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Monday, December 13, 2021       1:01 p.m.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, and good afternoon, California. Welcome to today's meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Ravi, would please take roll for me?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

Commissioner Le Mons?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

(No audible response)

MR. SINGH: Commission Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am here. I don't think you heard Commissioner Sinay. She was trying to press the talk button on her microphone, but she is here.

MR. SINGH: Thank you for the clarification.

COMMISSIONER LE Mons: And Commissioner Le Mons is here.

MR. SINGH: Thank you. Roll call is complete, Chair.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Ravi. Are there announcements from any of the commissioners or staff? Okay. No announcements.

Next is recapping the iterations from December 11th. Are our mappers with us?

MS. CLARK: Hi, Chair Kennedy. Good morning. This is Jaime. We are here. Sivan is on, and our understanding was that today we would start in southern
California if you wish.

CHAIR KENNEDY: That's -- yes, that is once we get to the actual mapping, but we have just a recap of where we left off on the 11th as a first order of business.

MS. TRATT: Chair Kennedy, I presented the one iteration on the 11th. Would you like me to repeat that recap? Otherwise, no changes have been made or requested by commissioners.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let me ask Commissioner Fornaciari who is keeping track of things if he has anything that he can share with us.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, sorry. I have to dig my notes back up. I apologize.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, let's then postpone this until after the business meeting. We have a very brief business meeting that we need to hold at this point. There are just a couple of subcommittees with reporting.

So first of all, Executive Director Hernandez, I understand from you that we do not have -- Hernandez --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, Mr. Kennedy, did you --

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that we do not have any director reports today.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?
CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Did you want a quick recap of where we were on Friday? On (indiscernible) Friday.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, we will do that after this very brief business meeting before we go into the mapping.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

So Executive Director Hernandez?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, there are no director reports for today.

CHAIR KENNEDY: No director reports. Okay.

And then subcommittee reports. We have materials development. Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you, Chair. For the materials development, we have been working on the draft for the final report that will go along with the maps, and we are in the editing process, and hopefully once we receive all those edits back by the end of the week, we can then discuss that at our meetings next week. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Litigation contract subcommittee. Commissioners Toledo and Yee? Oh, okay. Commissioner Sinay has a question.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just can you remind us like on Wednesday about getting you the comments. I'm foreseeing
all of us forget. Like, I could've done it yesterday, and I forgot that that was there. Just to send us a reminder. Thank you. Because I know you all worked really, really hard on that.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll try to remember.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hint, hint, staff.
CHAIR KENNEDY: You can put it on --
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Maybe Chief Counsel Pane can remind me.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So litigation contract subcommittee. Commissioners Toledo and Yee, I understand you have something to report.
COMMISSIONER YEE: We'll hear from Chief Counsel Pane on that matter.
MR. PANDE: Yeah, I can just give a brief update. Trying to put the finalization to the Gibson & Dunn contract. Closing in on that. We are dogged, and we will get it done as soon as we possibly can. Each day we get closer and closer. Thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chief Counsel Pane.
Director Hernandez, were there other subcommittees?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: One second, Chair.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?
CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad and
myself have our hands up.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to ask finance and admin, I don't know if that's the right committee to ask, but we are hitting the one-year mark on some of our hires, executive hires, in which we need to conduct performance evaluations. So I am more than happy to help out where I can. I know we're all pretty -- spread pretty thin right now, so I just wanted to bring that forward so we can keep our word to our amazing team to conduct these performance evaluations. So I'm not sure, Chair, if that's with finance and admin, if that's with the current Chair and Vice Chair. I will turn it over to you to decide how to divvy up that task.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. My understanding is that that would fall to admin and finance.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. Yes, we are -- we actually passed the one-year mark, and we have let staff know that as soon as after the 23rd, we will get to those performance evaluations, so we expect to do those in early January. And they can be backdated to when their one-year anniversary was. But thank you. We probably will take you up on your offer, though, so thank you.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was going to say if you want to take me up on my offer, I am volunteering to do these now so we can meet up with our one-year commitment sooner rather than later.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe Commissioner Fornaciari and I are in agreement that we are taking you up on that offer.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And if you want, once you draft it, if you want, you can run it by one of us.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't mind. Commissioner Fornaciari's actually -- I guess keeping track of what's open, so you might be busy with that.

Nope, you're keeping track of what's open in terms our iterations and all that good stuff, so.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So it would be nice if I just have one point of contact so we can keep with Bagley-Keene and then --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can do it.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then I have a form that we use, so I'll try to remember to forward that to you, but I know that --

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Executive Director
Hernandez will forward that to both of us. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Sounds good. Then from there, I'll just reach out to our staff and schedule some time outside of our public meetings to conduct those evaluations. Thanks.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, both.

Director Hernandez?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. So the other two subcommittees that would have something to report that I'm aware of are the lessons learned and then the line drawing.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Unless any other subcommittee has anything to report.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So as far as lessons learned, we are working on an outline of the topics that we would like to address. We are still looking at potential dates and venues for this next step in our process. So once we have some tentative news on that, we will certainly share it with the rest of the commission.

Okay. With that, Kristian, could we go to public comment on the subcommittee reports, please?

MR. MANOFF: Certainly, Chair. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the
commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
dial in, dial the telephone number provided on the live
stream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter
the meeting ID number provided on the live stream feed.
It is 85932989398 for this meeting. When prompted to
enter a participant ID, simply press pound. Once you've
dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate that
you wish to comment, please press star nine. This will
raise your hand for the moderator. When it's your turn
to speak, you'll hear a message that says the host would
like you to talk, press start six to speak. If you'd
like to give your name, please state and spell it for the
record. You're not required to provide your name to give
public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer
or live stream audio to prevent any feedback or
distortion during your call. Once you're waiting in the
queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak, and
again, please turn down the live stream volume. And
again, the commission is taking comments on the --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Subcommittee reports.

MR. MANOFF: -- subcommittee reports. For those who
have dialed in, if you wish to give comment on the
subcommittee reports, please press star nine. Again, if
you've called in to give comment on the subcommittee
reports, please press star nine.
We do have a hand. Stand by.

And Chair, for this, would like us to enforce a one minute and thirty second time limit?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

MR. MANOFF: Sounds good. Okay, caller with the last four digits 4109, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead.

FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm sorry. I don't think it allows you to lower your hand if you're a dial in. I just wanted to comment on the general mapping.

MR. MANOFF: Okay.

FEMALE SPEAKER: I don't think that's (indiscernible). Sorry.

MR. MANOFF: There'll be time for that later. Thank you so much.

And we do have another hand. Just a moment. Again, we are taking comment on the subcommittee reports. Caller 6968, please follow the prompts.

MR. BARSAMIAN: Hi. Yes, can you hear me?

MR. MANOFF: We can. Go ahead.

MR. BARSAMIAN: Wonderful. So my name is Edward Barsamian, and I'm reaching out on behalf of the Armenian National Committee of the American Western Region, and I'd like to express our deep discontent with the consistent pattern of disenfranchisement that we've seen
in every iteration of the state assembly maps.
Specifically, the districts that serve Glendale, Burbank, and La Crescenta Valley. I'd like to point out a few --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Excuse me?

MR. BARSAMIAN: -- very important -- oh, yes.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. We're taking comment right now on our subcommittee reports. We'll be taking comments on the mapping later.

MR. BARSAMIAN: Oh, okay. Okay. Understood. I didn't realize this was a separate meeting.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. BARSAMIAN: All right. Well, I'll call back in -- I'll call back later.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

Okay. With that, that is the -- those are the main items from the business meeting. We can now move to our live line drawing, which includes a review of iterations and discussion and direction to line drawers.

So Commissioner Fornaciari, would you be prepared to give us an update on the recap of the iterations from the 11th?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I will share what I have on my list and hopefully Commissioner Anderson will have anything that I missed. Jamie has her hand raised.

Ms. Clark?
CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Clark?

MS. CLARK: Thanks so much. Just a broad overview of where we left off and also for commissioners and for the public, the current iteration that we'll be working off of today is on the map viewer. And I believe that other associate files have been posted. So that's for everybody to see where we're at right now. And what we're working off of right now, of course, is the statewide map. Where we left off last week, or rather on the 11th, is that there's no changes to the Bay area maps. Tamina was not working with any commissioners on any iterations over the last couple of days. Kennedy has been working with a number of commissioners on a number of iterations over the last couple days, and she'll be able to present those later today when we get to her area in inland northern California and throughout the Central Valley. Sivan was not working with any commissioners on any iterations over the last couple days. And so what is on the map viewer is what she'll be presenting. And over the last couple of days, I, in Los Angeles County, was working with a couple of commissioners on very minor changes to the map. Those are also currently reflected in the map viewer. And we would be able to take a closer look later today and also revert any of those changes. All of the -- everything that is in the map viewer right
now was discussed and agreed upon that it's a general direction commission would like to take. So, again, we can take a closer look at those later. And then I have one iteration that was presented by a commissioner that I will be able to show later today. And it's not in the map viewer. So that is an overview of where we left off and where we're at today.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much, Ms. Clark.

So up next, Sivan and Andrew are going to give us a run through on Southern California, and we will see if we need to do any further work in that area. Please proceed.

MS. TRATT: Sorry, my mute button disappeared for a second.

Hi. Thank you, Chair Kennedy. So as I mentioned earlier, the commission did not leave off in Southern California having made a decision about the iteration that I previously presented. That iteration was in collaboration with Commissioner Sinay. It's on the website as CD iteration S1 for the commission and the public's reference. And just as a reminder, those proposed swaps had to do with the unincorporated area outside of Fallbrook, as well as making a swap for Escondido and Carlsbad. So I will just display that.
One moment, please. So those proposed changes are in orange, and I will turn off the current plan, which is in black.

Commissioner Sinay, did you have anything to add?

CHAIR KENNEDY: She does.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Sivan.

So I just want to say to everybody from the beginning, when we looked at San Diego, I had said, you know, this iteration could be better in reflecting North County and the city of San Diego. But in the spirit of compromise, the greater good, and also hearing the people who did comment, which unfortunately were really -- a lot of them were from the coast, some were from Escondido, but they didn't -- what they asked for, was what we were doing, which was creating the 78 corridor. And I also wanted to say we explored this -- well in the spirit of it, I'm going to take out a take away the iteration, my proposed iteration. But I did want to thank Andrew and Sivan for exploring this. We had about twelve different ideas on how to improve that really noncompact district that goes from San Pasqual, which is very, very rural, all the way to downtown San Diego to Carlsbad. This was the only one that didn't really change the whole map. And that's why I had presented it, you know, chose to present this idea. It was a small, small piece, but it
allowed those communities who were working class, very mixed cities where they have both rural and urban centers, but they're some of our lowest income communities in the north San Diego County. But, and you will see that this didn't come from nowhere, that we had gotten a lot of input for the 78 corridor, including comment, public comment 36505, which says, look, the San Diego County's redistricting efforts is looking at this, creating the 78 corridor, and I think they will -- I'm sorry they approved something on Saturday night, but I didn't look. But I just -- but I think what makes our effort really difficult is that it is connected to Orange County and it would be a district comprised of two very different communities, but it would be two communities of interest in two different counties. But having said that, in the spirit of compromise and because we need to move forward, I am going to pull it. And I hope that other commissioners will follow my lead if it happens that we need to do -- move forward.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Any comment at this point? Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So just for clarification, I thought when we talked about it on Saturday, it was an option or an exploration. I didn't think that we had actually agreed to or approved that this would be the
change. So if I'm hearing Commissioner Sinay right, so
she's withdrawing this, I think. Right? Okay. I just
want to make sure I'm clear. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Any further comment? Okay.
Sivan and Andrew, back to you.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, I have a hand up.
CHAIR KENNEDY: I didn't see it. I still don't see
it. Your background makes it impossible to see. Sorry.

Commissioner Andersen.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, I'm just
wondering, I missed the -- because we were just starting
to talk about this, and we soon got into it. And so --
but now you're withdrawing it just so we can move on? I
thought they were actually valid community of interest
testimonies, which is why you're looking into this. So
why just -- did I miss entirely? I thought that's why --
the only reason it was being pulled.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, I did bring it forward
because there was a lot of valid public input. And there
still is valid public input. But there is also, we've
received input the last few days from the public, both
from the San Diego and the Orange County side, really
requesting that it remain coastal. I do want to make it very clear that it never was an all coastal district, that we always kept Oceanside Vista, San Marcos, and Carlsbad together, as they had requested in the 78 corridor, and we were just looking at bringing in parts of Escondido. So The District, the way it -- none of the changes that we had brought up, we think that, you know, in the spirit of compromise and moving forward, we can go in that direction. And in the spirit of listening to what the public was asking, both ways.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

At this point, I would like to ask Sivan and Andrew -- it seems to me that we would still want to clean up that area between Fallbrook and Bonsall, if nothing else.

MS. TRATT: Yeah.

CHAIR KENNEDY: I don't think that should have a major impact on the maps. Sivan?

MS. TRATT: Thank you for bringing that up, Chair Kennedy. So there are about 10,000 people that live in this small unincorporated area. Earlier this morning, I was playing around, and it looks like there is sufficient population in a more southern area. So this unincorporated area that falls between Bonsall, Hidden Meadows, Vista, and of San Marcos and Escondido, so that would be what we had worked out as a less disruptive swap
to reincorporate this area into the East County district and then just extend this line slightly outside of Vista rather than stopping the Vista supporters.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Are there comments on that concept of trading the unincorporated area between Fallbrook and Bonsall for unincorporated area south of Bonsall Long Island, east of Vista?

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not fast enough on my hand raise; I have to go two clicks. So is it just like esthetics to get rid of the jutting out? Is that the purpose for it?

CHAIR KENNEDY: No so much esthetics. I mean, we -- it will better comply with criterion five.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's also, you know, unincorporated areas are connected to those cities that are around them. And so it was one of the cleanups that we were doing in the proposal that was submitted originally. And so that would allow that unincorporated area to be part of Fallbrook and Bonsall. That part is mountainous, and so they would all be better, you know, be able to work better together in that way. So they
would be better represented that way.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Any further comment? Okay. Without objection, Sivan, could you proceed with that switch?

