the only large Sikh temple in the South Bay at the time. We do a lot of humanitarian outreach, so we insist that our community remain together --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. ATWAL: -- mobilizing issue for us. To conclude, let's do the right thing here. We all know what it is. Thanks a lot.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got caller 8102, and up next after that will be caller 3475. Caller 8102, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

MS. TRAN: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. TRAN: Awesome. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Koy Tran (ph.), pronoun she/her/hers, and I am with Asian Solidarity Collective and Viet Vote San Diego. I would like to discuss the COR-CAJON Senate district and other districts in San Diego County.

My friend, Jean-Huy will be submitting maps later on that illustrate the following three points. First, how an API community of interest, as drawn in the community's collaboration map, can be drawn into a congressional
seats next to a BIPOC/refugee/LGBTQ congressional
district to the south that reflects the way our county
Commission is currently drawing this part of the city.

Secondly, how an API community of interest can be
drawn together in a larger Senate district that is
combined with the same BIPOC, refugee, and LGBTQ
community of interest.

And thirdly, how an API community of interest can be
kept together in an Assembly district that also allows
for separate districts that empower the BIPOC and refugee
communities.

In particular, it's really vital to us that City
Heights is preserved at all levels of government, if at
all possible, since this is a really vital center for our
refugee community here, while also respecting the
(indiscernible) Voting Rights Act. We would also like
for the neighborhoods of Linda Vista, Claremont, Kearny
Mesa, and Mira Mesa to be kept together at all levels of
government. These are the neighborhoods that I've worked
in, lived in, and come to, specifically, to find my
childhood foods and maintain my sense of identity.

It's really important to us that our communities are
preserved due to the shared experiences as well as shared
cconcerns: the experiences of immigrating, speaking
another language, caring for our elders, struggling to
make ends meet for rent and to put groceries on the
table. We depend on each other and our shared community
spaces in order to have a sense of identity, and keeping
our districts intact goes a really long way --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. TRAN: -- to towards building up power and
obtaining resources. That's all I really have to say for
today. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
caller 3475. And up next after that is caller 2136.
Caller 3475, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. FANG: Hi. Good afternoon, Congressional --
Commissioners. My name's Mai Lee Fang, and I am a long-
term resident in the city of Garden Grove, Little Saigon
area, and I would like to have the Commissioner
reconsider the -- the map. We would love to keep, you
know, the Little Saigon area together with the coastal
community, Huntington Beach -- Huntington Beach, Fountain
Valley, or if possible, Seal Beach. We're very close --
you know, Garden Grove and Westminster is about five, ten
minutes' drive, you know, towards Fountain Valley and
Huntington Beach, compared to the suggest map to link
with the city of Fullerton, which is about twenty-five,
thirty minutes away.

I strongly suggest the Commissioner to -- you know, to hear our voices that keep our community, you know, with the coastal community together as we have in the past. Thank you so much for your support, and you have a great day.

MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have caller 2136, and up next after that will be caller 0190. Caller 2136, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

Caller 2136, if you'll please double check your phone, make sure it's not on mute. Oh, no, you were unmuted. Let's try that one more time. Star-6 to unmute, please. The floor is yours. Caller 2136, you are unmuted in the meeting. You might want to double check your phone, make sure you're not on your mute settings on your phone.

MR. HEHR: Oh, sorry about that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go.

MR. HEHR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Sanraj Hehr (ph.), and I've live in Manteca most of my life. I appreciate the opportunity for giving my input. And I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate and Congress in San Joaquin County. We -- we appreciate
the Assembly maps to keep Tracy and Manteca together. They're a large Punjabi trucking communities, and we would like to see if Manteca could find a home with us in Tracy or south with the AD_STANISLAUS area. We think parts of North Stockton that are more affluent may be better with the northern San Joaquin County district that goes into Sacramento County. Thank you. And we also appreciate the current Senate and Congress maps in our area.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 0190, and up next after that is caller 6094. Caller 0190, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. CORLESS: Good afternoon, and thank you all so much for your work. My name is Stacy Coreless. I am a member of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and I would first like to speak to the draft Assembly map labeled CALA-INYO, and really want to speak more generally to our Sierra Nevada Mountains community of interest. While this Assembly district map commendably does keep the three Eastern California counties of Alpine, Mono, and Inyo together, it lumps us in with Foothill and Central Valley communities in Madera and Fresno counties with which we have few shared interests,
and cuts us off from the Tahoe Basin and surrounding mountain areas of eastern El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada counties.

The visualization released on November 7th, which was labeled AD_ECA, was much better for our region and really kept that Sierra Nevada community together, the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains up through the Sierra Crest and adjacent mountain communities.

And similarly, the draft Congressional district labeled ECA does -- while it does connect us with the Tahoe Basin, it reaches too far into the Central Valley and Stanislaus County communities to be acceptable.

And you've heard from many other speakers today who are concerned that these communities with such disparate interests are put together in one congressional district.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CORLESS: Thank you again for your time and your work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got caller 6094, and up next after that is caller 7759. Caller 6094, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. HWANG: Hello, my name is Alice Hwang (ph.). I'm calling in to comment on congressional district Santa
Clara draft. The purpose of redistricting is to represent the population in geographic groupings that reflect the realities of the communities living there. And it is not a platform to try to gain election results even before the elections take place, but this is exactly what's happening in the Silicon Valley congressional redistricting process.

On the congressional level, it's clear to me that special interests are desperately trying to draw crazy maps so they can dilute the growing Asian vote. So this is unacceptable. Looking at the facts, Asians are the largest ethnic group in Santa Clara County, somewhere around forty percent, which is up substantially from 2010. But the proposed congressional redistricting is trying to draw the maps to deny that reality and create districts that preserve the racial and ethnic mix of a decade ago.

Asian-heavy cities, like Cupertino, are carved out of the proposed district and instead include Asian-light cities across county lines in San Mateo. Palo Alto and Mountain View are separated from similar tech-centric cities like Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara. Instead, rural communities, like Pescadero and La Honda from Santa Cruz County are mixed in with the urban areas. So Silicon Valley, which could be integrated community --
MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. HWANG: -- is now fragmented into an unrecognizable map. So I'd like to propose that like cities Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara could be put together into a district. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have caller 7759, and up next after that is 0129. 7759, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. A. KAUR: Hi. My name is Anjil Kaur (ph.), pronouns she/her/hers, and I'm a resident of Sacramento, California. As a member of the Punjabi community, I would like to state that I appreciate how the current Assembly and Senate district lines are drawn from the Sacramento area.

However, I'm deeply concerned when it comes down to the congressional lines. I urge the members of the Commission to have Elk Grove included in the congressional district map with Sacramento, and have it included along with North and South Natomas.

In North and South Natomas and Elk Grove, we have overlapping Punjabi communities who attend the same places of worship, including the West Sacramento
Gurdwara. Moreover, in this region, Punjabi is the fifth most spoken language overall. I would also like to take a few seconds to echo the requests of Punjabi speakers who are calling in from other areas across California.

For Assembly lines, I urge some changes when it comes down to San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Kern County, Fresno County. For Senate lines, on the other hand, I urge changes in Kern County and Fresno County. And lastly, for congressional lines, I urge changes in Fresno and Stanislaus County.

As you may have noticed, Fresno County is -- has been mentioned quite a few times. The Punjabi community makes a very considerable amount of population when it comes down to Fresno, and yet it is being split at all levels of government. This is significantly disenfranchising our Punjabi community in Fresno, and it has been happening for years unchecked. This needs to be addressed, and I hope you will consider my comment.

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got caller 0219, and the up next after that would be caller 2087. Caller 0129, the floor is yours.

MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Mike LeBarre. I am the mayor of King City here in
Monterey County. I will be speaking to the visualizations of CD_CUPERTINO, CD_MIDCOAST, SD_SBENFRESNO, SD_MIDCOAST, AD_BENITO, and AD_MONTCOAST. These are the visualizations that are proposed to replace the current districts of CD-20, SD-12, and AD-30.

The one thing I want all you Commissioners to understand is that Monterey County was one of four counties that always required pre-clearance before there was any changes to district boundaries or election processes, all the way up till 2013. This is the first state redistricting cycle where that was not required. And as such, we have seen the visualizations completely destroy all the efforts that the prior pre-clearances put in place.

I ask the Commission to really look at this area, understand that the Voting Rights Act was fully complied with in the prior districts that were put in place, and that that should be the starting point. Because the proposed visualizations right now significantly dilute the Hispanic population, the Hispanic vote and voice. The way it is currently drawn in the congressional district visualization --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. LEBARRE: -- connects our rural community, splits our valley in half and connects us all the way up
to San Jose, two areas of completely dissimilar interests. I urge you, please --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

MR. LEBARRE: -- really examine what's going on here. Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for the feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 2087, and up next after that is caller 8860. Caller 2087, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 20 -- the floor is yours.

MS. VANG: Good afternoon, Commission. My name is Cha Vang. I am a longtime resident of Sacramento. I'm calling on behalf of my organization, AAPI Pacific Empowerment Education Fund, and the AAPI and AMENSA State Redistricting Collaborative. But today I'm calling to provide feedback for the Sacramento area. We continue to be concerned about the Sacramento draft maps. We recommend the Commission and the demographers to spend some more time in the Sacramento area so we can keep the communities together.

But first, I wanted to thank you all for the work you have done for the North Sacramento and Sacramento congressional drafts. We appreciate all the time you spent on that, and where the draft is more reflective of
the interests of the community. So we really like the congressional maps.

In both the Assembly -- in both the Assembly and Senate levels, our concern is that Vineyard is split away from Elk Grove and placed in the San Joaquin-based district. It should be kept with Elk Grove in a Sacramento-based district in both the level -- maps, and that the Vineyard area isn't -- has really little in common with the San Joaquin in the southern part of Sacramento County. It has -- this area, the Vineyard area has a large Asian American communities of interest and should be put into a Sacramento-based Assembly and Senate map. They share they share school districts.

They share business --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. VANG: -- family, college, and business interests. The -- in order to kind of accomplish that, we want to suggest that we keep -- we take out the -- for the Assembly lines --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. VANG: -- take out the west side and put in Vineyard. We're looking for your leadership to make sure that we keep AAPI communities of interest together in this draft. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 8860, and p next after that will be caller 2351. Caller 8860, if you'll please follow the prompts to a unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Sandeep, and I'm from Fresno County. Firstly, I just want to say thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my voice during this important redistricting process. I appreciate the time and energy the Commissioners are spending on this task, so thank you very much. I would like to provide a comment about Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the Fresno region.