MS. TRATT: Yeah. Would the commission prefer that I do it live or offline quickly?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Would anyone like this done live? No. So you can proceed with this offline, Sivan.

MS. TRATT: Okay. I will proceed with making that swap.

Where would the commission like to talk about next?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Where would you recommend that we discuss next? Do we have any further work on SECA or BEAVICAL?

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will assume, but it's not good to assume, that Sivan has gone through, because obviously we haven't gone through every single boundary, just to make sure that the boundaries are, I don't know how I want to say it, but it makes sense in terms of like with the whole Fallbrook and Bonsall, you know, just as long as it evens out. Thank you. And that was like for the whole state because we haven't really had a chance to look at every boundary. Thanks.

So Sivan, could you walk us around the boundaries of SECA, BEAVICAL, and MORCOA to start with, and then we'll move inwards?

MS. TRATT: Yeah. I definitely can. I would like to assure the commission that before these maps are finalized for the final vote, we will be running reports on them to make sure that there aren't any unintentional splits. You know, usually that occurs with census blocks that don't have any population and sometimes can be picked up by accident because these maps are going through so many rapid changes, we haven't taken the time to really finalize and clean them up just until the commission is more settled on what they want the final draft look like. But I'd be happy to do that.

This is to the county border right here. So I'm just going to start going around SECA in this area, as that's the first place where it deviates from county borders. So if there's anything you want me to stop, just let me know. But I will just slowly start to pan around the outside border of the SECA district.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, what I meant is what Sivan said is -- what she's going to do is she's going to ensure that no one's left out. That was my
biggest fear, was to ensure that no one was left out. So thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So I was interested in the Morongo Valley and whether there's any interest or desire to move it south with the district below, SECA. The reason being it would enable us to honor the COI for Calle Mesa to join it with Yucaipa. But if there is no desire, if Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree, if they're all very happy in MORCOA, then I would not be motivated to look into that possibility.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. I mean, speaking as a local, I would say that we did get some public input asking us to keep the entire Morongo Basin whole. The Morongo Basin, as opposed to Morongo Valley, comprises Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms, Landers, you know, perhaps Homestead Valley. I believe that's one of the local communities that's included in the supervisorial district with the Morongo Basin, but we have also had community of interest input from Yucaipa wanting to remain with or to be grouped with Calle Mesa. The issue that I would see is that if we do move Yucaipa in, we might also end up
having to bring in Loma Linda and the remainder of Redlands, possibly, I guess, the remainder of Mentone. And I don't know if that is something that you had also looked at.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I was actually thinking going the other way. So in BEAVICAL the border there, below Calle Mesa.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER YEE: That would adjust the border somewhere in Palm Springs or North Palm Springs and enable SECA to go up into the Morongo Valley, but that would be the Morongo Basin. But as you describe it, it would not be able to take in the whole basin. So excluding the basin is pretty undesirable, then I would not see a way to pursue this idea.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So you would move Calle Mesa and Cherry Valley into MORCOA?

COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct.

CHAIR KENNEDY: And the population of that is how much?

COMMISSIONER YEE: That is -- it depends how much you take. It could be about 17,000, I think it was. I don't have my notes right here. It would be about the same as Morongo Valley through Joshua Tree only.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yucca Valley should be in the
neighborhood of 25,000, I think. Morongo Valley is 3,500 or so.

MS. TRATT: Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Go ahead.

MS. TRATT: I believe there was advice from counsel about stopping this BEAVICAL district at the county line. I just wanted to check in with Mr. Becker to make sure that moving that south of Calle Mesa would be permissible.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't know if Mr. Becker is with us.

Sal, can you fill us in?

MR. PEREZ: Yeah, I'm here in his stead. I believe the commission settled on the county border because it was contemplating going further north, further extending the W. But if the intent here is to go south, then that would be appropriate.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm thinking from a compactness lens having -- and I think that we had discussed it before. We've had probably the same person, I think, call in several evenings in a row about Yucaipa and Calle Mesa and Cherry Valley all wanting to be together. I think if we if we -- I'm assuming that
there's very little population or no population in those, that white area, which is a part of the long arm or neck that extends out of BEAVICAL. The possibility of going almost as far as Lakeview would seem generally reasonable. But again, I'm not sure what -- SECA is a VRA district, so I would just want to be cautious about what the impact to a Latino CVAP would be if we included Morongo Valley or Yucca Valley.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you for that. Yes, certainly the area between Beaumont and Moreno Valley, for those who have driven the 60, those are the Badlands. Don't think anybody lives there. The area north of Moreno Valley, as we've mentioned before, is home to a population of wild burros. But beyond that, I think there's little, if any, population.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I wanted to go see the burros. I'll wait.

So the proposal, I just want to make sure I understand it, was to -- the tradeoff of Calle Mesa and Cherry Valley for Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, and Joshua Tree. Was that correct? Or what was the tradeoff? I think I got lost in there.

COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. But it would also, since there's three districts involved here, we'd
also have to adjust the border in Palm Springs or North Palm Springs or somewhere around there. And, of course, (indiscernible) CVAP for SECA closely.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I thought there was also COI regarding Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree, but I'll look that up. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sure there is. I'm sure as Commissioner Kennedy noted, the whole Morongo Basin would love to stay together. So that's part of the consideration here, whether a split is even contemplated at all.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think Commissioner Yee just answered my question. So you would propose like a three-district swap just right local and balance BEAVICAL back out.

COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. correct.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Because I just want to remind us all the extensive conversation that we had about putting the border there and leaving it there, because otherwise, if we take population out or put population in BEAVICAL, it has to go all the way out through Orange County and through LA, and we would have
to redo all those entire maps. So.

COMMISSIONER YEE: No, no desire to do that now.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Only if it works here.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Before we do any anything in this area, could we see the terrain level, please? I think that's --

MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- really help us in looking at this in terms of what are the hills and valleys that we're talking about?

CHAIR KENNEDY: And can you zoom in a bit on that red area?

MS. TRATT: Is this a good view for commissioners or --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MS. TRATT: Okay. Great.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Now, if you can pull it south a bit.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we take the red off so we can --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Turn it -- the other south.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible).
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Okay, and Commission Fornaciari has asked if we could remove the shading. Okay.

Commissioner Sadhwani, you had your hand up, but it went back down.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I mean, like Commissioner Fornaciari, I do remember the conversation we had, and I feel that removing it just creates other communities of interest that we're dividing. And I actually like the way it looks right now. That's just my recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Sadhwani, last call. I don't know if you are still interested in saying anything on this.

Okay. So at this point, Commissioner Yee, my sense is that we are not comfortable with making this change. That does not preclude the change being made at some point down the line.

Commissioner Sadhwani, you're back in your seat. I just want to check and make sure that you didn't have anything that you wanted to say on this before we move on.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I apologize. I just had to go grab something. So I'm assuming we're not moving
in this direction.

CHAIR KENNEDY: That that is the general sense at this point.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to ask Sivan if she could move the map a little bit to the right so we could see the area next to Phelan. Oh, actually the other way around. Sorry. Like my right. Okay, thank you. I just wanted --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, could you do that and put the terrain layer on, please? Oh, thank you from me.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Sivan.

So we've looked at the outlines of SECA and MORCOA, I believe, and we should take a look at BEAVICAL and then move towards the coast from there.

MS. TRATT: So starting in that area where we were just looking at south of the San Bernardino County border. Highlighted in red is the BEAVICAL district.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry, Sivan. Could you go back to the northwest corner there, Palm Springs/Whitewater area? Okay. I don't know -- that looks to be a small piece of tribal land right -- yeah, right there. Is there any way of -- Agua Caliente. Okay, that's fine then. We do divide the Agua Caliente lands in Palm Springs and
Cathedral City and a little bit in Rancho Mirage, but we don't see a way around that at this point.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, I have a, I think a question. It's more, I'm going to direct it more towards you because you'd probably be more familiar with this. But the area that Commissioner Yee had brought up. When I was looking at the terrain layer, my recollection, having driven to Palm Springs a number of times, there is -- there is a -- it's essentially like a pass, and it's a pretty --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Long pass.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it's a pretty narrow and, you know, it looks like a mountain, but it's probably a hill. But in seeing the terrain layer and the placement of, I think it's Calle Mesa and Beaumont on, I don't know if -- I guess -- I don't -- I guess this is maybe more of a question for you. I'm fine with it as it is, but I also can see just from looking at the terrain layer, you know, do we need to think about this? And I'm assuming you're more familiar -- I mean, I feel like you're more familiar with this than I am. So I'd be interested in your thought on that because we have been receiving well, at least, you know, several calls around this. So just for the question to be asked.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Yeah. You know, Yucaipa and Calle Mesa, because of their surroundings are pretty closely linked. That said, I would -- my own sense is that most of Yucaipa's population is at the crest of the hill as you come up from Redlands, whereas Calle Mesa's -- the bulk of Calle Mesa's population, is not in the immediately adjacent portion of Calle Mesa. It's, you know, if most of Yucaipa's population is there on the western side as you come up the 10 from Redlands, then there's another area of low-density population, and there's a rest area along the 10, and then you go up another hill and then you're into Calle Mesa or where more of the bulk of Calle Mesa's population is. You know, I would be happy either way. I think that, you know, I've said on a number of occasions, I'm always looking at how things can be made a bit easier for election administrators. And certainly following the county lines would be the easiest for election administrators. But I don't have a strong feeling on this one either way.

Commissioner Akutagawa? Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to echo your analysis of where the populations are in this area, being from Redlands. And I can also go either way. I think there are good, solid arguments for either
iteration, this iteration or the one Commissioner Yee proposed. So I would look for maybe a stronger opinion from the rest of the commissioners in terms of go or no go on this proposal.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

Okay. Can we -- so we'll set this aside right now, Sivan. Can we move then to the San Bernardino and Riverside areas and then towards Ontario and Fontana?

MS. TRATT: Sorry, I didn't realize I was on mute. Is this an okay view for commissioners or should I zoom in further?

CHAIR KENNEDY: I think that's good. So there's a split in Eastvale. We know that we have a small split in Corona. The San Bernardino, okay, let's look at the San Bernardino district. Okay, so we have northern Redlands. We have part of Mentone, most of Highland, most of San Bernardino, most of Colton, all of Grand Terrace, all of Bloomington, all of Rialto, all of Muscoy, the northern part of Fontana and portions of Rancho Cucamonga.

MS. TRATT: I would also remind the commission that these are VRA areas. Let me add the CVAP numbers to the labels for your reference. One moment, please.

Should I continue panning around the map?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

So Sivan, I'm seeing eight people over the target
population in MORCOA and MORCOA doesn't border on that
to many districts. So I'm guessing that we're going to have
MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I was actually --
CHAIR KENNEDY: -- play with multiple districts to
balance that out.
MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I was messaging with the other
line drawers about that. We have a plan to move that
population south. I believe there's also an overage of
five people over deviation in the Ventura area. So we
were kind of just waiting again until we had a closer to
final version of these maps before we did those cleanup-
type operations. But the commission has been pretty
clear in their message to the line drawers in wanting to
not establish new city splits or any other unnecessary
splits when balancing out the population deviation. So
we will keep all of those in mind. And of course, the
commission will have final approval to vote on those
cleanups before the maps are published.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.
So can we go to the Pomona, Montclair, Fontana,
Ontario area?
Okay. And from here, because Jaime will take us
through Los Angeles County in the next block, can we come
down to Orange County?
MS. TRATT: Absolutely. So let me zoom out so you can see this district that starts at Chino Hills. And just let me know when you're ready, and I'll zoom into the next district.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I will take this opportunity to say that one of the things that occurred to me yesterday during our day off was that there might be some further refinement to the border between SAVANAANA and North Orange Coast. I did ask Jaime to help me walk through what that might look like. So basically, instead of a very irregular boundary between Huntington Beach on the one hand and Westminster and Fountain Valley on the other, I wanted to explore what smoothing that out might look like. And Sivan, I don't know whether you have that from Jaime or not. If not, I can wait for Jaime to show us what that might look like. The idea was that there is an area in the northern part of Huntington Beach. So you would essentially extend that southern boundary of Seal Beach eastward for most of that length and then cut south and back over to where Huntington Beach borders Fountain Valley. But it would just -- it would smooth out that border between North Orange Coast and SAVANAANA. It would hopefully pick up a significant portion of the population that community input from Little Saigon has been hoping to have in SAVANAANA, but it would not -- we
had explored having none of Huntington Beach, all of Huntington Beach, and only one other option, which was using Garfield as a dividing line, and it occurred to me yesterday that there might be another possible dividing line that would help us. Not everyone is going to be a hundred percent happy, but it would help us increase the level, the general level of satisfaction. So, again, Sivan, I don't know whether you've gotten that from Jaime. If not, we'll wait until Jaime is with us.

In the meantime, Commissioner Sadhwani?

MS. TRATT: Chair, I'm just going to stop screen sharing for a moment while I pulled that from my email. I believe Jaime sent it over. So one moment, please. Thanks for your patience.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thanks. Just to confirm in terms of smoothing, the current line is where?

At the Huntington Beach city line?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So it actually follows the whole city --

CHAIR KENNEDY: It does. It does.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- (indiscernible) all.

Thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: But in looking for, you know, another option, it just occurred to me that it might be possible to add some population from Huntington Beach, but not nearly as much as we had been moving previously. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we've also heard, I mean, we've heard lots of different COI testimony. I also, you know, want to just point out that we've had requests to keep Huntington Beach whole. I'm also concerned about the ripple effects to the other cities in Orange County at this point right now. And I think we're in a satisfactory place. It's not exactly what everybody wants, but I think we're in a satisfactory place. And I'm just concerned about then once we open this up, it's going to open up a whole other set of, can of worms and ripple effects that we've had lots of conversation about this, and I'm just concerned about people saying you're back at Orange County again, and then if you're going to do that, then why don't you fix everything else that's wrong with Orange County? And so.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. And we are, you know, but again, what I was trying to see if there was any greater satisfaction in moving a smaller amount of population from Huntington Beach into SAVANAANA. And the only change elsewhere on the map would be moving Los Alamitos
and Rossmoor into North Orange Coast with Seal Beach.
And I understand that there has been, you know, a fair
amount of support for grouping Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and
Los Alamitos.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think in this case, I
would prefer to just see, you know, a city kept whole,
and I think we're just trying to minimize the splits at
this point. And then I think, again, we are getting
mixed testimony. And so I would prefer to just leave it
as it is.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we know, I mean, I tend to
agree with Commissioner Akutagawa, but, you know, when we
make this move, is it improving? You know, is it -- is
that where the Vietnamese community is living? Or are we
assuming because that's the closest to Little Saigon? I
mean, I would hate to make, split a city and then we
don't get it right.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So this is more, you know,
kind of going on the assumption that closer is better.
Again, you know, it's not a completely regular shape
because of just population and smoothing it out would
cause us to have to find population elsewhere. But, you
know, the idea was to include some of the northern part of Huntington Beach. What we had been hearing from the Little Saigon community was Garfield, which is that southern boundary of Fountain Valley and running that west, which ended up being a lot of population. And it just occurred to me that if we took a different boundary like the southern boundary of Seal Beach and ran that roughly east, that we might move less population and have less ripples to deal with.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would be curious to see what the, what all the CVAPs would be for both areas.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Sivan, are you able to show us the CVAPs for both versions, for the current version and then the exploration?

MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please while I form out those labels? Let me make this look a little more clear. One moment, please. Thank you for waiting.

CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I was just wondering. Now this, I don't know if it's both versions keep the Korean community of interest in Buena Park and Fullerton together. I'm a little confused because I can
only see part of the block, and I don't know which is
which now, at this point. This particular version does
indeed have part of Buena Park with Fullerton. I'm just
wondering if that -- I thought that was one of the -- one
-- when we did the change, this last change, that we did
unite that as well. I just want to --

CHAIR KENNEDY: That is my understanding.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

MS. TRATT: So neither of these are VRA districts,
but the resulting Latino CVAP for SAVANAANA would be
twenty-three percent. It is currently at 23.02 percent.
And for the OCCOAST district and NOCOAST, the Latino CVAP
would be 13.44 percent, and it is currently 13.54.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: May I ask what the CVAPS
for all the other groups would be?

MS. TRATT: Yes. The black CVAP would be 1.9
percent. And the Asian CVAP would be 19.13 percent. And
the NOCOAST district, I don't have white or indigenous
CVAP that is -- was exported with this layer. And then
for SAVANAANA, it would, the black CVAP would be 2.8
percent, and the Asian CVAP would be 37 percent.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So minimal changes in any
direction on any of those. Any further comment on this?

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I hear Commissioner
Akutagawa's thought about keeping cities whole as far as we can, but I mean, they asked to include Huntington Beach. You know, it was one of our strongest tasks for sure, and to include at least part of it. You know, we'd go partway there, so I can see the merit in this. And getting Los Alamitos and Rossmoor down to Seal Beach, that's a plus two, I think.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm not a, I mean, I'm not a big fan of -- we've had so much conflicting testimony from Huntington Beach when we had split it and put Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. We received so much testimony saying, no, we're coastal, we want to be coastal. So I feel like there's this back and forth. And the testimony that we had received -- and the Little Saigon testimony, I'll just be honest, right. Over the summer, it was Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley. Suddenly now it's been Huntington Beach. So and when it was Huntington Beach previously, it was north of Garfield. This is not north of Garfield. So I don't feel like this, to me, is based on any specific testimony. It's like a, I don't know, breaking up stuff somewhat haphazardly. I think at this point, you know, for Orange County, where we're fairly well settled, you
know, in keeping Huntington Beach whole and a coastal district. And so I would prefer to just keep what we have. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I would also like to keep what we have. And again, I know we tend to, or it seems like there's more weight attached to bigger asks, and I don't think that's what we're here for, is to attach more weight to bigger asks, but more to evaluate the communities of interest information that we have. Regardless of how many call in. Long Beach called in I don't even know how many times, and we ended up having to split them potentially. So I just want to remind everyone that, and I want to remind myself that, as well. So thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSION AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you for that reminder, Commissioner Fernandez. I wanted to also just think back to something similar to what Commissioner Sadhwani did also say. During the summer, the early community testimony we did spoke very specifically about Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley. Then later on, we got very, I will say, coordinated testimony
around Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach all being part of Little Saigon. Now, it has changed to, as I think Commissioner Sadhwani said, you know, north of Garfield or to include all of Huntington Beach north of Garfield. I -- right now at this point, I think, yeah, I think we're just opening ourselves up. I think I'm just -- I'm just -- I guess I would just -- I think we're in a good place with keeping the city whole. And we did get a lot of testimony that people did not want to see Huntington Beach split either. We also got lots of testimony that Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Cypress also go together, as well as the other way around Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, and Seal Beach go together. But we've gotten that kind of testimony all over the state. There are -- depends on who you ask. You know, people see their communities very differently. And so I think to echo what Commissioner Fernandez said, I think, you know, it's not about the quantity, but it is trying to assess what you know, what we can in terms of just, you know, what we can do best with these with these maps.

Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. So at this point, we will we will set this aside. I appreciate consideration. I hope I explained my intent well enough in coming up with this as a potential
compromise. And I think with that, we have finished reviewing Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties, which was our goal for this ninety-minute block.

Before we move on to Los Angeles, do we have any further comments on Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Orange Counties?

Commissioner Akutagawa, is you hand up?

Okay. Sivan, thank you very much for your assistance with this. We will, hopefully, not have to come back to you for a while and give you some time to relax. And again, thank you so much for all your help with this.

Andrew?

MR. DRECHSLER: Chair, I just wanted to remind you, we we're going to look at that one unincorporated area between Bonsall and Fallbrook.

CHAIR KENNEDY: That's fine.

MR. DRECHSLER: So at the next break, yeah. Yeah, we will, at the next break, we will, or one of the breaks, we'll come back and just show that and just allow the commissioners to take a look at what that would look like if we made that change. So I just wanted to remind you that. That's something we're going to be working on.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Very good. Thank you so
much, Andrew.

Jaime, welcome.

MS. TRATT:  S1:  I'm going to go ahead and stop sharing my screen so Jaime can take over. Thank you, everyone.

CHAIR KENNEDY:  Thank you, Sivan.

MS. CLARK:  Good afternoon, commissioners. I shared my screen, and as you wish, Chair Kennedy, I can just go over the small changes that have been incorporated into the map over the last couple of days.

CHAIR KENNEDY:  Please do.

MS. CLARK:  Thank you. So where we last left off, the commission asked me to just balance out and look at the split, or rather the boundary, between SP 710 and LB North. I did that and balanced them to plus or minus one person, and I will read off the CVAP numbers for each district. For SP 710, the Latino CVAP is 51.01 percent. The black CVAP is 15.02 percent. The Asian CVAP is 12.91 percent. And the white CVAP is 18.66 percent.

For LB North, the Latino CVAP is 52.35 percent. The black CVAP is 8.53 percent. Asian CVAP 9.52 percent. And the white CVAP is 28.14 percent. So that was the first just small change was balancing out population in these two districts.

Second, the commission had expressed wishing to work
on this line in the neighborhoods north of LAX. I worked
with Commissioner Yee on this change and this boundary is
roughly Sepulveda, and this boundary is Westchester. And
between SHORELINE and STHLA, these districts are both
balanced to one person.

And additionally, the commission pointed me in the
direction of public input around Angeles National Forest.
There were some small -- there are small numbers of
population here in these areas. And so there also was
some minor balancing between districts just to get
everything down to plus or minus one person. And the
changes mostly included extending the boundary north here
in CD to 10 to include more of the forest. In GLEN2BA
also extending the boundary a little further north to
include more of the forest, as with SFB. And just a note
that the public input that the commission got around this
area, the boundaries that were submitted by the member of
the public who submitted the testimony, they didn't
exactly follow census block lines, and so this is the
best representation or the best I could do representation
of sort of their guidance to the commission as the census
blocks are drawn, and happy, of course, to take a closer
look at that if the commission wishes.

And those are the only changes since yesterday, and
again, this is on the map viewer.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Jaime.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Thank you very much for all the work you're doing. Just wondering on the LB North district, how many people are in the Long Beach Signal Hill area? Can you give me an estimate of the number of individuals who live in that area? And the reason I ask is, as we all know, the voting rights requirements are really up in the northern part of this district not in the southern part. And, of course, any time when you have such a densely populated large city with all these smaller communities that we've -- a lot of small communities up in the north, the power is going to shift to the non-VRA area. So it just -- we just have to be cognizant that the more -- and what our direction to Jamie was to add more of Long Beach and more of Signal Hill and to essentially split more of these smaller communities up in the northern part of the district, so that does have an impact, as well. I just wanted to raise that to make sure that the commission is aware and wanted to get the number of people in the southern part of the district, Jaime.

MS. CLARK: Yes. So the highlighted area includes parts of the city of Long Beach, all of Signal Hill, and there's one small unincorporated area that's included.
And this is 278,000 people.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. That's all.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

Yes, Jaime, could you show us where is the airport, the Long Beach Airport, in this area?

Okay. And can you zoom in a little bit, please?

MS. CLARK: Yep. Sorry. I was unmuting. The airport is here just north of Signal Hill --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, so --

MS. CLARK: -- and it's included right now in the LB North district.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So that is included with most of the downtown area and then the residential around it is sort of -- you know an airport, sometimes there's most people on one side or the other. Can we sort of see in this area which way the people are? Or is -- it might be just right completely in the middle of densely populated. I don't know. If you can kind of zoom in a little bit, please?

MS. CLARK: Would you like me to turn on the block layer with population figures?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just -- yeah, just quickly, please. Because we did hear that.
MS. CLARK: So there's population west of the airport and south of the airport and in Signal Hill and here east of the airport -- or west. (Indiscernible).

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: West and east.

MS. CLARK: (Indiscernible) fix that. But yes, it looks like there is population surrounding the airport.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, but we have -- as again, these are VRA districts, so we're working on that. Great. Thank you. We did hear from the airport who said, yes, this is wise. It is very important that they are connected to the port and also the downtown businesses, as with that, you know, it is a federal issue. It's the FAA working with the ports as well. So thank you very much.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Jaime. I wanted to just give you more details about the north of LAX move that we made. So this is the Westchester neighborhood north of LAX, and you may recall there was a diagonal split of it previously. They had hoped to get the entire Westchester neighborhood together all the way to the 405. We couldn't do that without splitting other places, of course. So this is at least a better split, splitting off the sub-neighborhood of Kentwood more
cleanly than the previous splits. And that's what that was. And it didn't involve any other population splits.

Also I wanted to comment on the (indiscernible) adjustment to the national forest area north of it. Thank you for working on that. I wanted to just check that it did include both the West and East Fork recreation areas now that were mentioned, perhaps that was the (indiscernible) that you were referencing. It looks like it actually doesn't. The input we got that would be that the area would go farther northeasterly across the reservoirs, a bit more north and quite a bit more east, so perhaps, you and I can take a look at that and possibly adjust it.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

MS. CLARK: Yeah, we might have been referencing two different pieces of input.

CHAIR KENNEDY: There were several iterations, yes.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll take a look. Thanks.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Thank you, Jaime.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So being the effective note taker I am, I have one extra note here. I think Commissioner Vazquez suggested trading parts of Mount Washington for more of Glassell Park. Did you did you
get a chance to look at that?

MS. CLARK: Thank you. I did. And I apologize for not mentioning that previously. I -- so I did include -- in GLEN2BA, I included these areas, Mount Washington, the area in Mount Washington with GLEN2BA. And then I believe that the direction was to include more of Eagle Rock in with CD and ELA, and so I moved the line here north to include more of those areas. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thanks, Jaime. Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari. Thank you, Jamie.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to ask if it's okay to make a zero population change based off of community of interest testimony to reunite both Long Beach college campuses. So the one that I'm referencing in particular sits right above the airport. And if you can turn on the population layer, yeah that corner right there. So it would be, I believe it's four, those five zeros into LB North, and this is based off of COI testimony.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any objection to making that change, that zero population change, adding the community college area back into LB North? No objection.

Jamie, please go ahead and proceed with that.

Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to note that Equality California did submit, and they told us to read public comment, submitted suggestions on this particular map. And I just wanted to make sure we all have seen the suggestions. They would go into Orange County. I think that, for us, is not something that we are looking at at this point, but maybe something we could take a look at it if there's time. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Did you want to go over that in any more detail, Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, they achieved some of the goals because they obviously, like many of the community groups, have been following this very closely. They achieve our goal to only split Long Beach twice. So to also maintain the Latino CVAPs and increase the Latino CVAPS in the northern part of these districts to maintain all of the majority-minority districts, especially the, and in particular the districts to the north and to the east and at the same time strengthening some of the COIs in southern -- in Orange County is what they're stating. I mean, I reviewed the maps. There might be some suggestions we might want to take a look at and explore a little bit further, but, as we as we deliberate on all of the maps here in Los Angeles County.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

We have about seven more minutes until our break. And then we will have -- we're planning to have Jaime back with us for perhaps as much as the first half of the next ninety-minute block. So we'll see how we go.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted to ask a similar question to what Commissioner Toledo mentioned. I know that Equality California is concerned about taking so much more of Long Beach. I know they asked not to do that. But I think to ensure that we can keep at least most of the LGBTQ, as well as the Cambodia Town COI in there.

I also heard what Commissioner Toledo was saying about maybe try not to split Bellflower. And so this is my question. Jaime, based on the shapefiles that Equality California sent, is there a way to be a little bit more surgical in terms of where we might be able to still take from Long Beach and then offset what we took from Bellflower? Or is this as good as it gets? I'm not advocating for change per se, but I'm just asking the question now at this point.

MS. CLARK: Thank you for your question. So if you'll recall during the last day of line drawing in this
area, we first started just by splitting Lakewood and then having more of Long Beach. Just by splitting Lakewood and then having more of Long Beach with SP 710. And then the commission decided to go with additionally splitting Bellflower and having less of Long Beach and SP 710. So the commission did look at that live and opted for the split in Bellflower. I also would say that I have the Equality California shapefile that they sent today, I believe, loaded into the map. We can look at it. They do have higher Latino CVAP numbers in SP 710 and LB North. However, they have lower Latino CVAP numbers in CD, COB, and STH 60. So there's also a tradeoff there in terms of the areas the commission is looking at that have VRA considerations.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We may take a look at that after the break.