To address the Assembly district maps, growing up as a Punjabi in the Central Unified Community of Fresno, which is home to one of the largest Punjabi communities in the region, I feel like the central community is being split up under the Assembly district map. Those of us that are just south of Shields want to be kept with the rest of our community in Assembly District MERCEDFRESNO. We want to request the Commission to consider moving a line from Shields on the 99 to south to Clinton in order to keep many of the traditional communities of interest together.

Regarding the Senate district map, in the northwest Fresno area along Herndon and the 99, we would like to
see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks to be put in the Senate district labeled SBENFRESNO and not Senate District FRESNO-KERN, that way Punjabi communities of interest can be kept together.

Lastly, to address the congressional district map, we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler to be included with West Fresno areas, since this is where many of us work and commute to and from. We are much closer to this region as our community of interests rather than the Tulare region. We would like our communities to be a part of the congressional district STANFRESNO rather than the congressional district FRESNOTULARE.

And that is all for my comments. Thank you all once again, and I appreciate being given this opportunity to share my public comment. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And thank you for your testimony. I just want to remind the public that you can also provide feedback to the Commission through our Draft Map Feedback Forum, which is on our website. The website is WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. And you can also draw maps through our free-to-use plug-in and open-source software that is also linked on our website and available at draw -- I believe it's -- I don't remember what the -- drawmycalifornia.org.

So drawmycalifornia.org is the website to draw a
map. And you can also, of course, provide feedback. We will listen to anyone and everyone on the -- on the queue today, but if you have an interest in providing feedback, you can also do it through our online platform. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 2351, and up next after that is caller 2742. Caller 2351, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. A. KAUR: Hello, can you all hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. A. KAUR: Great. Okay. Well, hello, Commissioners. My name is Amit Kaur (ph.), and I'm speaking on behalf of Alameda County. I appreciate you giving me this opportunity to share during this historic process. I would like to comment on the Assembly district in Alameda County. We would like to see if Union City could be combined in the Assembly district of Fremont, since our communities of interest, especially the Punjabi community, are closely tied. We all attend Freemont Gurdwara and hold public space together, and we would like to be kept together. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
Caller 2742, and up next after that is caller 9988. Caller 2742, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

Caller 2742? I do you apologize 2742, it appears there's some type of connectivity issue for you. We will retry if we can one more time. 2742?

All right. Right now, we'll be going to caller 9988, and up next after that will be caller 4174. Caller 9988, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 9988 --

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello everybody --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello Commissioners.

My name is Pial (ph.), I'm currently a resident of Fresno County, and I also grew up here, so I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress redistricting process in the Fresno County region.

In the current Assembly district -- Assembly district map, the Central Unified community is being split up, but it is also the largest -- it's also the home to the largest Punjabi community in this region. So those of us just south of Shields would like to be kept within the rest of our community in AD_MERCEDFRESNO, and we kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved south to
Clinton to keep the Punjabi community and other
traditional COIs together.

Also in the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we
would like to have our Punjabi COI kept together. In the
area along Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the
small region from the 99 to the train tracks be put into
SD_SBFRESNO and not SD_FRESNO-KERN.

And lastly, we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg,
and Fowler with the West Fresno area, since this is where
we work and commute. We are much closer to them as a
community of interest than in the Tulare region, and we
would like our communities to be a part of CD_STANFRESNO
draft map rather than the CD_FRESNOTULARE draft map.

Again, thank you so much for giving me the space to share
my input today. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Now right now --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're -- right now, we
have caller 4174, and up next after that is caller 93330.

Caller 4174, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. SIWARA: Hello, Commissioners. Good afternoon.

My name is Ranjeet Siwara (ph.). I'm a resident of
Stanislaus County, and I appreciate your giving me an
opportunity to share during this historic redistricting
process. I would like to comment about Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the Stanislaus region.

We would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly District Stanislaus. We have families in those areas and there is a large community of interest, which is Punjabi trucking community, with family and lots of crossovers. We would appreciate it if the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems more natural either with the Stanislaus or Stockton area rather than with the Lodi.

We appreciate the current Senate district draft maps in our area. We would like to see cities kept whole in our congressional districts instead of being split into two. We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and would rather be represented by one congressmember instead of having two ignore us.

Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into the congressional district in the eastern California region, where we have no communities of interest. It's just a rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together and part of the immediate district dividing us on the west. We want to be in Congressional District STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thanks for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
caller 93330, and up next after that will be caller 2170. Caller 93330, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. YURRO: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is Paul Yurro (ph.) on behalf of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. A sincere thank you to you for listening to the people of San Joaquin County. San Joaquin County strongly supports the Commission's current draft maps for Congress, Assembly, and the Senate.

With respect to the congressional district map, one small request -- well, not a small request, but the Board would like to see the community of Ripon added to that map, as requested previously in some of your most recent hearings by the city manager of Ripon.

With respect to the Senate district map, ibid, basically the same comment; if Ripon could be folded into the Senate map for San Joaquin County, that would be wonderful.

With respect to the Assembly district maps, they align very well with the communities of interest there, and the Board asks that you please leave them as is. I know the hour is late. I do want to just personally, and on the Board's behalf, thank you to the Commissioners for hearing all the voices in San Joaquin County and for your devotion to this incredibly important project. Thank
you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got caller 2170, and up next after that will be caller 6590. 2170, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. 2170, the floor is yours.

MS. SODHI-LAYNE: Good afternoon, and thank you, Commissioners. My name is Raj Sodhi-Layne, and I am a thirty-three-year resident of Fresno County. And today I'd like to make some comments regarding the Congress and the Senate. We would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is where we work and commute. We are much closer to them as our community of interest than Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part of the Congress district Stanislaus-Fresno draft map rather than the Fresno-Tulare draft map.

And then moving on to the Senate comments -- the Senate district. In the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we would like to have our Punjabi communities of interest kept together. In the area along Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks to be put in Senate District SBEN-FRESNO and not FRESNO-KERN. Thank you for your time. I truly appreciate it.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 6590. If you'll please follow the prompts to a unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. DIGTOR: Hi. How's everybody doing? I hope you guys are doing good. My name is Raj Digtor (ph.). I am a member of Fresno County. I currently go to Central West High School, and I'm in the 11th grade.

So in the current Assembly, we are -- you guys would be splitting our Central Unified community -- community that is also home to one of the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just south of this -- of the Shield line would be kept the rest -- kept away from the rest of the community, and their voices wouldn't be as heard together. So we are kindly asking the Commission to consider moving the line -- the current line at Shield on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together so that their voices could also be heard alongside with ours. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are up against a break.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy, for that reminder. Appreciate it. And we do want to listen to everyone in
the queue. We're going to take a fifteen-minute break to refresh ourselves, and then when we come back, we'll continue on with our -- with the queue at that time, at 3:15. So we're on break until 3:15.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:59 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Public Input Session focused on our district maps. We are offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in their native language. Can I please have the Spanish interpreter provide language line number where the public can listen to today's testimony and meeting?

THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi, Johanna.

THE INTERPRETER: I will go ahead and give the announcement in Spanish for the call-in instructions.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Johanna, it would be the listening line, not the call-in instructions. I'm sorry.

THE INTERPRETER: Oh, no, no worries.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

THE INTERPRETER: Just to listen to the interpretation, correct?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, because the lines are closed at this point.
THE INTERPRETER: That's great. Thank you so much.

(In Spanish, not translated).

Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Johanna.

And I just wanted to let members of the public, if you're interested in giving public comments, and you're in the queue, please don't hang up, because it's -- the lines are closed, and you won't be able to join again.

Also, we do have -- you can give feedback to the Commission through our online tools on our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. With that, let's go on to the callers, so that we can -- we have about a hundred callers, and so we'll take about forty-five, and then we'll continue on with another forty-five after that. Let's let's open up the calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. And right now, we have caller 0667, and then up next after that will be caller 6586. 0667, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. BORNING: Hello, how are you guys doing? Thank you for all the work that you put into this process. My name is Ruth Borning (ph.). I live in Solano County, in the Fairfield Suisun area. I want to express my concern with the congressional district Yolo Lake and North
Contra. This is not a good move, as it is. I've got to switch phones. My battery is kind of talking -- going down. Yolo-Solano -- sorry. Yolo-Solano are connecting communities with shared interests; transportation, cultures, and more, just to name a few. Please listen to the people of Solano County and -- and Yolo and the elected leaders locally.

YOLOLAKE_DRAFT connects Yolo and north Solano with Napa. These are much different communities. Solano-Yolo economies are agricultural, manufacturing, just to name a few. Napa Sonoma is a town of leisure, tourism. Driving from the Napa to Davis, you would have to drive south of Highway 12 or 37. Another thing your draft as it is does, it splits Travis Air Force Base. A lot of our airmen live in Fairfield and the Vacaville area, and the base is very active --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. BORNING: -- with their local communities.

Sonoma-Napa connects together by Highway 12 and 37. That aligns with Sonoma, Napa, Vallejo, and Benicia. Vallejo, and Benicia are a good fit for that draft.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. BORNING: To increase the numbers for Yolo-Solano, you can include Rio Vista and the Delta communities. Our communities are already being torn
apart with the local redistricting. I ask you do not keep Yolo-Solano draft --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have 6586, and then up next after that will be 198. 6586, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing -- oh, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you guys hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there, Commissioners -- sorry. Hi there, Commissioners. I'm a resident of Brea, and I want to thank you guys for your dedication and hard work to this process. North Orange County has been a -- one congressional district for some time now, and I don't think it makes really a lot of sense to be breaking it up into several different parts. So like, considering the cities of northern Fullerton, Brea, like myself, Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, those are all kind of more one cohesive unit. And as -- they've grown similarly over the past several years, you know, with the different traffic issues, and the structure issues, affordability and whatnot.

So I know that there's, you know, populations we need to be considering in this process, but this northern Orange County is definitely one cohesive unit that is
easy to shape, and that's where we should be making changes. So thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we've got 11 -- 1198, and up next after that will be 6174. Caller 1198, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 1198, if you'll -- the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Hello? Sorry. This is a first-time caller, and long-time listener. I really appreciate you guys taking the time. I wanted to talk about the congressional district labeled Cupertino, and kind of echoing the same comments as the King City mayor, I think the disparity between San Jose and the agricultural communities of the south county is really something that should be addressed. San Jose's biggest employers are Google and Apple, while Gilroy's biggest private employers are Christopher Ranch and King City's is Gill's Onions.