Commissioner Andersen, followed by Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Sinay, please?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I was interested in looking at that after the break, please, just because I couldn't actually -- I was having trouble looking at the maps, and it sounded like there were a lot of things that were accomplished.

Actually, right now, I'd like to go back to that LAX area, and could we see the CVAPs, both the previous and
the new addition, please, so we can compare those and all
the CVAPs, please. Just want to have a look at what the
changes resulted in.

MS. CLARK: Okay, so with this change -- current --
so what's currently on the map in black line is the
current version and then, oh, you know what? Hang on.
Here we go. Oh, this doesn't represent -- let me find
that once again.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, I think it was up initially,
and then --

MS. CLARK: There we go. Let me find -- let me add
this label. I apologize. So what's in green right now
is where the line was previously. That's in the draft
since we hadn't touched that line. And I'm just going to
add the rest of the CVAPs to the label. And I will make
the label match the color of the boundary, so it will be
green, as well. Thank you, all, for your patience. So
here he is with the draft, so it's not balanced. I'm
having a hard time finding the exact layer. So with the
draft, and again, we haven't changed it a ton. The STH
LA Latino CVAP has decreased from 46.8 percent to now
47.47 percent. Additionally, the black -- actually all
of the CVAPs have decreased. And in SHORELINE, the CVAPs
have remained pretty similar. The Asian and white CVAPs
have increased a little bit in SHORELINE.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's --
MS. CLARK: That's just from the draft.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Yeah, that's what I was a little concerned about.
MS. CLARK: Here we go. Here is a more recent and balanced version, so balanced to one person. So this is from 12/10. And again, in black is the current boundary and in orange is the older boundary with the older CVAP. So in STHLA, the Latino CVAP has increased by 0.1 percent. The black CVAP has increased by about 0.2 percent. The Asian CVAP has increased by about 0.1 percent. And the white CVAP that has decreased by about 0.5, or 0.4 percent.

For SHORELINE, the Latino CVAP has decreased by one one-hundredth of a percent. The black CVAP has decreased by 0.1 percent. The Asian CVAP has increased by about 0.05 percent, point one percentish. And the white CVAP has decreased by about, oh no, has also increased sent by 0.18 percent.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So in southern LA, the black CVAP has gone up a little bit with this change, as well as the Latino CVAP has gone up a little bit with this change. All right, great. Thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
My apologies to Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Sinay. We will need to come to you after the break. It's 2:30; we will be back at 2:45. Thank you.
(Whereupon, a recess was held)
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for your patience, everyone. We are back in today's meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. There were a couple of hands raised before the break. I wanted to check in with Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. This one jumped out at me. It was -- a couple of people had submitted it, and it jumped out at me just because I am -- I did go to UCLA, and we cut kind of UCLA -- we -- at first, I was like, oh, we did a pretty good job, but really we've cut off the students who live in the apartments from the actual college. And I don't think it's critical, critical, but if it's easy to move that that line, yeah, to Veteran. If we move it to Veterans Avenue all the way down to Wilshire, it would be it would capture more of the students. But again, I don't think it's critical. I don't I don't want us to change the whole maps for it.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. The next item was to -- we were asking Ms. Clark to pull up the Equality California maps so that we can take a look
at Long Beach. We can continue with this for a moment first, though.

MS. CLARK: So the population in this highlighted area, which does follow Veteran to Wilshire and would bring the highlighted area into the SHORELINE district, is 13,160 people. Is there an area that would be traded out in exchange? I'll zoom out to see more of the map.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Jaime, do you have a suggestion on what would -- what might make it easy.

MS. CLARK: One kind of -- one trade could be here in -- just south of Wilshire, perhaps.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I was thinking of that area too.

MS. CLARK: So this area would be moved into SHORELINE, so SHORELINE would need to shed population. So actually, given that, then maybe this area, which is north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Currently, it's in the West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, and maybe that could be a trade. So --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Could you give us the population for that area?

MS. TRATT: One moment, please. That's 13,438, so there'd be a couple-hundred-person difference. And I could make -- if the Commission wishes, I can make this
change, and adjust for population offline. Or I'm, yeah, happy to explore anything further if this is not an ideal change.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So let's limit our discussion right now to this -- to this swap.

Commissioner Akutagawa, are you on this item?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So okay, so it would have to be a swap between Malibu SFV, right, and Shoreline, because what you're looking at is a historically Japanese-American community around there. That's that Sawtelle Boulevard, Little -- what they call Little Osaka now.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Commissioner Turner, are you on this one?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, the same area. I was just going to say you're going to be breaking a COI there too. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'd like to hear from Commissioner Turner, which COI would be broken up beyond West L.A. I appreciated Commissioner Akutagawa's specificity. I do think this is, potentially, a change that we could or should make. It makes a lot of sense to have the students of UCLA together with the actual
school. Not interested in blowing up the map, but I do think I'd be willing to consider, you know, breaking up COIs in order to get students, but I want to know which COIs are in question.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm bringing it up, one moment. I'm in our Airtable.

CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner Sinay, or Jaime, or do you see any other areas where we might take population from? There's, you know, a bump out in Santa Monica, for example, very close to the area that's currently highlighted. I don't know how densely populated that is. Are there areas in Beverly Hills that would make sense to move to Malibu SFV?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: What I was thinking, was going the wrong direction, so sorry.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. This may have been going too. This speaks about excluding the neighborhood of Westchester from the Shoreline iteration. Is that what we're doing now? Kids from Westchester going to El
Segundo, it's this the same area that's further south?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I just wanted to correct myself. I took a closer look at the map. And so it is not going to break up that Little Osaka COI. So we're -- it looks like -- I think -- I think to Commissioner Vazquez's point, I think it would be okay, I guess. I haven't seen anything yet. I'm looking.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. If that's further south, this is the one that talked about -- I thought, right here at -- so we talked about shoreline here, so that's -- I think I'm in the wrong area also.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay; any further discussion on this?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I just -- I'm fairly familiar with this area. I used to have a good friend who lived over here. It's mostly apartments, it's -- this area that we're talking about right here along Wilshire is, you know, pretty residential, and I would say could go -- sorry, no, not the student portion, but the portion that we're talking about removing from shoreline, I think could comfortably go in terms of
community of interest and affinity to Malibu SFV, to the
community north of -- north of it. So I think this is a
good -- this is a good swap.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. So I'm sensing a
consensus on this. Any objection? Okay, please proceed.
And we will -- we would ask you to finish cleaning up
after you make this -- this shift of the student housing
area. You can finish balancing population offline.

MS. CLARK: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then next would be to
bring up the Equality California maps in the Long Beach
area, please.

MS. CLARK: What's in red is the boundaries from
Equality California, so I'll just kind of review. It
sounds like there's mostly interest in kind of looking at
the Long Beach and Orange County areas, and other
districts that would be impacted. So just looking at the
Commission's map they -- so SP 710, it looks like
differences are kind of around the boundaries in Long
Beach.

For NOCOAST, North Orange Coast, they include
Lakewood, Signal Hill, much of the City of Long Beach,
with Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Huntington
Beach, western areas of Costa Mesa with Newport Beach.
The other part of Costa Mesa is with North Tustin, and
Tustin, Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo areas.

Somewhat similar to the MALDEF map, they include sort of eastern areas of Orange County, and the City of Orange, parts of the City of Anaheim with some of these Western Riverside areas along 15, including going out to Coachella Valley, it looks like. And the overall architecture of the Anaheim, Santa Ana District is very similar.

There's a split in Santa Ana. I believe the Commission's current version of the map doesn't split Santa Ana. The Little Saigon area is with Artesia and Cerritos, and Buena Park, Fullerton, most of Placentia and part of Yorba Linda.

Moving north, this is pretty different from, right now, the STH 60 that the Commission has. It's part of Chino Hills, part of Yorba Linda, with Brea, Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights, Hacienda Heights, the southern part of El Monte, Pico Rivera, Montebello, the eastern portions of East Los Angeles, and Whittier. And what is the Commission, CDCOV (ph.), a big difference is Pomona is included in this district, and again the northern part of El Monte is in here.

And looking at some of these Northern Gateway cities, it looks like this would be Little Tokyo and parts of Boyle Heights, with Vernon, Bell Gardens,
Downey, Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, La Mirada with La Habra.

And these are some of the bigger differences that are kind of jumping out at me right now. I really just got this file and haven't spent a ton of time with it. But in Orange County and L.A. County, those are the big differences. And of course, we had a sneak peek into some of the big differences in Riverside County, too.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, very good. Thank you so much, Jaime. I just wanted to check in with the VRA counsel, to see if there are any initial reactions. I realize that you may not have had any more time than Ms. Clark to take a look at this, but there are very significant differences between this map, and our map in relation to what we currently have as VRA districts. So I want to touch base with you and get your sense.

MR. PEREZ: Thank you, Chair. No immediate initial reactions, but we can take a look at this more closely related to that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

Commissioners, any reaction to the Equality California maps? Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I think my initial reaction, I was really pleased to see the increase in the CVAP numbers that they shared, and it
seemed that what was proposed, and I'm looking at it now on the map. But what was written, as far as taking in consideration of what the Commission has previously talked about, and keeping a lot of these COIs together, and the minimal splits in Long Beach, I thought for sure was impressive, to say the least. And I just would want us to keep looking at this for considerations of where we can make adjustments to -- particularly to increase CVAP.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Sadhwani, your hand was up.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah. I was just -- I haven't had a chance to dig into this closely. I mean, generally speaking, there's pros and cons here. I was just curious if anyone, who's taking a closer look. Do we still have the same number of districts with fifty percent above, in terms of Latino CVAP? Does anyone know?

CHAIR KENNEDY: (Indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes?

MS. CLARK: And just a note on that. Just again, really briefly, looking at these, and specifically focused on L.A. County. So the district with -- which is like SP 10, which is very similar to the Commission's current SP 10, and the one that goes from La Habra to
Vernon, and parts of Boyle Heights, et cetera. That
does -- those two have a higher Latino CVAP than the
Commission's current versions.

And then here in CDCOV, and STH 60, right now the
Commission has about fifty-five percent in each of those,
and these are fifty-two percent Latino CVAP. So kind of
like switched right now. The Commission again, here, has
about fifty-five percent Latino CVAP, and these are both
in the fifty-two percent I think. Whereas, the
Commission, in SP 710 and the North Long Beach District,
those are fifty-one and fifty-two, whereas they have
these around fifty-five percent.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Yeah, I did take a
look at them. I mean, there are some benefits to the
more Gateway City CVAPs, but then we have some reduction
in the other CVAPs that Jaime just noted. I mean, I
think there are some good ideas here. So I wouldn't -- I
think a good idea is to take a look at as we look at this
region. And so I wouldn't discount them. I just, you
know, I have to process it a little bit more. But thank
you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
Toledo. Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And Jaime, you are confirming, yes, though they have the same number of VRA districts that we have.

MS. CLARK: In L.A. County, yes.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MS. CLARK: And I haven't -- I haven't looked outside of L.A. County.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. No, I'm speaking of L.A. County. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: We are near the end of kind of our mapping for the Congressional district, and yes, we have -- we can always go back and make adjustments. I was just hoping that we could get some clarity on what are our decision points, versus looking at different maps and thinking about maybe redoing it all.

If we go back to our draft map, what is keeping my colleagues from thinking that the maps are good? What can make them better? What are -- what are the decision points? That's -- I guess that's why I keep getting lost in this area. We keep coming back to this, but I don't know what are the sticking points.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. I think at this point, these maps are new enough to us that
colleagues may need some more time. And again, we have very little time remaining. So it may be that any changes are very marginal, but we do want to consider the input that we are getting. Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Jaime, I see it, the flip back and forth. Could you possibly put them all at the same time for a little bit so we can kind of see? What I'm actually looking at is, you know, is using parts of their ideas to increase the CVAP, you know the -- obviously in the LBNORTH and LB -- and 710. We all know that Long Beach is not really an area that needs to be covered by the VRA, and I'm looking at what other changes they've made in Orange County without blowing up the maps.

You know -- you know, to try to see the change, because if we can add more of the areas around CDCOVE (ph.), and the others to keep those numbers also high. I think this -- this does bear a little bit more, but I have not had a chance to really look at them. But I think this does bear a little bit of exploration to it, because it's a -- there could be a possibility here without blowing up the map to make an exchange.

So I, you know, I would like to see a little time possibly spent on this, again, with the idea of being increasingly CVAP in all four of our VRA districts in
CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, colleagues.
Jaime, could we just take a look now, kind of going northwards from STHLA through 10 Corridor, the NELA District, and into the San Fernando Valley, and beyond. We also have to look at Northern Los Angeles County. We've got about twenty minutes, or so, that we had hoped to complete this exercise in Los Angeles County.

MS. CLARK: Yes, absolutely. And did you want to keep looking at the Equality California submission?

CHAIR KENNEDY: No; back to our maps.

MS. CLARK: Thank you. Yes. So I'm going to zoom into STHLA this -- again, the only change here was adjusting this line and now, as opposed to being more diagonal, it's roughly at Sepulveda Avenue, balanced a couple blocks off -- census blocks, and city blocks, off just for deviation.

And it still includes Inglewood, Hawthorn, and Del Aire a whole, Lawndale, Torrance, the part of Torrance that is west of Hawthorn and north of Sepulveda, includes all of Gardena, Compton and Watts. At 10 Corridor, this includes all of Culver City, South Robertson, Pico, Mid-City, West Adams, Jefferson Park, Downtown Los Angeles, south of Little Tokyo, it includes all of South Central L.A., Zapata King, Central Alameda, Ladera Heart --
Ladera Heights, Park Mesa areas.

And to the NELA District again. And thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari for reminding me that we didn't make this change of excluding Mount Washington from this district, to be able to include more of Eagle Rock. So this includes part of Eagle Rock, Highland Park, El Sereno, East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Historic Filipinotown, Koreatown, Pico Union, Thai -- and Thai Town. And just a reminder, we moved this north up, roughly to Franklin to include both sides of the street of Hollywood Boulevard.

Shall I continue on?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

MS. CLARK: So the Glenn --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Hold on, hold on just a second, Jaime. I'm sorry. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

While we were here in the southern part, still, we have received no less than five different public inputs for the Black Census and redistricting for very small street changes. I wonder. Can I just give you those and see if they'll make changes? I don't think we're looking to change the entire map, but there may be some small shifts that can be made in this area.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So Jaime, going back to STHLA; the request is that we're bringing in more of South Los Angeles, moving a boundary that is north between Vermont and Central up to Manchester. And move -- then move the border north in Gramercy -- Gramercy Park up to 94th Street between Venice and Harvard. Tell me if you see it. I'm reading and not following you, Jaime.

MS. CLARK: Which part, please?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. It's moving the north boundary between Vermont -- Vermont and Central up to Manchester, and then move the border north and -- oh, Gramercy, north and Gramercy Park up to 94th Street between Venice and Harvard -- Harvard.

MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: And it says, "Plus a few other blocks for population balance near Century Boulevard." And this is referring back to some lines that they've sent a few different times.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could we -- could we ask Jaime to do this offline, and come back to us with this?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. I have two more then. Okay?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: So for that and Shoreline, and
Jaime, I can send it to you in writing, also, if you don't have it. For Shoreline, the request is that we're taking in the Westchester area west of the 405. Some of this we may have already done, the 405 and north of the airport, out of South L.A. and adding it into Shoreline. I think we just worked on this area.

And then take in areas north of Manchester to balance the population, and un-fit Westchester and Shoreline. And you don't have to get it all. I'm going to send it to you. But so that it's stated for the public, that one of 10 Corridor is bringing Century City and a portion of Palms for population balance into the 10 COR (ph.). The note here is that the entertainment industry in Century City is an important asset to the Black community in South Los Angeles. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

So Jaime, you can proceed with our -- with the review of the district boundaries, and then work on those explorations offline and come back to us later on.

MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. And yes, please, Commissioner Turner, if you could, just email me.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I sent them.

MS. CLARK: I appreciate that.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: They're sent. Thank you.

MS. CLARK: Thank you. So looking at the Glenn to BA District, this includes West Hollywood, Mid-City, most of Greater Wilshire, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills areas, with Silver Lake, Glassell Park, western parts of Pasadena, all of Glendale, all of Burbank, Foothill Trails, Pacoima, and Sunland-Tujunga, and we extended it north to include more of the National Forest.

San Fernando Valley, we have the district called SFV, it includes Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, north of Oxnard, Greater Valley Glen, North Hollywood, Greater Toluca Lake, Sun Valley area, Panorama City, Arleta. I'm sorry; this one includes Pacoima, Mission Hills, and San Fernando, the City of San Fernando, and additionally, we extended this north to include more of the National Forest.

I'm going to move to CD 210, so we don't skip over that one. This includes western parts of San Bernardino County, north of 210 and west of 15, including Lytle Creek, Wrightwood, North Western Rancho Cucamonga, Northern Upland, and San Antonio Heights.

In Los Angeles County, it includes Claremont, North Glendora, North Monrovia, Arcadia, Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, most of the City of Pasadena, Altadena, La Canada Flintridge, and
La Crescenta. And also includes large portions of Angeles National Forest.

Moving on to AVSCV: This includes Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Sylmar. And then eastern portions of Northeastern Los Angeles County are not included in this area, so to balance population with the MORCOA District.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted -- just a question. Could you repeat that part about the entertainment area? I didn't fully hear it all. So I just wanted to just understand: What was the direction on that?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I can. Let me go back to the email. The public comment says, here we go. Oops, sorry. Like I said, they sent it about five times. I'm getting the right iteration of it up. Oh. Here we go, balance Shoreline, oh, this one, "Under the 10 COR, bring Century City with Cheviot Hills, and if needed, a portion of Palms for population balance, into 10 COR. Note: The entertainment industry in Century City is an important asset to the Black community in South L.A." Thank you.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could we just see the entirety of the 10 Corridor? It looks like it's already included in it. Or is that -- okay.
MS. CLARK: And so Century City is out here (indiscernible) --

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. Is that a fact?

MS. CLARK: -- neighborhood council.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I see. Okay. I guess my only comment on that is I understand what's being requested; however, Century City is also a very affluent area. And to be honest, I think the entertainment industry is important to a lot of communities in that L.A. area. So that would be my only comment. Not to say that it shouldn't be, but it is a very different kind of community around there from the 10 Corridor community, so.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Fernandez?

VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Jaime, can you go to the SFV District please? Oh, wait, is it that one? Can you go -- can you zoom out just a little bit, please? A little bit more, zoom out slowly. Okay, so SFV, at the north part of the Angeles Mountain. Do you see that little piece of the Angeles Mountain that's left out? Is there any population there? Or is there a reason why we left it out of a district?

MS. CLARK: So the public comment that was requesting these districts, SFV and Glenn 2BA (ph.), to
be extended further north. They actually had included kind of this whole area that the arrow is circling, with the AVSCV, it's just the way that the census blocks are shaped, didn't really allow for that.

So this is kind of the closest shape that I could get to what they had submitted to the Commission, and then leaving this area. So basically their testimony was to include some of the National Forest with the AVSFV (ph.) District.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

MS. CLARK: And this is just the way that the census geography is shaped.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, because it just seemed odd that it wouldn't be -- like the line wouldn't be right next to where there was a city or community like Santa Clarita, or something like that. So I thought it was -- it looked interesting. But thank you for explaining that. Thanks.

MS. CLARK: So this is one census block that's next to Santa Clarita. So basically their comment was essentially to have the line go east to west right here. This is, it's thirty-four people live in this census block. I'm happy to include it with Santa Clarita as opposed to SFV, yeah, again, just kind of trying to work with their comment, and also the census geography itself.
VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Jaime.

Thanks for explaining that.

Okay. I'll be taking over as chair for a few
minutes. Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, you know, before we
move on in this area. I just wanted to also note, I
mean, we've had a whole lot of testimony regarding the
Santa Clarita, so I just wanted to acknowledge that, and
remind everyone, as well as the public that looking at
different iterations for Santa Clarita was actually the
first thing that we did in our visualizations. And that
there was -- that there is a lot of testimony as well as
a huge population increase in Santa Clarita. So I think
that's kind of where we are now. And I think this is
pretty settled.

The one thing I just did want to lift up and ask
Jaime about, we've also had a lot of testimony that
Sylmar is very much a part of that -- the Latino kind of
working-class community that's based in the SFV District.

And if there's any thoughts on like, is it feasible
to make a three-district swap to keep Sylmar a part of
that district that would require pulling something out of
Malibu SFV, and putting something else back into AVSCV?

If it's not doable, it's not doable. But I -- and we've
definitely gotten a whole bunch, that I believe the
Latino CVAP in Sylmar is pretty high. I just wanted to explore those possibilities.

That being said, we've also heard that Sylmar does go with Santa Clarita because it's -- because it's along the 5 Corridor. So if it needs to stay, it needs to stay.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

MS. CLARK: Yeah, so. Oh. I'm sorry. Would you like me to respond?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

MS. CLARK: Sure. Yeah, so the Latino CVAP in Sylmar is very high, or is higher than some other areas in San Fernando Valley. And the reason Sylmar is with Santa Clarita in this visualization, or in this district is based on Commission -- the previous Commission direction. We can certainly make a three-district swap to include Sylmar in with SFV.

Just the way that the map is constructed right now to, like be able to maintain Greater Toluca Lake, and North Hollywood with Van Nuys, and to be able to maintain the split at Oxnard. Essentially, we'll be taking in I think the rest of North Hills West and North Ridge South neighborhood Council areas.

And additionally, I would assume at least part of Reseda in with Malibu SFV to make that swap, and then...
moving probably Granada Hills, potentially Porter Ranch.
I'm not a hundred percent sure of, like the exact
population in all of these areas, but that's what the
swap would look like for those three -- if it was a
three-district swap.

CHAIR KENNEDY: And just to remind Commissioners.
Part of the reason that we ended up with Sylmar, and this
may have been mentioned while I was out of the room, I
apologize, but we did have, I believe, Granada Hills and
Porter Ranch, which didn't make sense because there
weren't connections. And so we shifted those to the
Malibu SFV District and replaced them with Sylmar, which
does have the connection along the 5, with the -- with
the AVSCV District. Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was going to move to
a different area, back to the Black Census Hub's request
to put in Century City into the 10 Corridor District.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let me -- let me check with
Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I was still on the one
we were talking about in San Fernando Valley. If we
move -- if we did move --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Sylmar.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sylmar, Sylmar in with the
other district would -- do we know how -- I mean, it
makes sense, you know, because they feel an affinity to that district and we've gotten the request, but I'm wondering -- I mean, I would like to explore that as a possibility, I guess is the point. Do we want to -- does Jaime want to work with Commissioners? Or does she want to do it on her own?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I would suggest, unless someone is eager to do this, that Jaime bring us back a couple of options. I know that she has reworked this area innumerable times, knows pretty well what the trade offs are, and could develop a couple of options for us to look at in relatively short order. So that would be -- that would be my instruction to her.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I certainly agree with that. I'm sure Jaime knows this area very well. And I'm pretty sure that that's more of -- that reflects also I think what we did in the Assembly maps, and it was Porter Ranch and Granada Hills with Santa Clarita and Sylmar there, again kind of connected with some of the working-class communities in that -- in that area that we've heard a lot from.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Fernandez, is this on the same subject?
VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.
VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Jaime, I think you already mentioned this, but you did say that Sylmar -- Sylmar had a higher Latino -- I just wanted to make sure that the current CVAP would not go down. So it sounds like it might help it out. Thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. So Jaime, if you could -- if you could come up with a couple of options offline, for us to review later, we would be very grateful for that. Commissioner Vazquez?
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, sorry. To go back to the Black Census Hub's request. If the rest of the Commission is interested in accommodating that request, I do think it's not quite as simple as just how they propose. And so I think we might consider doing -- trying that right now in live line drawing because we have to find a population to move out of the 10 Corridor, respectively.
So I'm not -- I'm not opposed, but I don't think it's just a matter of Jaime moving some lines. I think she needs some direction about where to remove population in the 10 Corridor.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jaime?
MS. CLARK: Thank you. So my understanding, and I
was -- thank you, Commissioner Vazquez for bringing that up, because that's -- I was, like, thinking about that, too. And I think that this change would be tied in to the other request that Commissioner Turner noted, which would be then: Moving this boundary -- the boundary between South L.A., and then also including these areas north of LAX into Shoreline; so essentially the proposal is making a population swap between these three districts, Shoreline, 10 Corridor, and STHLA.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Jaime. My sense is that that's a little bit more than we want to bite off right now in live line drawing. I'm not opposed to seeing options, or even to having a more extensive verbal description of what changes might be involved later in the day.

But we are at the point where I would like to shift to Tamina. So I would prefer to ask Jaime to, once again, develop some options for us offline and come back at a later point with those.

Commissioner Vazquez, can we proceed that way?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. That sounds fine. I just -- I wasn't aware that it was looped into their other asks. So I just didn't want to leave that little request -- what I thought was a slightly little request hanging; but yeah.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, right. Okay. Thank you very much. And Jaime, thank you. You have some direction to develop some options for us to view later on. And we really appreciate your work on this.

MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. And Tamina is right here, and we would just need a couple of minutes to switch. And additionally we -- I did get a message from Sivan that she would be prepared to show you the option that you asked her to look on offline. So whatever your preference, we can move to Tamina or to Sivan now.

CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll move to Tamina right now. Thank you. We can stand at rest for two minutes.

MS. CLARK: Sorry. Chair, did you say we're going to Tamina or to Sivan, right?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina.

MS. CLARK: To Tamina.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MS. TRATT: Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

MS. TRATT: This is -- this is Sivan.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi, Sivan.

MS. TRATT: I have those changes pulled up. If I could just share my screen, it would be like thirty seconds to just show the Commission the swap I made in this envelop.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thirty -- thirty seconds you have because we were going to stand -- we were going to stand at ease two minutes, so.

MS. TRATT: You're welcome to time me, but just to highlight --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

MS. TRATT: -- where those changes occurred.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

MS. TRATT: It was removing this --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

MS. TRATT: -- unpopulated -- or excuse me, unincorporated area, yes populated, outside of Fallbrook and swapping it just South of Bonsall. So the old is in yellow, and the change is in black, and then I also just cleaned up some of the coastal blocks that didn't have any population, just so it looked a little bit cleaner.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Comments, objections?

Commissioner Fernandez?

VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Just a quick question, because we talked about the unincorporated areas, and I am really very aware that unincorporated areas do have a lot in common with the neighboring communities. So I'm just wondering, the other unincorporated area that we're swapping out, is there a association with their neighboring communities, either Vista, Hidden Meadows or
San Marcos? That's just my only concern right now.

Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, essentially, we're putting the unincorporated area between Fallbrook and Bonsall, with Fallbrook and Bonsall, and then we're putting the unincorporated area east of Vista, south of Bonsall, with Vista and Bonsall.

VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, I read it the wrong way. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

You're on mute, Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Sorry about that.

I was just wondering if there's a -- if Commissioner Akutagawa would be interested in just exploring some of the options around Long Beach. It would be purely expirational -- explorational rather. And so I was just curious if she's -- if she has an interest or stomach for that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. All right; at the moment we're on this swap, so we can come back to that.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, similar to what Commissioner Fernandez had just said. You know, often just outside the city there are areas that are unincorporated which actually are closely
related to the city. I'm wondering if we might be able to, rather than draw this line hard against the city limits of Bonsall and Hidden Meadows, if we might be able to pull back a little bit, and possibly kind of delve into those.

Not getting -- and not quite as close to the Vista line, but kind of, you know, keep it sort of further in and out of those areas, so there's a little bit of a buffer zone around the city line of Vista, the city line of Bonsall, and the city line of Meadows, still getting the proper population in there.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Bonsall itself is not incorporated, as I read the list. I believe Vista is, but we're moving away from the city limits of Vista and Hidden Meadows, as I read the list, is also unincorporated, so I --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that's a --

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- I'm not that there's a -- there's a need. If we get some reaction from the local area, we can reconsider this. But I think at this point, we're good with where we are.