So I think there's a way to make a better community of agricultural interests in the upcoming maps by removing San Jose, including places like Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister, and King City, and maybe Dos Pallos or Los Santos. These are the kind of interest areas around
agriculture communities with a -- and I'll leave it at that. And thank you guys so much for your time. Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for your comments, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 6174, and then up next after that will be 8313. 6174, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 6174. The floor is yours.

MS. VIDORD: Good afternoon. My name is Jean Vidord (ph.), and I am a long-time resident of Cupertino in Santa Clara County. I am calling to request that Cupertino be kept in the same district as other West Valley cities, including Cupertino, Saratoga, and Campbell in the same district. These West Valley cities share the same economy, community college districts, geography, and commute patterns. As a resident of Cupertino for over thirty years, I believe that keeping these cities in one district is the most sensible, fair, and forward-looking plan for all of the communities. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8313, and up next after that is 4070. 8313, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. I. SINGH: Hello, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. I. SINGH: Hello, Commissioner. Good afternoon.

My name is Inderpal Singh, and I am a resident of Bakersfield, California and currently a senior at Ridgeview High School. Redistricting will determine the distribution of political power for the next decade. Therefore, the final decision and say will be very important to me and my Punjabi Sikh community, along with countless minorities all across regions in California. I just wanted to say I really appreciate you guys giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts during the historic redistricting — redistricting process, and I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, Congress in the current region.

So in the Assembly district, we would like to keep southwest Bakersfield whole as home to the region's largest Punjabi-speaking community and historic black communities, as they both go to Ridgeview High School together, and I've seen this from firsthand experience. We would like southwest Bakersfield to be kept in Assembly District West Bakersfield by extending the line that currently splits the community in two. We would like Assembly District West Bakersfield to include areas
west of Bannister or see the entire region up to 99 south of White in Assembly District Tulare through Kern. We have little representation of this area, and we would like to see our Punjabi and black voices together and stronger in an area where we have never seen ourselves represented.

Senate District, we would like to be kept with the City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate district boundary to be Buena Vista Road, north and south, instead of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in the Senate instead of splitting our Punjabi and black communities at Ridgeview High School in half. We would appreciate being part of Senate District King through Kern and not Senate District Fresno-Kern.

And then for the Congress, we appreciate the current congressional draft maps in our area, as well. And once again, thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 4070. And up next after that is 2190. And for those that have called in that have not chose to raise their hand, if you would please press star-9, indicating you wish to give comment. It allows our staff to keep track of how many hands we have left. Right now we have caller 4070. If you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. D. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Donakee Kaur (ph.). I am currently in Fresno County, but I will be speaking for my family and friends in Stanislaus County. We would like to see Ceres kept whole in our congressional district instead of being split into two. We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County, and we would rather be represented by one congressmember rather than two ignore us.

Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into CD_ECA, Eastern California region, where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on the west. We want to be in CD_STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you so much. This is very important to us.

And for Senate, we appreciate the current Senate district draft maps within our area. Thank you so much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 2190. And up next after that, is caller 2836. Caller 2190, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. F. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Femelprit Kaur (ph.). I am a resident of the Sacramento
County. I am a junior at Inderkum High School, and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the Sacramento County. We appreciate the current Assembly district map in our area. We appreciate the current Senate district map in our area.

We would like to see Elk Grove included in the congressional draft Sacramento and have it loop along the -- have it loop along to include north and south Natomas, since we have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi community; and in the fact, the current draft includes West Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region, and we would like to include Natomas since most Congress (sic) live there.

I would like to highlight that Panjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages in the region. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 2836, and up next after that will be 5046. 2836, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. A. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is a Akinpri Kaur, and I'm a resident of Turlock. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during
this historic redistricting process. I would like to comment about Assembly, Senate, and Congress in Stanislaus County region.

We would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be added to Assembly District Stanislaus. We have family in those areas, and there is a large community of interests with Punjabi trucking community with family and lots of crossover. We would appreciate if the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than with Lodi.

As for the Congress, we would like to see Ceres kept whole in our congressional district instead of being split in two. We are smaller community in Stanislaus County and would rather be represented by one congressmember rather than have two ignore us.

Currently, our Punjabi community is being split in two congressional districts, Eastern California region, where we have no communities of interest with this rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on the west. We want to be in the congressional district STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you. And this is very important to us. And we appreciate the current Senate district maps and area. Thank you.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Right now we have caller 5046, and up next after that, is caller 6272. Caller 5046, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. LACHMAN: Oh, thank you. My name is Andrew Lachman. I reside in Culver City. I had provided some testimony early on, both with suspect (sic) to the community of interest of Culver City as well as to parts of the Jewish community throughout the west side of the Valley. I note in the current maps that the Orthodox Jewish community is now divided, with the South Robertson Neighborhood Council being in the west Side district and the other areas of the Orthodox Jewish community being in what's called North of the 10 district.

These communities shop together, they go to common schools, and is very tight-knit. It would make sense to unite them, and in doing so, you could also even out the numbers and bring up perhaps even Palms into that part of that district, take the Mid-City Neighborhood Council area, move that into the east of the 110 district, and take Culver City, which you currently have divided in half, and move that over into the westside district, where they would be with the other Westside Council of Government. They would also be united with the Ballona
Wetlands and unite the Silicon Beach communities of Venice, Santa Monica, Marina Del Rey, and Culver City, where so many of these tech companies, as well as the Ballona Creek, they share that as well.

Several have submitted similar testimony with respect to that. We want to make sure that we are protecting a voting rights district, but you can do that without Culver City being there, which is only a seven percent African-American CVAP anyway, and put them into the district in the westside --

   MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

   MR. LACHMAN: -- where they -- where they belong.

And as with many other areas, you know, Culver City is sort of at a crossroads. The Senate district, the congressional district are fine and reflect that crossroads. But at least one of the districts, the Assembly district, should be tied to the westside, where it also has a --

   MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

   MR. LACHMAN: -- strong identity, and has gotten stronger over the years. Thank you for your time.

   CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Caller 6272 will be right now, and up next after that will be caller 2974. 6272, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. MILLER: Hi. The name is Rob Miller, President of Del Norte County Farm Bureau. Our members up here in Del Norte County are supporting maintaining the state representation in the north coast district that the AD North Coast draft and the North Coast for the Senate, so that's good. We are also supporting our US congressional district move to the CD_NorCal draft. This is the eastern district. We believe that agriculture here in the eastern district is better suited for our support.

We also believe that the Klamath River Watershed should be -- the mouth should be included in the same district. Right now, it's in two separate districts, the Klamath Basin. Klamath Basin in the same district, and we believe that this will allow then all of the Klamath tribes to be in the same congressional district.

Thank you very much for taking our comments, and we appreciate your work. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 2974, and up next after that would be caller 5600, 2974 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Paulina -- hi, my name is Paulina, and I'm calling regarding to the drawing of Little Saigon. We would like -- I would like to have Westminster and Garden Grove to be the same district with West -- with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Fullerton is too far way for us, and we don't share the same interests or businesses. So please consider our request to have Little Saigon to be with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller 5600, and up next after that is 4168. 5600, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson (ph.). I'm calling regarding Zone F, San Joaquin County, the congressional, Senate, and Assembly district maps dated 11/10. We have heard several testimonies over the last few days regarding previous dated draft maps and reasons why the line drawers and the Commission need to review and adjust the 11/10 final draft. I can only speak for our very broad and diverse community coalition. Zone F is very pleased with the outcome of many weeks and months of letters, emails, calls, community meetings regarding the maps dated 11/10.
Our feedback has come from all the community, and we want to once again thank the Commission for your hard work, diligence in doing what is best for our population. We thank you in advance for your consideration of these maps and our neighborhoods look forward to being able to continue to work together for a better life and the ability to provide for their families.

We look forward to equal and fair representation for our communities of interest and super diverse populations. Thank you so very much.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We have caller 4168, and up next after that will be 0682. Caller 4168, of you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. M. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Manpinder Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Fowler California in Fresno County. I am -- I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts during this historical redistricting process. I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in Fresno County.

Living in Fowler, California, I have seen the Punjabi community and the (indiscernible) minority communities. We reside in this small town, and we would
like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno -- be kept with the West Fresno area, since it's where we work and commute. We are much closer to them as our community of interests in -- than the Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part of the Congressional District STANFRESNO draft map rather than Congressional District FRESNOTULARE draft map. And the -- regarding the Assembly --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. M. KAUR: -- district map. Being a resident of Fresno County communities, there is a larger population of the Punjabi community in the Central Unified area --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MS. M. KAUR: -- than those of us just South Shields, who like to be kept with the rest of our community in AD_MERCED-FRESNO. We kindly ask the --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 0682, and up next after that is 9008. 0682, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Greetings, Commissioners. As a resident of the Antelope Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster have no reason to be divided any further by congressional districts. I want to show my support for the current
draft of the AD_SCV. The Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley are widely considered sister communities and should be kept together. However, Simi Valley differs far too much socioeconomically and demographically speaking. Lancaster is forty-one percent Latino and twenty-one percent African-American. It is not fair to ask voters in Lancaster to be lumped with Simi Valley, a wealthier and much less diverse community.

Communities in the Antelope Valley have had to deal with redlining, poverty, and voter suppression. We have different issues and concerns, and we reside in completely different counties. Simi Valley is an outlier in every sense and over fifteen miles from Santa Clarita. Please think about the voices of the people in the Antelope Valley when considering AD_SCV.

Furthermore, this process should be free of political manipulation, including from sitting members of Congress who wish to influence this process. The attempts being made by these persons and special interest groups to politicize this process are shameful and highly inappropriate.