Okay. So Commissioner Toledo you were -- wanting to know if Commissioner Akutagawa was interested in exploring some further changes in Long Beach and Orange County. Commissioner Akutagawa?
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Specifically around the Equality maps.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: To move the suggestions — suggested map changes.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My only concern is that I -- as I think we -- my concern is that it's going to have bigger ripple effects, looking at the Equality California maps. I did like some parts, some parts I was a little less enamored with, I guess. But I'm also seeing that -- I guess in my quick review of them it's -- we're looking at L.A., Orange County impacts, but also San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

And I guess that's just a question of whether or not we all want to do that. I'm not saying no, Commissioner Toledo, but looking at the maps I think there could be, you know, more than just the two-county kind of, you know, exchange here. Although, I'm open, I'm game.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think the goal would be to regionalize this as much as possible and localize any changes if we can. I mean, just because -- of course, we wouldn't be adopting the Equality California maps, we'd be trying to see if there's any -- anything in there that might be able to help us achieve the goals set out by the
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that, Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would support, again, just again, sort of localize. You know there's, we know portion would go into Orange County, now what area that would benefit this switch around, you know, the border that are VRA districts in L.A. that we pull in to balance it, not, not venturing further. Certainly not in San Diego, and certainly not into Riverside, or within that district, I think that would be really worth exploring.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Towards a solution.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: At this point, if we do some explorations, I would like us to be very clear on what the goals are. I'm saying the goals of the Commission, is a little broad at this point. As I asked earlier, I just want to understand, if we go into the Long Beach and making -- you know, look at that. What is it specifically? What COIs are we trying to keep in place? Is it CVAP we're trying to raise? What is it that the goals are, so we can measure the effectiveness of the
changes later? Because sometimes we go into these explorations, and I'm not -- you know, we're not clear on what the goals are. So please, if we go in what -- clearly, what are the goals?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Sivan?

MS. TRATT: Hi. I just wanted to quickly pop in and just ask about this change here, if this is something that the Commission is thinking they will move forward with.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MS. TRATT: Again, those swaps in Orange County are not for an equal amount of population. This is moving roughly 9,000 people in and out of these two districts, so yeah, just wanted to bring that up. And I'm happy to zoom out and look at -- a larger look at the region; if we did want to just talk about at this point.

CHAIR KENNEDY: We only want to talk about this. It is done. Thank you, Sivan. And we are moving on.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, you know, my personality is everything can always be improved, but we have deadlines, and I'm just wondering. I mean, in my mind, I believe we went into this today thinking today was the day to complete the Congressional plan. So I just want to hear
from the Chair. Is that indeed the goal? And we're, you know, going to stay until it's done. I just want to have some sense of how much time we have to work on what, before we need to finish. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: We have negative eleven minutes in this area. I had wanted to have Tamina on with this eleven minutes ago. So that's where we are on that. There is time in the calendar for some final review and refinements over the weekend. And you know, I would be happy to entertain proposed refinements at that point.

But today is, indeed, the last day for the Congressional maps at this point. So within those parameters, I'm happy to move forward.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. Can I respond to Commissioner Sinay's request for clarification, so if there were any changes, and if the Commission was interested in exploring this further. The goals, of course, are to maintain -- to aim to increase the Latino CVAP in those districts, especially the Gateway communities.

To connect like communities with one another, to maintain the historical districts that we have, to try to, more rationally, connect the Asian-American COIs in -- both in Los Angeles and Orange County. So that
would be the goals. It's just trying to -- not major refinements, it will be -- it will be minor refinements, to try to achieve those things. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. That was my intent with that also, the hope that all four VRA districts would stay the same or go up but -- and I -- again, if you need someone to work with it, I would volunteer.

But going back to what Sivan said, I thought she said that there wasn't -- the populations were not balanced. And I don't know if she was looking for directions of where to balance them, or if it was just so small that she could balance on her own. So I did not -- you know, I wasn't clear. That sounded like she looked for Commission direction on that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: My understanding was that those populations were balanced when she came back and showed us the other option. So I'm proceeding on that basis. If that's not the case, then the mappers will let us know.

Commissioner Toledo, your hands down now.

Okay, so Tamina?

MS. RAMOS-ALON: Yes, Chair. Where would you like
to begin?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Where would -- I guess we can start with a review from the north to the south.

MS. RAMOS-ALON: Absolutely. We have not changed much in the North Coast. This has been the Del Norte to Marin District for much of our work here. Next to North Coast we have Yolo Lake. Also hasn't changed in recent iterations, has all of Yolo County, so we have got some pretty big city layers on here, Napa and Lake and parts of Sonoma.

Our most recent change came from the NORTHCONT -- sorry, slowing down for the interpreters; just trying to get your 11 minutes back, Chair. Our most recent change came from NORTHCONT, where we smoothed out the line in Vacaville, made Fairfield whole, and moved the line to incorporate some of Antioch into this district, which stretches across the Highway 4, and then up to Fairfield through Vallejo, in Solano County.

CONCORDTR has pretty much remained the same. We've changed the line from Pleasant Hill, where it was before, to up here in Martinez, and the Antioch line, as I just mentioned, which used to cut off at Pittsburg, now takes in certain communities in Antioch.

OAKLAMORI, the only change that we've made recently here, the addition of Albany, instead of the bottom part
of San Leandro, creating this new San Leandro split in
the southern side. SCALRATRACY this, aside from the San
Leandro line, has not changed. We did do an exploration
of the line in Dublin. Greater EDs (ph.) splits Fremont
and keeps together -- we really haven't done a whole lot
of moving around here, because there were so many COIs
that were involved right in these areas.

And so really, the only lines that we've changed in
recent weeks have been very, very limited movements in
the blocks in San Jose.

NORTHSANM has remained, I can turn on the
neighborhoods -- let me see what it is -- has remained
the same for a couple of iterations that we've had here,
we did do some exploring, but ultimately went back.
GREATERSA and Santa Clara we did explore, you know,
whether we wanted to split them east to west, or north to
south.

And did a lot of work around Redwood City and North
Fair Oaks, and so this is where we are now. We have
GREATERSA, which comes down the 101 Corridor, it takes in
Emerald Hills, all a Redwood City, all of North Fair
Oaks, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto.

And then we have Santa Clara, which takes the
coastal areas of Pacifica down through a Half Moon Bay
and Pescadero to the county line, and then comes in to
Santa Clara County, taking the Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos area, as well as coming to Saratoga, Campbell, and Los Gatos and into San Jose City.

Cupertino and Mid Coast, we explored together most recently. Cupertino being our district that includes San Benito and begins up in the Alum Rock neighborhoods of downtown San Jose and takes in eastern Santa Clara County.

Go south, takes Interlaken, Watsonville, Amesti, and Freedom in Santa Cruz County. And then scrolling out, takes all of San Benito County and the 101 Corridor of Monterey County. There is a split in Prunedale for population.

Mid Coast is the other side, really the mirror of Cupertino, when we have a district which begins with Santa Cruz County. Takes the entire border -- sorry, the entire coastline, and goes down the coastline of Monterrey, through Marina, Del Norte Forest, and the Carmels, Down South into San Luis Obispo.

In San Luis Obispo County, we have the line that has not changed for several iterations, which comes right underneath Atascadero, and ends the Mid Coast District.

We then have the South Coast District, which picks up the rest of the San Luis Obispo area, including all of the coastal cities. It picks up all of Santa Barbara
County, including its associated islands, and comes into Ventura County to take Ojai, Oak View, Mira Monte, Meiners Oaks, and Ventura City. Again, this hasn't changed in several iterations.

Which brings us to Ventura, also unchanged, which takes the balance of Ventura County, including its associated islands. The Port Hueneme through Piru areas, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks area; does not include Bell Canyon, but does include Calabasas, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village.

Currently, this is the only district which is over the plus-one/minus-one for Congressional deviation, and which will be -- which will be solved as you as you like, now that we are in the south. And that is -- that is all of my area.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Tamina.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Tamina, for all this work. I'd just like to see two areas further north, the San Jose and San Francisco. Let's look at San Jose first please. I just want to see how many times San Jose has been cut up, between four or five districts.

MS. RAMOS-ALON: The San Jose is this, all of this purple area here, including these areas, and
noncontiguous areas up here? So it would be in Mid
Coast, which is one; Santa Clara, which is two, GREATERED
which is three, and Cupertino which is four.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That is a great deal of
cuts, I'm just -- I know we've had a really good look at
this, I'm just sort of wondering if there might be
something we could do to minimize some of that. I don't
see anything right off the top of my head, but --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And you can continue thinking
about it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And at this point, can we
look at San Francisco? I'd just like to zoom in on the
lower area that has been removed. San Francisco does not
have enough population to fill an entire Assembly -- you
know, House district. But can we have a look at -- a
close in at what areas have been removed from San
Francisco -- or not been removed. What areas of San
Francisco are grouped with the Daly City and San Mateo?
The Outer -- the Outer Mission of (simultaneous
speech) --

MS. RAMOS-ALON: Outer Mission, Excelsior, Crocker-
Amazon.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Toledo, and then Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was going to comment on the San Bernardino District. And just want to thank Tamina, for all of her hard work on all of these districts. She's done such an amazing job, in helping us through this.

With this district, I just want to point out again, I know where our focus has been developing a Central Coast District in this area. And I think we've done the best we can given our constraints. And certainly we're still looking at all these various options, and then trying to make sense of them. I just wanted to point out that 360,000, a little bit over that, 360,000 of the -- of the residents of this district would be coming from the City of San Jose.

So even though it's a small -- it looks like a tiny piece of the district, because it's much more urban and dense, it ends up being a very significant portion of the district. Although, I mean, in my head, the way I'm reconciling it, is that these are essential work areas that are connected to, and with the history of connection to the agricultural -- agricultural and food processing parts of this Central Coast District.

And certainly it's something that just -- I just wanted to just raise that it is a significant population from the San Jose area. And I don't see how we can find
other populations around this area to meet all of our compliance requirements. But I wanted to flag that.

And to thank Tamina for doing such an amazing job, and helping Commissioner Fernandez, and the rest of the Commission, and myself to look through, and turn every rock, and try to find every possible CVAP that we could potentially find in this area. So thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner, Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Definitely, thank you.

And I do understand why were connected -- yeah why San Jose is connected to certain areas. But is there an -- do we have an opportunity to maybe relook at some of that area? Because four cuts in one city is a lot, especially if they hadn't been cut in the past.

I mean, San Diego has been grouped, and they're kind of used to that from what I was getting from the input we were receiving from the public, is that in the past, you know, what they're asking for would be a whole district. But could it be possible to have one of these districts be a majority San Jose district? And maybe what you're saying, Commissioner Toledo, is that it's so dense that all four of these districts are a majority San Jose district.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, it's not that they would be
majority. I think Commissioner Toledo cited a figure of 300,000-and some, which is not a majority in a Congressional district, but it is certainly a significant portion of the population. You know, if colleagues are interested in doing some further exploration of potential refinements, again, I think that's -- that is certainly something that could be entertained down the road.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I've been looking over this area, too, over the past couple of days. And I think what is also to consider is that we do have some VRA restrictions in the area. San Jose's population is about a million some change, so there is no way that all of San Jose would be in one Congressional district.

Then also looking at our conversations from earlier regarding the population distribution down the Peninsula, and how that shapes up given the geography of that area. I'm definitely opening -- open to considerations on how to address this, but I have yet to figure out a solution.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. And one thing that I would like to just ask Tamina to center the map again on the North Contra Costa District, you know my recollection and I've heard comments around that, you know, the portion of Antioch that is included in North Contra Costa
might not be the most appropriate, or we might want to
look at adjusting the lines there.
Again, I'm not closely familiar with this, but my
recollection, as I stated the other day, was that I
thought we were going to be looking for more of the
northern portion of Antioch to be attached to Pittsburg.
So I just wanted to invite colleagues who do know this
area better than I to contribute any thoughts they have
on this before we move on. Commissioner Sadhwani?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I don't have any
thoughts on that. But as we're talking about Antioch, I
just wanted to raise. We've also, in the last couple of
days, with most recent iteration that splits San Leandro,
we've had a lot of comments about that concern.
And so, as we're thinking about Antioch, perhaps
there's an opportunity to think about San Leandro, and
again making some swaps, all localized within about three
districts to perhaps achieve multiple goals. I just want
to raise that. But I don't have a specific suggestion.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, Commissioner Sadhwani, I
think I saw those inputs, too. I think it actually had
to do with the Assembly district where we split San
Leandro from Oakland, and a lot of folks including the
Mayor, would rather have San Diego be included with Oakland, which it is here, mostly, in the Congressional district, so of course, also wanting to be whole.

I'll take another look at the assembly map. I just don't see a way to do it, unfortunately, starting with the population, you know. And in West Contra Costa and coming down, which is such a narrow -- you know, a narrow strip of population. And I'll take another look at that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Addressing the Chair's question about Antioch. We have received some input on ways to look at it: To make sure that we're cutting it at the right -- not cutting it, dividing the district in the right place. The comment 37716, I haven't confirmed it, but what they say is a better -- a better division would be to include anything north of Redwood Drive, Putnam Street, Hillside Road, Davidson Drive, and west of Harbor Drive, Hillcrest Avenue, and they include a map. So it might be worth exploring that entry, which is 37716.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Tamina, did you note that number?

MS. RAMOS-ALON: I did not. I'm sorry.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

MS. RAMOS-ALON: The number was?
CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay, could you repeat?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure. It's 37716.

CHAIR KENNEDY: So Tamina, if you could take a look at that input, and bring us a visualization of what a minor change in Antioch, along those lines, might look like.

MS. RAMOS-ALON: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much. Anything else with -- in Tamina's region? Well. Thank you very -- ah, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I was just going to say as well -- as long as she's in there, she's got that negative (ph.) too -- I mean that you can work with. I'm just saying, you know.

CHAIR KENNEDY: That's it? Okay, thank you.

Tamina, thank you so much, you've got off pretty easy. We didn't use your entire forty-five minutes.

MS. RAMOS-ALON: We made up for your record.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, yeah. You more than made up for it. And Sivan has reported back. I don't know if Jaime has had time to do anything for us. Otherwise, we have the next fifteen minutes to get started on Kennedy's area. And I know of three areas that we were going to take a look at with Kennedy so --
MS. MACDONALD: (Audio interference).

MS. RAMOS-ALON: Kennedy is right here, we're on the same map, so she can jump in right away.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Karin, did you have something?