Please keep the current draft of the AD_SCV, which does not include Simi Valley and finally unites the Antelope Valley. This draft just makes so much sense. It is perfectly cut along the North LA County lines and
unites the valley that has a shared school district.
Please do not change the draft map for AD_SVC --
    MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
    UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The way it is drawn is
perfect. Thank you so much, Commissioners, and I want to
thank the interpreter as well.
    CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
9008, and up next after that is 6970. 9008, if you'll
please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.
    MR. KWAN: Great. Good afternoon, can you hear me?
    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.
    MR. KWAN: Terrific. Hello, Commissioners. My name
Marandin Kwan (ph.). I'm a resident of South Pasadena,
and I want to speak, like many of the other speakers
today, about the west San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles
County. I want to speak about the maps that are looking
at the Assembly, Senate, and congressional levels. I
want to speak about the San Gabriel Valley, also known as
the 626. My request, like many of the others, is do not
shear away Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead from the
rest of the west SGV. Other parts, such as the City of
San Gabriel, South Pasadena, San Marino, Temple City, and
Arcadia.
    The Asian American community, as has been noted, has
a very strong and distinct both cultural and linguistic similarities. Our residents go throughout the same areas and go to churches, shopping centers, and restaurants. I've had the privilege of working in the SGV for more than ten years in this region, only on public health issues. I can clearly see a strong community of interest among our young people, our seniors, any issues of health and what have you. There are so many ways of identifying a community of interest and for the SGV, Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead are a part of the heart of who we are.

Prior callers, again, have already done an incredible job illustrating the ways that we are a community of interest. So, again, I just ask that the Commission keep and not dilute the Asian American community of interest in the west San Gabriel Valley. Thank you so much. And thank you for all that you've done. This has been a long process, and I can't even imagine. Thank you, and have a great Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have have caller 6970, and up next after that is caller 0403. 6970, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

Caller 6970, if you'll please follow the prompts to
 unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 6970, I do apologize for the connectivity issue at this time, I -- we will do our best to come back to you.

Right now, we have caller 0403, and up next after that will be caller 1619. 0403, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, I'm Sean (ph.). And the last congressional district that the Commission drafted just doesn't make any sense to me. Fullerton being in the same district with Little Saigon community doesn't make as much sense as Huntington Beach and Seal Beach being in the same district with the Little Saigon community. Huntington Beach is just a few miles from Little Saigon, while Fullerton is at least a thirty-minute drive. Being that Huntington Beach is much closer, I urge you to draw a congressional district that includes Westminster and Garden Grove with Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 1619, and up next after that will be 1977. 1619, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'd like to
reference the Fresno-Tulare congressional map. My name is Joshua. Kings County is a rural county filled with small farm working communities of interest. The county, as a whole, is unique in the sense that it doesn't have a major metropolitan area, such as Visalia or Fresno or Bakersfield. By splitting Kings County in half, you're only -- you're only ensuring that our communities of interest will be overshadowed by these bigger cities. I urge you to consider keeping Kings County whole to ensure that they can advocate as one voice for the entire county. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 1977. And up next after that, is caller 6004. Caller 1977, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. P. SINGH: Hello, everyone. My name is Preedap Singh (ph.), and I'm a resident of San Jose, California. I will be speaking on behalf of Santa Clara County as well as San Bernardino and Riverside. I would like to say that we appreciate the current Assembly, Senate, and congressional district draft maps that represent these counties. I appreciate you hearing our input and thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller 6004, and up next after that is caller 2859. Caller 6004, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. ENBIL: Good afternoon. My name is Suni Enbil (ph.), and I reside in Sutter County. On behalf of my community, we appreciate the current Assembly district, Senate district, and congressional draft maps in our area. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 2859, and up next after that will be caller 4967. 2859, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name is J.R., and I'm a resident of Cupertino, which is presently in Assembly District 28. I'm calling in support of an alternative draft map for my community. It was submitted earlier today as AD_SUNNYTINO_DRAFT. By contrast with the current draft map, this alternative creates a more compact and sensible district that unites the West Valley bedroom communities along the border of San Jose, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Campbell, and Saratoga. These geographies in this alternative map share
stronger communities of interest than the present draft, especially along the State Route 85 and I-280 corridors. They share various school districts that are held together in this version of the map. They share a common watershed and various other specific considerations that smaller cities bordering one large city might share.

Unlike the current draft map that maroons Campbell and Saratoga on the other side of Cupertino from the rest of their draft district, this alternative map keeps these cities together with their neighbors, neighbors with whom they have much more in common than further flung Palo Alto or Atherton, with whom they are currently grouped.

Thank you very much, and Godspeed on your mission.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 4967, and up next after that is 4163. 4967, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I'd like to reference the Fresno-Tulare congressional map. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name's Alita (ph.). I am a longtime resident of Hanford. Kings County towns should have the same representative, because their demographics and local economies are largely similar. Kings County is especially connected by the Kings Area Rural Transit
System, which provides bus routes throughout the entire county.

(In Spanish).

CHAIR TOLEDO: (In Spanish).

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 4163, and up next after that is 8224. 4163, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Hi, my name is Melissa (ph.). I'm a longtime resident in Santa Clarita Valley. My request is for your Commission to reconsider your draft and instead go with the original current plan -- the current plan, which is to group Santa Clarita Valley with that section -- a small section of Simi Valley instead of Sylmar.

Here's why: There are numerous reasons, but let me focus on policing and crime. Now, every community in California probably thinks they have too much crime, and I don't disagree with them. However, because Santa Clarita Valley is unincorporated LA County, we only have the sheriff's department -- that we pay in taxes, like every other community, and yet the sheriff's department budget is being slashed for LA County unincorporated severely.

Sylmar probably has crime issues just like every
other, but Sylmar's crime is far different, unfortunately for them, than Santa Clarita Valley's crime. First off, there's, based on the crime statistics I'm looking at, Sylmar's crime is different, and it's focused on a more homicides and violent crime compared to Santa Clarita Valley. However, unfortunately, Santa Clarita Valley also has more than our fair share of crime. For example, it was in summer of 2021 --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that the sheriff said we had the largest drug bust -- illegal drug bust in Antelope Valley, which is part of our California district 25, and Palmdale. That's great that they caught this, but I don't believe --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that this solved the problem, and it's the -- it's the resources of unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley. We deserve to have a police force, a sheriff's department that supports our needs. So for that, and I ask that --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 8224, and up next after that would be caller 0639. Caller 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, do you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Okay. I just want to say thank you for your all hard work, everything you have done, and keep up the good work you guys are doing regarding Little Saigon district in Orange County, AD_GGW and CD Seal-Brea draft for the Assembly and Congressional districts. This district need some more change to match its outcome for our Little Saigon community of interest district.

As for the Senate district, the draft map is good. Thank you for the well done on this district for our community. I have heard a few people's thoughts the past few days, and they are right on regarding Stanton. It's up (indiscernible). This city and area does not share a community of interest with Little Saigon. For AD_GGW and CD Seal-Brea, (indiscernible) Street in Huntington Beach, remove Stanton, it's (indiscernible). This would be ideal as part of our Little Saigon education or language, culture, and health care community of interest. Thank you so much for your time and for listening to us. Please keep our Little Saigon together so that we can have our voice here in the Assembly, Senate, and congressional district. Once again, thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 0639. And up next after that is caller 1043. 0639, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing -- the floor is yours.

MR. C. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Cherenkal Singh (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of Sacramento County as well as current student at UC Davis. I'm speaking on behalf of the Punjabi community of the Sacramento metropolitan area. I'd like to comment about the congressional maps in the region and would like to see Elk Grove included in the congressional map, and have it loop -- loop along to include north and south Natomas, since we have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi community. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1043, and up next after that will be 7090. Caller 1043, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller with the last four 1043, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I just want to talk about the Little Saigon community of interest in Orange County. I call in and also submit a -- my comment
throughout the process of the last few weeks. First of all, I just wanted to say thank you very much for hearing our concern through this process. Just in a minor change for the Assembly map, and it would be appropriate for our Little Saigon community. Please remove the City of Stanton, (indiscernible) of Garden Grove. This area belong to Anaheim and Santa Ana. We have no community of interest with them. There are a lot of Vietnamese American in Huntington Beach that border Fountain Valley and Westminster, of Garfield. Huntington Beach includes Huntington Harbor and south of Garfield go to the coastal district.

If we keep our school district cross over Little Saigon to get (indiscernible) currently Fountain Valley High School in Westminster, high school in Huntington Beach Union High School District. We have Boy and Girl club in Huntington Valley, (indiscernible), and in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Again, please keep our Little Saigon as a whole community. This is a city which includes Westminster, Fountain Valley, west of Van Bruen, north of Huntington Beach, Los Alamos, Grossmor (ph.), and Seal Beach. Again, thank you for getting so close and make sure that Little Saigon has two presentation --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- given to our view. God bless. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 7090. And up next after that will be 3500. 7090, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. BRUEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Eric Bruen. I'm the mayor for the City of Ridgecrest. This is my fourth time to speak with you, and thank you, once again, for the opportunity to speak in the line-drawing process. I would like to discuss the map boundaries of California Fresno-Kern. I'd like to begin by thanking the Commission for ensuring that two critical goals, which we have asked of you before, has been considered in the design.

First, ensuring that our military synergies remain connected between China Lake Naval Station and Edwards Air Force Base. This is critical for the future of America and for our communities, and we appreciate your recognition of this. Second, ensuring the inclusion of Ridgecrest in Kern County. We are proud to be a part of the rich agricultural, tourism, military, and energy economies of this county and thank the Commissioners for preserving this.

Now you face the challenging process of sorting out
the best map lines to address urban areas like Bakersfield, Visalia, Fresno, and Clovis. We believe that the best solution is one which keeps Kern County as whole as possible. Thus, we encourage the Commission to reconsider the boundary lines as it relates to western Bakersfield. Specifically, the boundaries should include all areas west of Highway 99 and south of 7th Standard Road into the California Fresno current proposed district.

The population offset should be drawn from the areas of Visalia, Fresno, are Clovis, which are being included in this district. These communities of interest share a more aligned purpose with Tulare, Kings, and Fresno County as compared with Kern County.

Thank you for listening to Ridgecrest, and we encourage Commissioners to carefully listen to commenters in this final phase. Please ensure that the changes being proposed to the maps truly represent the community of interests on which they are commenting.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. BRUEN: The fracturing of the map to satisfy special interest groups and racial objectives will not help to improve representation; rather, it may further expand the fractures in our society, which our society is already experiencing. Thank you, once again, and I wish
you the best of luck in this challenging task.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 3500, and up next after that will be caller 1433. Hold on one second. We're -- we lost caller 3500. All right, well, it's going to be caller 1433, and up next after that will be caller 2568. Caller 1433, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. STEWART: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Trisha Stewart (ph.). I am a resident of Jamul, California, which is a rural part of San Diego County. Our state Senate map will be splitting Jamul into two communities, which makes no sense, in my opinion. Jamul should not be with the city of San Diego. It belongs with sister communities like Lakeside, Alpine, Crest, Rancho San Diego, and Ramona.