MS. MACDONALD: Hi. Thank you so much. We just had an audio conflict here. I just wanted to say that Jaime is working on the changes that you requested.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

MS. MACDONALD: And I will let you know when she's ready. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Perfect. Kennedy, welcome, I hope you had a nice weekend.

MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So you have probably been very busy. I'm thinking that -- I know that Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner have an exploration to present. Commissioner Yee, as I understand it, has an exploration to present. And that Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo may have an exploration to present.

Of those, Commissioner Yee, is yours likely to be the smallest and most straightforward? We might start there.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm actually drawing a blank on
whether I have something here.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER YEE: So what did we work on, Kennedy?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Then let me -- very good. Then let me go to Kennedy and ask her to take us on a tour around her region, before we break at 4:15.

MS. WILSON: Okay. So there are two different proposed changes. I will start with those that were in the Central Valley. And so I worked on that with Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani. And I will -- oops, this is the wrong one, sorry, we have a lot. Here's the right one.

And so what we did, if you recall before, in the King, Tulare, Kern, we had Kings County whole. Here we went and split Lemoore Station, and Lemoore going north into Fresno/Tulare. We split into the northwestern part of Hanford, and then took everything below that. And then we also took in more of Tulare and took out the northeastern part of Tulare.

And all of this resulted in a three percent increase in Latino CVAP in King, Tulare, Kern; and then moving north into Fresno/Tulare; as you can see, there is a positive 5,000, and a negative 5,000 in STANISFRESNO (ph.), and that is due to removing Old Fig Garden, which I will move in a little closer so that you can see that.
So we removed Old Fig Garden from Fresno/Tulare, and that overpopulated Fresno/Kern.

And then this was under 5,000, so we adjusted the border just slightly along this line to take 5,000 into Fresno/Tulare to balance it to negative one.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. WILSON: And so this one is at a negative five due to that. Just due to balancing and working the population through in this area, and keeping it centralized.

CHAIR KENNEDY: So we would still have to shift people between STANISFRESNO, and Fresno/Kern?

MS. WILSON: Correct.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

MS. WILSON: So there is, you know, if you want to keep these the way they are, I would recommend doing that through ECA, and probably up towards the north in this district, but obviously there's plenty of ways that you can figure out to do that. And so that's what this change looks like here.

And if I may; I can go on to explain the other one, or we can stay here, whatever course of action you would like to take.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead and explain the other one, please.
MS. WILSON: Okay, one moment. So next, I worked on
an iteration with Commissioner Turner and Commissioner
Fernandez about the Modesto situation. And so previously
we had Modesto out with Mono and Inyo, and so they took a
brand new approach.

And I will start here and -- actually we started in
the north, and we made Roseville whole before the
iteration that I had worked on previously had a split in
Roseville. And so we took all of Roseville and put all
of Placer into ECA, and then we took out -- then it was
overpopulated in ECA, so then we took out the Gold
Country Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and
Mariposa, and we put those in with the remaining portions
of Stanislaus County.

We have Manteca up to Lodi, and Dogtown, Woodbridge,
up to the San Joaquin County line. And then we moved
into the Sacramento area where we have Tracy, Mountain
House, and Lathrop with Stockton, and we have the Delta
in Sacramento.

And then moving up to the northern part of this
district -- I'm going to zoom in so you can clearer -- we
have Elk Grove and parts of Vineyard. We started at
Excelsior Road and kept taking to meet our population
requirement. And then we continued to move into
Sacramento, now NORTHSAC. All of these names are a
little bit off due to how we move things around.

So this Sacramento has Sacramento whole, we were able to move Florin, parts of Vineyard -- most of Vineyard, except for this portion here, Parkway, Fruitridge, all of those areas are back together in this version, and the City of Sacramento is whole, and with West Sacramento as well. We also took a portion of Arden-Arcade, and we have Rio Linda, Elverta in here as well.

And then moving to PLACERSAC, which is now just in SAC County, we moved in, Galt, Herald, Clay, Wilton, the rest of the cities and CDPs that are in Sacramento County. And we removed Rancho Murieta, and put that also along with ECA, which was in ECA, and a further iteration as well.

And I think that just about explains all the changes that we had. And so I can zoom out so you can see the full thing. But yeah, those are the changes that were made with both sets of Commissioners.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Kennedy.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: My question was back on the other change.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you ready for that
Commissioner -- Chair?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yes.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Yeah, I wanted to understand on. So we have had a lot of testimony in regards to Old Fig Garden. Of course, wanting it to be kept together, but more importantly, also not wanting it with Clovis, and it looks like that's exactly what we did. We took all of the Old Clovis -- all of the Old Fig Garden, the Fig Garden -- can you zoom in on that area again, let me see how much we've taken?

MS. WILSON: It was actually just -- the only boundary here from the Fresno, was there's a slight 5,000 people taken here, but it was just Old Fig Garden that was removed out, is really the major change.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: But as I'm understanding it, all of that is in with Clovis, right?

MS. WILSON: Correct. All of Old Fig Garden is up north and with Clovis.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So that -- that breaks, I think that COI -- I'm pulling it up again here. Yeah, here we go. So the request had been to -- for the Fresno/Tulare area is to include areas near Old Fig -- Fresno State that's south of Bullard and Shaw. So then we were looking to have that area included, bring in areas near Old Fig and Fresno State, bring in small
portion of Old Fig, but all of it into the Fresno/Tulare.

And I guess you can just speak to that. Was it because of numbers? Or we were meeting a different COI testimony? Or what we were doing in moving the rest of Old Fig out.

MS. WILSON: And Commissioner Sadhwani, and Toledo, I think, can speak to that.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, before we get to them.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually go ahead. Mine was about the -- you know, the ECA, that area. So go ahead with Commissioner Sadhwani.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. We've got eight minutes until our break. So we will -- we'll probably focus on this between now and the break, and then come back and complete the discussion after the break.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. And thank you for that, Commissioner Turner, because -- I'll just say, we spent a whole lot of time looking at various options. And I think, you know, Kennedy, if we can kind of pan out a little bit more, maybe further back down the Bakersfield area.

So, you know, the community testimony that we've
been getting on these VRA districts has really suggested
that -- in particular for the Bakersfield district that
the -- and also -- but also for Fresno/Tulare, I get that
the CVAP needs to be higher in order for these -- these
districts to perform.

We had very specific for the King, Tulare, Kern,
very specific testimony about removing Lemoore, Lemoore
Station, and East Hanford. And so we were -- we were
looking at that. We had had specific testimony about
North Tulare. We also had testimony about South Visalia.

So before -- before we, like get too far down, I
wanted to talk a little bit about some of the other
things we explored. One of the things that we looked at
was trying to create an arm, or a neck, if you will, from
the Fresno/Kern District, spanning upwards to take out
that portion of North Tulare/Visalia, and coming over
into Hanford and Lemoore, to push that out to
Fresno/Kern.

Once we started doing that, however, the population
became extraordinarily high. I mean, we were talking
about like a hundred -- 100,000 people, or something like
that. And it was very clear to us that that probably
isn't going to work unless we change the integrity of our
maps at this point in time, because we would still need
to be getting population from somewhere else.
So we shifted the -- given that most of the concern was in that Bakersfield area District, we did make some changes and looked at options around Shafter and Oildale, but we kind of landed on removing -- following the community testimony, of removing Lemoore, and Lemoore Station, and portions of Hanford, and keeping them in Fresno.

As you can see that boosted, previously we were in the King, Tulare, Kern at about fifty-five percent. We're now up at fifty-eight. In Fresno/Tulare, however, that means that we had to take something out, and we have gone back and forth on the Old Fig piece. We've had all different kinds of testimony.

So we went in that direction, and we were able to stay above fifty, at 51.16. And then in the San Joaquin, obviously, we still have some population left over there that we would need to shift as well. And I'm sure, Commissioner Toledo, perhaps you have some additional context that you want to add to this.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. So our goal in this was to try to raise the CVAPs in those two areas, the King, Tulare, Kern Districts, as well as the Fresno/Tulare Districts. And also look at -- when we weren't just looking at the Latino CVAP, because obviously we recognize that, that this area is complex,
and so we were also looking at the various other CVAPs, including -- especially up in the Fresno Tulare, the African-American community. Those worked pretty cohesively with the Latino community. So we were looking at that. And maybe we can see those numbers as well, Kennedy, so that we can see.

We were able to keep the Latino -- Latino CVAP went down, the African-American CVAP stayed about the same in -- if I remember correctly, in Fresno/Tulare. In King/Tulare the Latino CVAP went up, and the African-American actually stayed about the same. So we were -- the goal has been to try to look at these numbers holistically.

And so maybe, is there a way to see what they were prior, and what they are now?

MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And the Commission can just take a look. So the goal has been to try to increase the CVAP based on community input. The community input they were getting is that the CVAPs, and especially in the Southern District, in the King, Tulare, Kern District is -- is on the lower ends, although -- although with the African-American and Latino CVAP, I think we're getting to where it's a little bit more -- gives Latinos a greater opportunity to elect candidates
of their choice.

Of Fresno/Tulare, that is certainly something that -- a place where we wanted to increase that even more, we just -- because I mean, we were able to actually -- the one way we were able to increase the King/Tulare and the Fresno/Tulare Districts was by creating that arm. By creating that arm, we actually did achieve about a fifty-eight, and we were able to maintain the CVAPs in Fresno/Tulare, actually, I think improved it slightly.

The only problem with that, the major problem, is that it would cause us to -- or to have to shift significant populations up the maps. And so that was the biggest issue that we saw is, there really wasn't a way to do that from that perspective.

And so because -- we at that point started looking at where could we, potentially, make a cut that would allow us to raise the CVAP down in King/Tulare and the one place that -- that helped to do that -- and we've tried many different things -- was the Old Fig cut. And so that allows us to get up to fifty-eight while maintaining the African-American CVAP. And actually, I think it increases that, if I remember correctly that.

But Kennedy, correct me if I'm wrong.

MS. WILSON: And you're talking about in the
Fresno/Tulare?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In the Fresno/Tulare.

MS. WILSON: Yeah. And you're talking about the Black CVAP?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, the Black CVAP, I believe those upward --

MS. WILSON: So before -- yeah, I have the new one. It goes up from its -- the numbers just flip flop because it goes from 4.17 to 4.71.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So by taking Old Fig out, we actually increase the Black CVAP we -- the Latino CVAP goes down slightly. In King, what that allows us to do in King/Tulare is to increase the CVAP, the Latino CVAP to 58.7. It does decrease the African-American CVAP slightly to 6.48 -- I mean to 6.09 from 6.48.

So there were some tradeoffs. I think we still would have to work out those 5,000 people, which we thought, perhaps, we can shift up to ECA. But certainly there were other options as well. It's just none of these options are easy, and at this point, wanted to bring it to the Commission to see what -- where we are with this. And of course, we prioritized VRA over COI.

So we did look at other options as well, but these were the options that seemed the most viable.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. And
where we are is at break time. So colleagues, please continue to consider what you've seen over the next fifteen minutes, during our break. And we will be back at 4:30.

I want to take this opportunity to alert or remind the public that the plan for the rest of the evening. We will come back for one more ninety-minute block, from 4:30 until 6. We will have a dinner break from 6 to 6:45. At 6:45 the lines will close, and we will begin to take public comment.

We anticipate that that might involve at least two ninety-minute blocks, which would take us till 10:00. But if there are more people in the line who want to make comments, we will continue. But at this point we will close the lines at 6:45 and begin to take comment at that point.

Thank you. We'll be back at 4:30.

(whereupon, a recess was held from 4:16 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.)

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your patience. We are back from our mandatory fifteen-minute break. We were looking at the -- some possible changes in the Southern Central Valley with Kennedy and with Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Toledo had just finished. So next up, is
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. My question -- or I guess, I shouldn't say question. I'm a little concerned, and let me know if I'm wrong, Kennedy, because my numbers are going backwards. For the King/Tulare -- wait -- yes, for the King/Tulare we had a 55.5, right? That's what our old one was? Okay.

So I mean, I'm comfortable with that. My concern is Fresno/Tulare went down from 53 to a 51.16. And that concerns me, regardless of crossover voting, that that is very concerning to me. So I'd be very hesitant to make this change because of that. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So question about STANISFRESNO, we're 5,600 folks short. I know you spent a lot of time searching around to find population to keep -- to get the CVAP where it was. Do you have ideas of where you might find 6,000 people with 51.66-plus CVAP?

MS. WILSON: Is that a "me" question?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I guess it's to any of the -- any of the three of you who had a thought of that. I guess if you guys explored it more, or whatever.

MS. WILSON: So it was not explored more. However,
it's as you can see -- I'm going to turn off the current
districts -- the population is pretty equal from
Fresno/Kern to STANISFRESNO. So it would more so be
about walking it through a different area to get it back
to this area. Not so much you have to find it, because
it is here, sitting here, but you would have to probably
work it through Fresno, somewhere in here, and then push
it back in somewhere, either up in Modesto, Turlock, or
somewhere over there, to bring it back in.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. But unless the distribution
was exactly the same -- that population was exactly the
same as the distribution of the population that's in
STANISFRESNO. The Latino CVAP is going to change, and
most likely it's going to go down.

Can you walk it through? I mean, the most obvious
place to walk through is that line in Fresno. I mean, is
that -- but it's -- so you haven't done it? Okay. Thank
you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
Fornaciari. Commissioner Sinay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's kind of going back to Old
Fig Garden. To me it's a mystery. We've gotten a lot of
conflict -- conflicting testimony. I feel like I've
been -- I keep looking it up and it becomes the one area
I haven't quite figured out. So I guess I need some clarity on why. I don't know if there is a way to get clarity on why, since some communities want Old Fig Garden included, some don't, and all that.

But back to Bakersfield, and yes, we were okay at fifty-five. We've been told very clearly from the community that that one needs to be very high. And so that's I believe why the subcommittee or the -- not subcommittee, but the two Commissioners worked to get it as high as they got it, because we've been asked, you know, for it to be a VRA district that is -- I forget all the legal terms -- but that works. It needs to be a lot higher.

And so I think we're -- the feedback we've received is fifty-one is okay for further north, but for down there, fifty-eight is critical.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. For the Kings, Tulare, TULAKERN (ph.) District that is what Commissioner Sinay said exactly the point. I think the further south you go, and I think there has been analysis and reports that's been turned in through public comment to support that, where we were satisfied and looking at a CVAP number, an L-CVAP number that the community, for
sure, felt like that was not sufficient.