On any day, Jamul has more in common with smaller east county cities that -- like Santee and El Cajon than with Coronado or the City of San Diego. Coronado, by the way, is thirty minutes away from Jamul, which makes no sense. In numerous other proposed maps from the State Commission, Jamul is kept together with other East San Diego communities. Why can't the Commission consider doing that with the Senate maps?

Jamul has shared cultural, economic, and social
characteristics. Jamul has different needs for services than other areas in the county, as we are a high fire zone, and having a representative who doesn't understand these needs is not equitable. Thank you for listening to my comment.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller 2568, and up next after that, we have 4432. 2568, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. H. SINGH: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Harniv Singh (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of Fresno, California and also a Central Unified School District alumni. Today I'd like to comment on the Assembly district map for Fresno County. In the current map, our Central Unified community that is home to the largest Punjabi community in the region is being split. As a Punjabi Sikh community organizer, I've seen firsthand the huge number of Punjabi Sikhs who reside under Shield Avenue but above Clinton Avenue. The Punjab Sikh community has a large elder, immigrant, and low-income population that resides in the Victoria Park and Ross Gardens apartments, along with others. Some of this can be attributed to the close proximity to our local Jaswat Singh Khalra Park, which is named after a
Punjab Sikh human rights advocate. It can also be attributed to the population magnets, such as the local ethnic Punjabi grocery store, which is located right above Clinton but below Shields Avenue.

Additionally, the entire Punjabi Sikh community in this area under Shields and above Clinton pretty much attends the same Gurdwara as the Punjabi Sikh community that live above Shields Avenue. It would be an injustice to the Punjabi Sikh community to split off such an important region and population that has so much significance to our community. I kindly request that the Commission consider moving the line that is currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together.

For the Fresno Congressional district maps, we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is where our community works and commutes. Our Punjabi Sikh community is much closer to the West Fresno areas as a community of interest than the Tulare region.

For that reason and many, many more, would like to see --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. H. SINGH: -- our communities be a part of the
Congressional District STANFRESNO draft map rather than Congressional District FRESNOTULARE draft map. Thank you for listening to our community, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have caller 4432, and up next after that will be 9644. 4432, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

MS. CABALERRIA: Oh. Hi. Good afternoon --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MS. CABALERRIA: -- my name is Yvonne Cabaleria (ph.). I'm Crescent City resident in Del Norte County calling again. I submitted a written comment earlier that includes some information on the median income population for counties in Districts 1 and 2 and also a map of my recommendation for redistricting. And the reason for this is that our -- Del Norte communities up here are small, and our issues align more with those neighbors to the east rather than the south.

Yes, we're on the coast, but we're only a tiny portion of that coast. And the population's difference, when compared to the other counties in District 2, is really significant. Sonoma County has twenty times our population; Marin County, forty-two times our population; and even our neighbor just down south in Humboldt, five
times the population. These massive differences cause inequity and how we are representative (sic), and they have negatively impacted our communities.

Our communities here in Del North, we have more in common socioeconomically, agriculturally, culturally with Siskiyou Counties, Modoc, and others in District 1. We also have similar numbers regarding population, income, needs, and problems. One example of these negative impacts is a bill that was passed, AB5, known as the Gig Bill. That's affecting our rural community. It affects our self-employed individuals that enjoy the freedom to work the jobs they choose with flexible hours and competitive pay in a community that doesn't have exactly a large amount of employment opportunities, and this also forces them into a set salary and repetitive work schedule and can suppress job growth and even hinder them from becoming a business owner themselves.

These are important things, because we want our community members to thrive and be successful.

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MS. CABALERIA: For those business owners, it increases their payroll. They have to add extra expenses, resulting in cutting hours, lesser pay, or even terminating some employees. These bills are not good, and it's just shows the negative consequences we have due
to those population differences.

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MS. CABALERIA: Here in Crescent City, our population is 8,000. 8,000 residents that we have, that we have to have our voices heard over the massive populations in the other districts -- counties in our districts. So we would like to spend the upcoming ten years included with District 1 --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate your feedback. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 9644, and up next after that will be 4488. 9644, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. POMMERING: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for taking my call. My name is Bill Pommering, and I am an elected director at Padre Dam Municipal Water District in Santee. I've lived in Santee for forty years and have served on the Padre Dam board for over thirteen years. I'm calling regarding the state Senate maps for San Diego County. I am calling to advocate changes in the SECA Senate District map. I've been advised that the SECA Senate District map is designated as a Voting Rights district map and that it apparently must link parts of San Diego County to Imperial County.

What I do not understand is why it does not include
the more heavily Latino areas that are south of San Diego city, south of the 94, as opposed to including some of the rural parts of the county like Alpine, Borrego Springs, Ramona, that clearly are a better fit with cities like Poway, El Cajon, Escondido, and Santee. It should be noted that rural San Diego County does not share the same concerns and interests as the area south of the 52 in the City of San Diego.

Here in the east county, we tend to look east and to the north for items like medical care, food, jobs and more. We do not generally have those items in common with the City of San Diego south of the 52, like Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Sierra Mesa, and Mira Mesa.

Assembly map AD_SESDC brings together the inland San Diego and San Diego County in a way that just works better for all concerned. It does not combine rural San Diego and Imperial County. Rather, it keeps rural communities like Alpine --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. POMMERING: -- Crest, Jamul, Borrego Springs, Julian, and Ramona and linked with inland cities like Santee, Poway, and Escondido, not to mention a part of --

MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

MR. POMMERING: -- El Cajon. It just fits better with inland areas. I encourage you to use this Assembly
map as a framework for evaluating your Senate map. Thank you for taking my call, and it is my hope --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have caller 4488, and up next after that is 7722. 4488, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. ROBAK: Very good. Hi there. My name is Steve Robak, first-time caller, long time listener. I'm currently on the Lakeside Community Planning Group, and the -- I'm the current board president of the Lakeside Water District. We're in Lakeside, which is a rural portion of San Diego County, just east, and I'm calling regarding the state Senate map for San Diego County. The current map, the SECA, which is the one I'm referring to -- and Bill Pommering, who just spoke is -- we're speaking on the same item.

The map is -- needs some tweaking. It needs some work. It's got -- it's got basically a lot of heavily rural areas linked up with heavily urban areas. And I know I was listening to some of the speakers earlier that had communities of interest; BIPOC, PANA, API, and they had this similar -- their similar concern was the same one I have, is they're in a predominantly urban area, and they're being linked as -- with the people in the rural
east county.

And east county, the area that I'm in, we have Alpine, Ramona, Borrego Springs, Poway, El Cajon, Escondido, Santee, Jamul, Crest, and what's happening is they're breaking us in half. And me, particularly, where I live, I live on a two-lane highway, and I'm going to be on the east portion of the city, mixing us in with, like, the beach cities, and my neighbor directly across the street is going to be in an eastern zone in a completely different --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ROBAK: -- congressional -- or Senate district. And my water district will be -- my particular area, our water district will be sliced right down the middle. I would ask that you would refer to the state -- the recent Assembly map, the AD_SESDC map --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. ROBAK: -- they've worked most of the kinks out on that one. It would work really good for us on the Senate map. It would reflect. And I'd like -- I appreciate the time --

MR. MANOFF: Five seconds.

MR. ROBAK: -- you guys are spending on this, and I -- what was that time?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 7722, and up next after that, we have caller 1212. Caller 7722, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. HILLIKER: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My name is Frank Hilliker, and I'm calling about the same Senate district that the other two gentlemen just called about. I am elected to Lakeside Water District. I represent Lakeside at the San Diego County Water Authority.

We're in the -- in this Senate district, it's the eastern part of San Diego County, and we'd like to be linked with cities like Escondido, Santee, keep Lakeside with it, El Cajon, Alpine, Ramona, Jamul, Crest. And we'd like these communities to be linked together, because we share common resources, common school districts, common water districts, et cetera.

Furthermore, Lakeside is a very small rural community, and currently the map has Lakeside split in half. So Lakeside's too small of a community to be represented by two state Senators. That means our water district would have to go to meet with two state Senators when we have issues, our school districts would have to go meet with a couple of state Senators when we have issues, et cetera, et cetera.
Thank you for your time and happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving to you as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 1212, and up next after that will be caller 6888. Caller 1212, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. BARTZ: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving to the Commissioners. My name is Don Bartz. I'm the general manager for Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District in Southern -- or in San Bernardino County. We provide water, solid waste, street lighting, and park services to over 24,000 residents in the rural tri-community area. Our board president has sent you two letters on behalf of our community, but I wanted to follow up with a call.

First, we want to thank you for keeping us connected with the Victor Valley and other San Bernardino high desert communities. We rely on these areas for critical services, including health care and public safety. We also have interties with Victorville and the county in case of water emergencies. I also wanted to thank you for not connecting us with the Antelope Valley in the congressional and Assembly draft maps.

As our letter stated, even though we are on the
county border, our areas could not be further apart. We have no transit corridors, our water agency has no interties with them for emergencies, and we share no public safety services or essential services. Our only request is that Wrightwood join our district. We consider ourselves a tri-community. People from Wrightwood often shopped at grocery stores and our park and recreational programs. We all share one school district. Thank you very much, and have a great Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got 6888. And up next after that will be 3585. Caller 6888, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. And one more time caller with the last four 6888, the floor is yours.

DR. BARKA: My name is Dr. Noori Barka. I am the president of Chaldean Community Council, and I have been very much involved with our community in San Diego East County for over twenty-five years. Your recent Senate, Assembly maps have divided our Chaldean and Middle Eastern communities living in the east county of San Diego and break us apart, break our community of interests apart.

Our community can be better represented if we are
together with our neighboring cities, like Lakeside, Santee, Ramona, which we share and overlap -- there is overlap of many of our members, and we are much closer than the community of interest versus the San Diego downtown and also the Coronado, which are very far away from us, and they don't share any common between us and them.

We ask you to put -- keep us together as one community by using the current map that we have for the east county. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have caller 3585. And up next after that is 7592. Caller 3585, if you'll please follow the prompts -- the floor is yours.

MR. SIGMUND: Good afternoon. I want to thank the Commissioners for the time to speak. I have to forgive -- please forgive me, because I'm fighting a little bit of a cold. My name is Mark Sigmund (ph.). I am a veteran, I'm a business owner, and I reside in Fallbrook, California. My role, as an insurance agent, is much like a legislator. We keep our communities safe. We protect them during a fire, times of loss, fire, right before they go into retirement, and my phone, just like yours, rings when I -- when my clients need the most. I
cannot emphasize how important it is, in an
unincorporated area, for us to have a single unified
voice for us to do that.

On all of the meetings that I have attended, the
counties of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Valley Center,
Pala, Escondido, and San Marcos, have all been requested
to be together. Yet when I look at the congressional,
the Senate, and the Assembly maps, they're all dividing
these counties separately in three different occasions.
We share -- much like a lot of the other callers --
common school districts, fire, water, police.

I implore you to really look at what our current
drawing is. And the farther south that you take us, the
more disenfranchised that you make everybody. So if
you're looking to try to include us to people, we have
more common with people in the east of San Diego than if
we go in the south. Thank you for giving me this time to
really represent my county. I wish you all a very happy
Thanksgiving. Please, please, please take into
consideration the voice of our community. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
7592, and up next after that will be 8817.

7592, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
by pressing star-6. One more time, caller 7592, if
you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. I do apologize, caller 7592, there appears to be some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment. Please do not hang up. We will do our best to get back to you shortly. Now we have caller 8817, and up next after that is 1668.

8817, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. I'm calling to discuss keeping Seal Beach in coastal congressional districts. I've heard a lot of coordinated campaigns about putting Long Beach in with Seal Beach, and I can't imagine those callers live in this area. Seal Beach belongs in a congressional district with Orange County cities like Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, and even with Little Saigon cities.

Crossing county lines does not make sense here. And although it appears this campaign has the volume, they need to be noticed. I hope the Commission can recognize the actual residents of Seal Beach, know it makes more sense to keep us -- Orange County cities. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
1668, and up next after that will be caller 3000.

1668, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling about the Seal-Brea congressional district map. Seal Beach ending up in a congressional district that includes Brea, a city an hour away, and not Huntington Beach, a direct neighbor with almost identical economy, makes so little sense. I saw when the Commission put Seal Beach in the district a couple weeks ago, and it was completely arbitrary to even our population totals and because the Commission had to move on to other areas. I do not believe that this is how we should be determining such critical decisions. Seal Beach needs to be in a coastal district with its southern coastal neighbors. Anything else makes little sense. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 3000, and up next after that will be 2112.

Caller 3000, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. NASBY: Hello. My name is Eve Nasby, and I'm a member of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group. I'm commenting as a private citizen. Thank you for your time and efforts. This is an incredible undertaking, and
we appreciate your interests in our concerns. I'm commenting on the state senate maps for San Diego County. Rural San Diego communities like Jamul, Alpine, Crest, Bostonia, Lakeside, Julian belong in the same district. And that district should include Escondido, Poway, Santee, and El Cajon. We in East County rural San Diego have different concerns than the parts of San Diego City that are south of 52. Many of our unique communities enjoy dark skies, well water, septic systems, our awesome sheriffs, high fire zones, and large land parcels. And many of our communities are only represented by a supervisor versus mayors and councils.

Your recent assembly map AD_SESDC collects inland San Diego County and San Diego County communities in a way that works. Rather than combine rural San Diego with Imperial County, it combines rural communities like Alpine, Crest, Jamul, Julian, and Ramona, and links us with major inland cities like Santee, Poway, and Escondido, as well as the part of El Cajon that makes sense. This just seems to fit better within inland feet.

Thanks for your time, and Happy Thanksgiving, you guys.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving to you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 2112, and up next after that is 6735.
2112, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

The floor is yours.

MR. BAKSHI: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. BAKSHI: This is Naren Bakshi. I live in Fremont for a long time. I want to thank you, first, for having brought together South Fremont, Cupertino, San Jose, Santa Clara, (indiscernible) in this draft congressional district map. This visualization map within GREATERED_DRAFT is good. However, it would be a lot better if it was recently CD_GREATERED_1102 with an addition: a little more of Central Fremont was included and there was less of San Jose.

In addition to these cities, bring together both Central and South Fremont in the congressional map as also similar to the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative proposed mapping for this area. Keeping together shared concerns and interests related to language, education, and economic opportunity is very important. Many also work in tech-related jobs and commute daily between these cities.

This arrangement more completely keeps together numerous Asian American and Muslim communities of interest. Keeping Fremont neighborhoods, more of Fremont Central with South Fremont, as shown in visualization
with CD_GREATERED_1102, would be as perfect as possible.

As a Trustee Board Member of India Community Center, the largest center in the country, and chair of the Health and Wellness Initiative for South Nations, I truly think it's really important. But I also want to thank you for all kinds of good work you have been doing for a long time. And I really want to request you to please keep this in mind. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 6735, and up next after that is 2931.

Caller 6735, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling with respect to the congressional districts that are in Southern California and Los Angeles of West San Gabriel Valley and East San Gabriel Valley. I would urge the Commission to keep the communities that have common shared interests in West San Gabriel Valley together of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and Arcadia. And in East San Gabriel Valley, the towns of Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond Bar.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have made such modest gains in civic engagement over the
last ten years. So to divide these communities and split them into different districts unfairly dilutes and contradicts the spirit of the protections of the Voting Rights Act. Knowing these cities and these communities, living, working in these communities, spending time within the religious communities and the shopping communities and restaurant communities in these districts will show how interconnected they are and how important they are to the very core and the very spirit of the Asian American community in Southern California.

We hope that the Commission reconsiders the drawing that has cut it up. We also note that this method of collecting information in this public comment also shows limited awareness of how best to engage with these communities. Please engage in discussion with our nonprofit organizations that are in these communities. This type of public engagement can end up being quite long and tedious; for example, a two-hour wait for a call. Thank you again for hearing this.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 2931, and up next after that is 5912.

2931, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling regarding Little Saigon community of interest. First, I want to express my appreciation to the Commissioner and staff for hearing our voice from Little Saigon community. Thank you for everything you are doing to make it right for every community of interest.

For AD_GGW_DRAFT map, I am asking if you could please consider adding Island Park or Huntington Beach to include Huntington Harbor where our next generation Vietnamese Americans have moved to. The area along this 40 percent Asian American and probably 70 percent Vietnamese American.

The rest of Huntington Beach area could be with the coastal district which makes more sense to include in with Orange County beach not up Garfield Street in Huntington Beach have a lot migration of Vietnamese Americans in the last five years and will continue the next decade.

You can take out Central and East of Garden Grove at Euclid Street. This can be another district and it doesn't have any shared interest with our Little Saigon community. Please consider all the comments that you have heard from our Little Saigon community and make the change for the next map. Our community really appreciates your time and listening to our concerns.
Happy early Thanksgiving to you all. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 5912, and up next after that is 2079.

5912, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling today to express my approval of the SD60X_DRAFT map. I particularly am approving of this map simply because of it basically encompasses the entirety of the Puente Hills Wildlife Corridor. Essentially, all of these communities would now have a single representative to deal with everything dealing with the environmental corridor. That's a really big thing because it's one of the biggest green and open spaces we have in the area, and I really just care about environment protections. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 2709, and up next after that will be caller 5963.

Caller 2709, the floor is yours. One moment. Where did they go? Caller 2709, where'd you go? There you are. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6, the floor is yours. Double-check and make sure your phone is not on mute.

MR. MIMS: Hello. Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. MIMS: Sorry about that. My phone was on mute.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

MR. MIMS: My name is Willie Mims, and I am a member of the East County NAACP. I'm calling about the CD_NORTHCONTR_DRAFT map. My comment is that the current map is somewhat problematic. The map combines East Contra Costa County with part of Solano County; two different counties that do not share communities of interest, such as transportation, fire, police, housing, schools, colleges.

This map places two neighboring cities, Pittsburg and Antioch, into two separate congressional districts. East County NAACP is against this split. The map keeps Antioch in Contra Costa County and sends Pittsburg and every city west of it into Solano County all the way to Suisun. The map itself is quite deceptive. Where is the Sacramento River? The Sacramento River divides Crockett, Rodeo, Benicia. So I don't see it -- it's almost as though the land -- there's no separation on the land map.

On top of that, we prefer to keep Antioch and Pittsburg as one single part of this county. They are no more than two miles away from each other. So when you take us all the way into Fairfield, we don't have any shared interest with either Vallejo, Fairfield -- I'm
MR. MANOFF: You have twenty-five seconds remaining.

MR. MIMS: Okay. So I would ask you to redraw this map and cut out Rodeo and Crockett and leave East and West Contra Costa County as one district. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 5963, and up next after that is caller 2815.

Caller 5963, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. DRAMMISSI: Hello. My name is Nina Drammissi. I'm past Chair of the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce in Lakeside, California, in San Diego County. I appreciate the hard work the Commission has put in on drawing the lines for our state. I'd like to share that I believe that the current draft maps for state Senate do not, at the moment, represent my community. The current draft maps separate many of the East County San Diego sister communities.

I have lived in this community of Lakeside, California, in East San Diego County, for thirty-one years. I live here because I appreciate the rural environment and the focus on agriculture. When looking at these senate maps, they split up communities with common interests and infrastructure.
Keep this county's sister communities together.

These rural San Diego communities like Jamul, Alpine, Crest, Bostonia, Lakeside, Descanso, Ramona, and Julian belong in the same district. And that district should include the cities of Escondido, Poway, Santee, and El Cajon. We share safety, economic, health, water, social and cultural interests enhanced by our rich Kumeyaay and Latinx heritage.

Additionally, the unincorporated rural communities within this area work in unison with community planning groups, law enforcement, and fire to ensure our safety. K-8 schools in these areas, even to Grossmont Union High School District, and we have supported our district through school bonds and encouraged workforce development through industry and educational institutions.

We have shared economic and cultural interests. We need to be kept together. I urge you: we are unincorporated communities and we have so much more in common with small cities like El Cajon, Santee, and Poway, than we do with the City of San Diego or with desert communities such as Brawley or Needles. We should not be placed in districts with North Park, Chula Vista, Pacific Beach, or University City.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
2815, and up next after that will be call-in user 3.

Caller 2815, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. MALHOTRA: Hi. This is Amit Malhotra (ph.).

I'm calling from Cupertino, which is part of Santa Clara County. The demographics of Cupertino is that of the tech community and much closer to the Santa Clara County which includes Saratoga, Palo Alto, Mountain View, and those areas.

But presently given how things are, Cupertino is part of Fremont, and because we are lumped together with them, also the demographics are quite different. Cupertino represents the heart of the Silicon Valley with a significant Asian American population, and we share a lot with Palo Alto, Mountain View, and in fact, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Los Gatos, and all those areas.

So I would very much urge you to put Cupertino and Sunnyvale as part of that same map so we can have unified representation who is a lot more tech-savvy and expresses interests of the Asian American community better. So that is my request to you. And thank you for all the work you have put in. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have call-in user 3, and then up next after that is caller 7736.
Call-in user 3, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. EPSTEIN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for all of your efforts in this challenging redistricting process. My name is Angela Epstein, and I am calling regarding the redistricting Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, and Cypress into Long Beach. This is the OC Coast and Seal-Brea map.

I have lived in Rossmoor for twenty years. My husband is a retired twenty-year veteran. We are in an unincorporated area that shares many services with Los Alamitos, Cypress, and Seal Beach. We are a community of mostly single-family homes. We also share the Joint Forces Training Base and Seal Beach Weapons Station. We should remain together with Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.

We also share one high school, and Seal Beach students attend Los Alamitos High School. We are a small community. In addition, we have an elementary school in Seal Beach that is a part of the Los Alamitos Unified School District. Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Cypress need to stay and remain a part of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. We do not call upon Long Beach to assist us with any first responders and we do not have any connection with Long Beach. We need to remain within
the grounds of Orange County and not LA County, and our representation should represent our community interests in its entirety. We want representation that reflects our community and we share a community of interest. In addition, since we are within Orange County, we do not want to be divided or have our votes being diluted by putting us into LA County. Instead, please look to take from cities in LA County, such as Lakewood or Paramount, where they have similar communities of interest. Thank you for allowing my comments and comments from the public, and have a great Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a great Thanksgiving yourself.

MR. MANOFF: Please stand by. We have a technical issue here at headquarters. We're going to go to a break. Please stand by.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:40 p.m. to 5:01 p.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are continuing to get feedback on our draft maps from the public. We currently have twenty-four people in the line. If you are interested in giving a comment, please raise your hand. Sorry about the technical issues we experienced.

With that, Katy, let's continue on with public
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Right now, we will be going to caller 7736, and then up next after that will be caller 6625.

Caller 7736, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. One more time, caller with the last four digits 7736, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. I do apologize, 7736, there appears to be some connectivity issue for you at the moment but I do have you marked to retry. We will come back around.

Right now, we have 6625. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. RUBIO: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Jacqueline Rubio. I am a resident of Fresno County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting event. I would like to comment about Assembly, Senate, and congressional district maps in my region. In the current assembly district maps, the Central Unified community, which is home to the largest Punjabi community in the region, is being split.

Those of use just south of Shields would like to be kept with the rest of our community in Assembly district Merced-Fresno. I kindly ask the Commission to consider
moving the current line at Shields on 99 to be moved just
south to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional
communities of interest together.

In the senate district of Northwest Fresno, we would
like to have our Punjabi COI kept together in the area
along Herndon and the 99. We would like to see the small
region from the 99 to the train tracks be put in senate
district SBENFRESNO and not Senate District Fresno
current map.

For the congressional map, we would like to see
Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno area
since this is where we work and commute frequently.
These communities are very close and intertwined. We are
much closer to them as a community of interest than the
Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part
of the congressional district STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT map
rather than this congressional district
FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map. Thank you, and have a happy
Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now, we will have caller 1750, and up next
after that is caller 8445. And I'd like to remind those
who have called in that have not spoken this evening, if
you do wish to given comment, please press star-9. This
will raise your hand, indicating you have comments.
Right now, we'll go to caller 1750. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. T. KAUR: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you so much for allowing me to speak. My name is Taj Kaur (ph.) and I live in Elk Grove. I'm a senior at Pleasant Grove High School, and alongside my immediate family, my grandparents and cousins also live in the Elk Grove and Sacramento region. I'm born and raised here, and I would like to make a comment on the congressional district.

We would like to see Elk Grove included in the congressional district of Sacramento and have it loop along and include the North and South Natomas since we have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi Sikh community. In fact, the current draft includes West Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region, and would like it to include Natomas since most congregates live there.

This directly affects my family, friends, and community. We need to keep the community together in order to have the ability to create resources for the Punjabi Sikh community. I would like to add that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages in the region, so there is an urgency to keep the communities together. Thank you.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 1171, and up next after that is caller 1541.

Caller 1171, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 1171, please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. I do apologize, caller 1171. There appears to be a connectivity issue for you at the moment. We've got a couple of retries. I will be coming back around.

Right now, we are going to caller 1541. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. J. SINGH: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Juju Singh (ph.). I'm a Fresno County resident and specifically reside in Southeast Fresno. As a Punjabi Sikh and a community health worker, it is very important to me that the Punjabi community gets a fair shot at getting their voices heard. I would like to comment about assembly, senate, and congress maps for the Fresno region.

In the current Assembly district map, you are splitting the Central Unified community that is also home to the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of use that reside south of Shields would like to be kept with the rest of our community in Assembly District
MERCEFRESNO. We kindly ask the Commissioners to consider moving a line currently at Shields on the 99 through south to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities of interest together.

For the senate district in Northwest Fresno, we would like to have our Punjabi communities of interest kept together in the area along Herndon to 99. We would like to see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks to be kept in Senate District SBENFRESNO and not Senate District FRESNO-KERN.

In regards to the congressional draft map, we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is where we commute and work. We are also closer to these communities of interest than the Tulare region. We would also like our communities to be part of the congressional district STAN-FRESNO rather than the congressional district FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map.

Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 6534, and up next after that will be caller 5800.

Caller 6534, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. One more time, caller with the last four -- oh, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi. My name is Rahmat (ph.) and I'm a Punjabi Sikh who was born and raised in Selma, California. I would like to comment on the Fresno County mapping, specifically the congressional map. I would love to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is where we work and commute. We are much closer to them as our community of interest as the Punjabi Sikh community than the Tulare region.

We would like our communities to be part of the congressional district STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT map rather than the congressional district FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map. Thank you so much, and have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 5800, and then up next after that will be caller 8445.

5800, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 5800, you might want to double-check and make sure your telephone is not on mute.

MS. FONG: Sorry my telephone was on mute. My apologies if you hear the noise in the background. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Simarin Fong (ph.) and I really appreciate you guys giving me an opportunity to
share during this historic redistricting process. And I'd like to make a comment on the Assembly, Senate, Congress and on the Riverside region. I'd just like to say that I appreciate the current draft maps in the area. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 8445, and then up next after that will be 6407. Caller 8445, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. BROWN: Good evening. Thank you for taking the time, guys, just before Thanksgiving. I know this is hard work. I have two very quick comments that I need to make.

First, I am Dan Brown, Chair of the Yolo County Republican Party, 20,000 strong. And we are very disappointed in your last map, including Napa into the congressional district and taking out West Sacramento and giving it to Sacramento. That is very disappointing. Your very first map was excellent, taking the southern part of Yolo County and going straight up to the Oregon border. It worked extremely well for us because we are very agricultural, and it was a perfect map.

This new map you've got -- I'm sorry -- is absolutely wrong. The population does not like it. My
second comment is on the Assembly map for Irvine. The area of Northern Irvine above Highway 5 freeway is really different than the areas of Irvine closer to the airport and UCI's main campus. Totally different demographics. In Northern Irvine, residents have a lot of issues that come with living next to the open space like the Cleveland National Forest. Wildfire danger is a big concern in that area, especially with the devastating wildfires that came through about a year ago.

That's why I'd like to see a map that has those foothill communities tied together so we can adequately meet the dangers of wildfires and the insurance claims headaches that come with it. Thank you, guys, for your time and all your hard work. We greatly appreciate it.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have caller 6407, and then up next after that will be 4004. 6407, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. T. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Tribhavan Singh. I'm a resident of Sutter County, and I currently work as a health care worker. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this historic redistricting process. I would like to actually comment
about the Assembly maps in the San Joaquin County for my
family and friends.

We would appreciate the Assembly maps to keep Tracy
and Manteca together. Like my region, Sutter County, San
Joaquin County has a large Punjabi trucking community and
we would like to see if Manteca could find a home with us
in Tracy or the south with the assembly district in the
Stanislaus area. We think parts of North Stockton that
are more affluent may be better with the Northern San
Joaquin County district that goes into Sacramento County.
Thank you for your time, and have a happy Thanksgiving.
Bye.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy
Thanksgiving as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
4004, and up next after that will be caller 0859. And
following that, I will be going back to our several
retries we have going on.
Right now, we have 4004, if you'll please follow the
prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. MANSOUR: Hello. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MR. MANSOUR: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. Thank
you for listening. My name is Jeff Mansour. I'm calling
about the State Senate district map in East County San
Diego. I've been living in El Cajon for thirty years.
I've been operating a business in El Cajon for the past twenty years.

I served 1,500 business throughout San Diego in the East County. I am the president of St. Mary's Foundation of San Diego and a member of the Knights of Columbus and I am assembling my community (audio interference). This community consists of 70,000 people (audio interference) Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley, Santee, Lakeside, and Poway. We want our community members to stay together.

It is essential for us -- it is essential for us that our community members stay together. We want our voices to be heard and not have us broken apart. Please keep our community together in the state senate map in San Diego.

What they're offering right now is, you know, put us in with downtown and Coronado, and that just doesn't make sense for us. They are more of urban areas versus us in the East County which are rural areas. So please keep us together so that our community will work better. Thank you so much. God bless you guys, and Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we're going to caller 0859, and then we'll go to caller 9650.
Caller 0859, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MS. J. KAUR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Jasmine Kaur (ph.) and I use she/her/hers pronouns. I'm a resident of Sacramento County, and I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during this redistricting process.

I would like to comment about Congress in the Sacramento region. We would like to see Elk Grove included in the congressional district Sacramento and have it loop along to include North and South Natomas since we have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi community. And in fact, the current draft includes West Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region, and would like it to include Natomas since most congregates live there. I would like to highlight that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages in the region. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be going to caller 9650. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MR. BARNETT: Good evening. I'm George Barnett, an elected member of the Alpine Community Planning Group, which is a community council for Alpine in East San Diego.
To my personal view, your assembly map AD_SESDC collects most inland East San Diego County communities in a way that really works, that retains a century of commercial, educational, and cultural traditions and too acknowledges our shared water, sewer, firefighting, health care, and school district agencies.

Rather than combine rural San Diego County with distant Imperial County, this map combines multiple rural communities and their existing links with major inland cities like Santee, Poway, and Escondido, as well as most of El Cajon. These desirable district traits should apply to the Senate district maps for District 38. Thank you for pursuing this complex redistricting task, and thank you for your very preserving and pleasant staff. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for your comments. And have a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we have gone through all of our hands, and I will be going back to our retries. For those who have not spoken this evening, if you do decide you would like to raise your hand, please press star-9.

I do see that hand, caller 8947. I'm going to go ahead and give a couple of our retries a try, and I'll be back around to you.
Caller 1171, you were unable to unmute earlier. I'd like to give you another shot. If you could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6, as I'm sure you have done. One last time, caller 1171, if you are able to unmute, please press star-6. The floor is yours. Now, double-check and make sure your phone is not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

Caller 1171, you are unmuted in the meeting. Just double-check that phone. Make sure it's not mute. I'm going to try one more -- oh, there you are. I do apologize, 1171, for your technical difficulties. You are unmuted in the meeting again if you are able to unmute your phone.

Well, I do apologize, 1171. Please reach out to the Commission in the many other ways listed on the website.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, you're there.

Please, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm sorry. Thank you for your patience and waiting for me.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: My name's Judy (ph.). I'm just calling in about the Orange County map for Assembly. For some reason, the Commission placed Costa Mesa in an inland district with cities that share nothing
in common. Costa Mesa belongs with its beach community neighbors, Huntington Beach to the west and southwest, and Newport Beach to the south.

Newport-Mesa Unified School District is one of the best in Orange County, and it's a shame to see it in two different Assembly districts. Although these are two different cities, they share many commonalities and demographics, which is why the school district was created to serve both cities. Connecting Costa Mesa with points north and limiting the city's ability to elect effective representatives that don't come from our area and understand our needs being from near the coast.

At the same time, Lake Forest is not a coastal city and it doesn't make sense to be in a coastal district. The Commission needs to look at this before the next maps are drawn so that every city in Orange County can have a fair and equitable presence with similar communities.

Thanks for your time and your patience waiting for me to come on the line, and you all have a good Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Have a good Thanksgiving as well, and glad we were able to hear your comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we did get a couple more hands, so we'll go to the hands and then we'll go back to our retries.

Caller 8947, please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

MR. STOODY: Hi. I'm Bob Stoody. I'm a longtime resident of Ramona in East San Diego County, and I'm a twenty-year board member and third Board President of the Ramona Unified School District. I'm also on various San Diego County community planning group committees for Ramona. Additionally, I own a thirty-three-year-old corporation that's conversely located in Logan Heights, and that's connected to the Barrio Logan of Southeast San Diego. As such, I've served as a president on the San Diego City Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee.

On November 18th, the Ramona Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to declare that it is in the best overall interest of the Ramona Unified students, families, and entire community to remain as much as possible with the other rural communities of interest that are currently combined as part of East San Diego County. This resolution was mailed to you last Friday, emailed through the portal.

The Senate district map SECA needs some adjustments, as there are other ways to link parts of the Voting Rights district. I understand that there is a need to link parts of South San Diego to Imperial County, and I don't know why this map doesn't pick up the heavily Latino neighborhood south of Highway 94, where my company
is located in the City of San Diego, and shed some of the
rural parts of San Diego like Alpine, Ramona, Borrego
Springs to fit better with cities like Poway, Escondido,
Santee, and El Cajon.

Also, your recent Assembly map AD_SESDC connects
well in communities that work such as Alpine and
Bostonia. Keeping communities together in the interest
will empower our rural San Diego communities by allowing
them to elect representatives who will be the best
representation.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for calling in, and
have a happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we'll be
going to caller 2742, which is a retry, and then up next
after that will be caller 3865.

Caller 2742, if you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute. With any luck, it will work this time. The
floor is yours.

MS. S. KAUR: Hello. My name is Savreen Kaur (ph.).
I'm a resident of Elk Grove, and I wanted to comment on
the congressional district. I'd like to see Elk Grove
included in the Sacramento congressional district along
with North and South Natomas since we have overlapping
communities of interest in the Punjabi community,
especially since the current draft includes West
Sacramento which has the oldest Gurdwara in the region. And I would like it to include Natomas since most congregants live there. I'd also like to highlight that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages in the region. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller 3865, and then up next after that will be the retry of caller 7592.

Caller 3865, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Joseline (ph.) and I would like to speak on behalf of the Assembly district of Fremont in the Alameda County. I would like to see if Union City could be combined in the Assembly district of Fremont since our communities of interest, especially in the Punjabi community, are closely tied. We all attend Fremont Gurdwara together and we would like to be kept together. And we appreciate the current Senate and congressional district draft maps in our area. Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will go ahead and retry caller 7592, and then up next after that
will be the retry of caller 7736.

Caller 5250 and caller 5716, you are the only callers who have chosen not to speak this evening or raise your hand. I will be giving you an opportunity to speak but if you would like to give me a heads up and press star-9, that'd be great.

Caller 7592, if you will please follow -- if it will let you -- the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you for coming back to me. The proposed Milpitas-Berryessa congressional district seems to be worse than the current Berryessa-Milpitas congressional district CD17. I do understand that the district is overpopulated and would need to have a reduction in its population.

Certain Asian majority areas have been removed while other areas without an Asian majority or plurality have been added. If I'm not mistaken, the overall Asian percentage of this district -- I think it's known as GREATERED and I think Sunny Berry (ph.) or Berry Sunny (ph.), I think, but I may have that wrong.

And if I'm not mistaken, the overall Asian percentage of this district is a few percentage points lower than with CD17. The proportion of this proposed district was in 101, 28, and 880, for example, downtown San Jose, the Rose Garden neighborhood, and Burbank
census-designated place should not be part of this
district. Placing these areas into an Asian majority
congressional district is not a good idea.

Portions of West San Jose, especially west of
Saratoga Avenue or more of Fremont, would be a better fit
for this district. I hope to submit a congressional
redistricting plan which would transfer area among the
three proposed Santa Clara County congressional
districts, and I hope the Commission members will see
this plan.

I just want to say that in regards to Sutter County
district being in some of the San Gabriel communities, I
think have been put into a Hispanic majority district and
I hope that -- I know people have already commented in
regards to that. So hopefully, that situation can be
remedied.

And in regards to state assembly, I have looked at
having a Union City-Fremont assembly district, and that
district could stretch all the way to Barrios. And I may
submit -- in fact, I think I've already submitted --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be
retrying caller 7736, and then up next after that will be
caller 5716. Thank you for that hand.

Caller 7736, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute, as long as it will let you. One last time
caller -- oh, the floor is yours.

MS. NGUYEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
is Gaye Nguyen (ph.) and I live in the Monterey Park City
in the San Gabriel Valley. I'm a retired professor of
multicultural education and I'm speaking to encourage the
keeping together of all the cities in the West San
Gabriel Valley.

I've been a resident of Monterey Park for over forty
years and I've raised my children here, and now, my
grandchildren are living here. I'm very familiar with
Monterey Park and other cities in the West San Gabriel
Valley. I know the city's demographic, from the
diversity of its residents, the languages they speak,
their education and income levels, their cultural
practices, and their lifestyles.

Together the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra,
Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and
Arcadia have significant AAPI populations and must remain
in the same congressional district. Our AAPI communities
have a strong cultural identity as well as strong working
ethics.

AAPI families like my family were able to settle in
these cities and were able to find a sense of belongings
and sought opportunities for their American dream. The
most recent visualization map splits apart our West San
Gabriel Valley cluster of cities. This would be a major
setback for us.

Separating our cities would be dividing the large
AAPI community with significant participation in the
political process especially in having their cities
represented by somebody who may not understand their
wants and needs. I urge that you keep our cities
together. Thank you very much. Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
caller 5716. If you'll please follow the prompts to
unmute, the floor is yours.

MR. MINTO: Good evening. I'm John Minto, the mayor
of the city of Santee. Thank you for taking my
testimony. The City of Santee provides services to all
citizens as one community. Additionally, the city
partners and collaborates with services throughout East
San Diego County.

The Santee community is integrally networked with
our regionwide communities of interest. These include
sharing interest of high school districts, community
college districts, water districts, advanced purification
projects, and that goes along with our Padre Dam -- and
Mr. Pommering represented them earlier -- our chambers of
commerce and economic development organizations, youth
sports, and even our CIF district, tribal nations such as
Barona, Viejas, Sycuan, and Jamul.

Santee shares East County San Diego interests for
regional shopping, roads and transportation concerns,
Wildland Urban Interface areas, Goodan Ranch, San Diego
River area, Mission Trails Regional Park, and even our
Airport Development Corporation, social services,
nonprofit groups, and historical backgrounds, and public
safety services such as our fire departments, CSA 69, and
that stands for the County Service Agreement.

I've got to tell you, after twenty-nine years as a
San Diego police officer, I've had the opportunity to
work in diverse communities. It is important to keep
these East County communities together. We are known for
our leadership training and our visionary social
services. We thank you for your consideration, and have
wonderful, happy holidays.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy holiday
as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we do have one
last caller that has not spoken. I'd like to give you an
opportunity to share with us. Caller 5250, if you wish
to give comment this evening, please press star-6. One
last time, caller 5250, if you wish to give comment,
please star-6. Well, I guess that was my answer.

We have completed our queue, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

And thank you, Commissioners.

And thank you to the hundreds of Californians who have provided their testimony over the last couple of days. You can continue to provide feedback via our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

We will be meeting next week, starting on the 29th during our business meeting, and we'll have a public comments period as well. And after that, we will begin working on visualizations starting on the 30th. Our schedule can be found on our website.

We want to wish you a very, very merry Thanksgiving, or happy Thanksgiving and merry holidays, and look forward to your continued involvement in this process. It's a very important process, and we thank you for engaging with us during the holidays. Thank you so much.

And with that, we will adjourn this meeting.

(Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.)
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