However, looking at the Fresno/Tulare decrease that's there; and Kennedy, I know we've -- I've looked at this area, too. We've looked at it a bunch of different ways. And I guess the only thing would be is, if there's any way we can get that number up again. We keep saying that, and I think we keep looking at it. And at some point, I guess, someone should probably just say no, there's not a way. Because we keep looking at it. We keep saying it, because it sounds like, you know, the thing to say. You know, let's just keep looking to see if we can get it up. And we've done that. And I didn't find a different way to increase that, though I'm glad we've increased the KINGTULAKERN district.

So we've gone -- yeah, I don't know. I don't know where else to find it at without bringing harm to the districts around it.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I just wanted to check and see if Commissioner Sadhwani or Commissioner Toledo had anything further to say on this.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just curious if we can get legal to just weigh in on this. I know that we certainly consulted with them, and just wanted them to just review the proposed -- the exploration that we've
done and just give their latest thinking on these.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

Sal?

MR. PEREZ: Sure thing. We've reviewed this. We are comfortable that it complies with the VRA. You did an admirable job of increasing Latino CVAP in KINGTULAKERN. Obviously, that came with a slight decrease in Latino CVAP at FRESNOTULARE, but we're comfortable where that's at. If possible, we'd like to see that back to where it was, which I believe was around fifty-three percent, but we're comfortable here.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that -- and that's referring to the proposed changes?

MR. PEREZ: Correct.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Sinay, you -- your hand is just -- okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Kennedy, can you move the map south for me? So we're looking -- oh, sorry. I mean, the other way. I tried. Was -- is that a Fernandez? Yeah, can you zoom in kind of at the Modesto -- I mean, Stanislaus-San Joaquin interface there?

Yeah, not a lot of people down there. Thank you.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we see the census numbers, the Os and 1s?

CHAIR KENNEDY: In this area?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. In this -- well, no, no, actually back where we were in Fresno because, I think, this is what we did before. Because it looks like there's red in all of those areas that you can just easily grab and increase the CVAP. But when you put the numbers there -- and I guess we don't need to see it. I guess I'll just state that, when you put the numbers on it, it's very few population. So the number just doesn't change. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you for that reminder.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm looking at the COI inputs and there's some references to maps from, I guess it's the Dolores Huerta Foundation as well as MALDEF and the Equitable Maps Coalition. And they're talking about that they've been able to create three effective Voting Rights Act Congressional Districts, and that they've submitted it to us.

I am just kind of curious. One, what numbers -- I have not been able to find -- I'm just scrolling through
as quickly as I can to find these maps that they're referring to. But I haven't seen their maps and I'm not sure what their CVAPs are. Are we in alignment with them? You know, I guess, I'm just kind of -- since we did the same in LA County, I'm just curious if we could do the same here and make sure that we've done, you know, the best we can because we have gotten testimony that some of the CVAPs do need to be higher, at least in that one particular area that they were -- I think Fresno-Kings-Tulare.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that one got up some.

CHAIR KENNEDY: So Kennedy, are you familiar with those maps? Or do you possibly have them --

MS. WILSON: I am.

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- already loaded? Is that something you could show us?

MS. WILSON: So I do have the Delores Huerta, but that's from when they had only two. And that was something that the Commission did not go forth towards --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

MS. WILSON: -- and I don't have the newest MALDEF maps, but I do know that they had numbers close to sixty in KINGTULAKERN, close to fifty-three or at fifty-three
in FRESNOTULARE, and around fifty percent in
STANISFRESNO.

However, they do that kind of arm thing. They take
this part out of Visalia, northern Tulare, but that
population with how you've drawn other parts of the
state, and that's what we looked at with Commissioner
Toledo and Commissioner Sadhwani. And so it's a lot of
population to bring out to make exactly their lines.
However, this is a very -- this line here that was able
to bring up KINGTULAKERN to fifty-eight, does match quite
closely to the MALDEF lines.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.
Okay. Lots of hands, some of which I think are just
still up. So I'll very quickly go -- Commissioner
Fornaciari -- no.
Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just quickly, Sal, could
you remind me in this area, is there crossover voting
with blacks and Asians or just blacks? I know the
further -- let me think -- further north you go, I
believe Asian, there was some crossover, but I just
wanted to confirm. Thanks.

MR. PEREZ: My understanding is that there is some
Latino-black crossover. And I am happy to provide
further detail in closed session.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thanks, Chair. Kennedy, I didn't recall, and Commissioner Akutagawa mentioned Equality California maps for this area. And if -- oh, it's Delores. Okay. I've seen Delores Huerta. Okay. Okay, so I thought she said Equality California and I didn't see maps for that. And if they had three strong districts, I wanted to see them.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's Equitable Maps Coalition.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Equitable Maps Coalition.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, and we did look at the Delores Huerta, the Equitable Maps Coalitions, and the MALDEF maps and we were able to achieve the fifty-eight -- actually closer to fifty-nine and fifty-three in FRESNOTULARE. But it caused about -- if I remember correctly, was about 130,000-dollar -- 130,000-person deviation that we'd have to shift through. So we'd have to shift it through and then it would probably cause a reduction in -- or it would cause a reduction in the
Latino CVAP in Stan -- I believe in STANISFRESNO. And so that was a problem as well.

So certainly, there could be an effort to try to bring in -- to try to take out a piece of that. And that was an option that Commissioner Sadhwani and I were going to explore, but we wanted to bring this to the Commission. This isn't perfect. It certainly doesn't bring up the FRENSOTULARE number, but it does bring up the KINGTULAKERN without having to change too much of the map. Because otherwise, we're going to be shifting population -- rotating population up to -- essentially back up the Sacramento, right -- area, Sacramento, Central Val -- the northern part of the ECA map. And so -- and also having to find some Latino CVAP in other areas to make the shift.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

So at this point, given everything that has been seen and heard, are we at a point to accept the proposed changes and not preclude further refinement if commissioner Toledo and/or Commissioner Sadhwani are able to find such refinements? Any objection to that?

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, I'm not opposed to that. I still think we need to figure out what to do with the 5,000-person deviation that we have right now, if we were
to accept this. And so -- and certainly we were -- we'd
be willing to work on this some more if that's the
Commission's prerogative.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do we want to map the shift
of those almost 6,000 people live? Or do we want to
provide some general direction to Kennedy to come back
with options for us?

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I still am not comfortable
with the lower numbers in the FRESNOTULARE cell. I hear
that you're comfortable, but I'm not comfortable with it.
The numbers still are low. And in terms of, if you do go
forward and moving the population around, maybe we should
discuss the other proposal too so that we don't have to
do it twice, possibly. Thanks. Regarding the Modesto.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No, I agree with
Commissioner Fernandez on that second portion. We kind
of left the population deviations off like this. We knew
that Commissioner Fernandez and Turner had been assigned
to work in the area, if you will. And so we've kind of
left it here, recognizing that if we adopt whatever
changes they came up with, that we would need to factor
this into that decision-making process. So I agree,
maybe moving on to see their changes might make sense.
And if we agree with all of them, then we can -- we could balance the populations together.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

So Kennedy, we will leave this as it is right now, with these proposals pending. We're not discarding them. We're not accepting them. They remain pending. And we would like to move to the description of the exploration that Commissioners Fernandez and Turner did around Modesto and Sacramento. And then we can consider both as part of a whole.

MS. WILSON: And if I may, I will say switching -- it's -- there's -- the plans weren't created with each other so --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

MS. WILSON: -- this one is going to be separate. Okay. Just wanted to make sure.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, yeah.

MS. WILSON: One moment while I change to the next one.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

MS. WILSON: So now we have the Modesto change, and I can walk through some of those changes. I'm not sure if Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner might want to. I know they took a lot of notes. I don't know how you would like me to proceed, but you just let me
know. And --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, I think you already went over it. So I think we'll just take questions or if someone wants to look closer at something.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you -- because so much has been going on, could you just walk us around the area one more time, please?

MS. WILSON: Yes, I can do that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

MS. WILSON: So we started working off of the Roseville proposal from a previous iteration. We added all of Roseville, all of Placer County into ECA. That overpopulated ECA. And so then we needed to take some out and we took out Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa. And we put that in with Modesto, Manteca, Eastern San Joaquin County. And then we went on to this district with Stockton which is whole, keeps Lathrop, Tracy, and Mountain House.

Then you go up to Elk Grove and we cut a piece of Vineyard at Excelsior and then started to take more for population balance. And then we move north into the City of Sacramento which now has Vineyard, Florin, and Parkway, all with the City of Sacramento. We have West Sacramento as well in here, parts of Arden-Arcade, Rio Linda, Elverta.
Then moving on to PLACERSAC which is now just SAC, has the other cities and CDPs within Sacramento County. And down at the bottom we brought in Galt, Herald, and Clay. We took out Rancho Murieta and put it with ECA as well. And that is a general overview of this whole thing.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, very much.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The more I thought about it yesterday, it really comes down to what we think is better with ECA. Is it Roseville or is it Modesto? Because honestly that's the two parts that you're -- that you're dealing with at this point. It's still a very long district. I forget how many miles it was. We did that yesterday but that would seem like so long ago; it's, like, a six-hour drive.

We were able to keep some of the COIs -- and I will say that Commissioner Turner and I, on the same page in terms of ensuring those that don't have a voice, we kind of -- we feel that we need to be the voice for them, which was my big push for having -- ensuring that Florin and Parkway were with Sacramento, not with the other district. Because that definitely is the working class of the Sacramento area, and it's very important that we don't split them from the other communities that are in
the same situation.

So I am grateful for that. Of course, you know, we can't have everything. Personally I feel that Modesto is more ECA than Roseville. That's just my own personal feeling based on my living in this area my entire life, which also includes San Joaquin, and Stanislaus. And the only other -- so we've got part of Sacramento now with Stockton, Elk Grove, so I'm just hoping that there was in San Joaquin will treat them greatly, which I'm sure they will. And then I hope that Roseville remembers Inyo, Mono, and Alpine and takes care of our Sierras, as well. So I think that kind of summarizes it. It kind of -- it changed the look of it somewhat but that's -- it took us -- I don't even think of -- I can't remember how many iterations. We did the Etch A Sketch. I think we started over -- Kennedy, you were so patient with us. I think we started about ten times. So thank you so much.

Commissioner Kennedy -- or Commissioner Turner, I didn't know if you wanted to add?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. That was -- thank you so much for that. Everything that Commissioner Fernandez has said, and in addition to that, we see the changes. This will offer some new opportunities for people to work together. I'm very aware that Elk Grove to -- with Stockton, combined in with Stockton, is a little bit of a
different iteration.

But again, once you start moving population, Elk
Grove is large, Stockton is large, Modesto's large, you
know, and so these areas, they just do have a ripple
effect. And so we had to make decisions based on -- even
with Modesto with ECA. We heard supporting COI
testimony, those that, you know, thankfully was welcoming
to Modesto in that area. So this is -- this was what we
came up with that we feel really good about as far as
being able to protect as many COIs that we thought was
important to protect. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I really want to thank both
of you. It's really fantastic work. I thank Kennedy for
working with you. I admire what you've done.

And so Commissioner Fernandez, you have a few more
words, and then we'll go on to other colleagues.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. No, just something
quickly. I'm not sure if we've had -- if everyone's had
a chance to review some of the inputs into our database
as well as some of the public comment. There were people
calling in saying, hey, you could move Clovis and the
northern eastern part of Fresno, but I don't think that's
a better match than Modesto is. So we just stayed with
Modesto. I just wanted to make sure that I -- that we
let you know that we heard you, but we went down the
Modesto route. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I also want to thank Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner, for, you know, working hard on this. I really appreciate it. But I do want to bring up a point that -- this sort of surprised me. That I -- part of the Sierras are together and part of them are not. And I want to bring up a point that we didn't really discuss in the previous times. And it isn't that -- we've gone over what the Central Valley has issues of, you know, their -- it's agricultural, that sort of stuff. And we said -- and they're different. The Sierras have, you know, the broadband, issues like that.

What we haven't actually said is that these areas also have opposing interests. And that is why I was sort of more really advocating to keep a -- try to get a totally Sierra district. It didn't necessarily have to be Roseville but Sierras, because water is one of the big ones. And the Sierra areas, and particularly in this particular area, it's environmental use and they would like to have more of the water stay there, where the Central Valley and the cities really want as much water as possible to come down there.
And so you know, they're -- and they also have, which the Central Valley does not have, is federal land. A large portion of their counties are federally owned. And you know, you can't do your hospitals, your county roads, and your fire -- well, firefighters a little different but -- if you don't have the county money. And the areas in the Central Valley, that's not an issue. And so if their representatives are being at the federal level, told please, you know, you don't take that money, you know, most of their constituents are -- that sounds fine. And that's why one of the big issues why Mono, Inyo, and Alpine particularly have been disenfranchised for many, many years.

It's not just this past ten. It's gone on for a very long time. And that's why I wanted to bring that up. I appreciate all the work that's gone into this. You know, possibly, you know, Modesto might actually be the best, rather than quite as -- quite the large amount of the Central Valley with this area. But I just wanted to bring that up. And I appreciate all the work gone in here. I'm not sure this is better than what we had before.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just want to thank
both Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner for the work that they did. Just a couple observations and then there is one question. I guess, one observation is that, you know, for all the work that we put into keeping Elk Grove and Vineyard together, now they're being separated. So just an observation there, but I also understand some of the other, you know, considerations. Yeah, I'm just also thinking about what Commissioner Fernandez said about Roseville versus Modesto. And in some ways, they're, you know, kind of not that much more different, you know, just takes it further north. And, you know, at the end of the day, I mean, to be honest, I'm not sure if that's going to be better given some of the other COIs that have been broken up. Although I do like this iteration than the versions that I think we came up with earlier. So I will say that.

Thirdly, just -- so this is the question that I have. With this version that is being proposed, would the CVAPs in the Central Valley be higher with the inclusion of Modesto being put back into the mix? My sense is probably not, but I am wondering about that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, I don't know if you have any --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can I respond here?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: So for that one -- so none of these are VRA districts. So we're -- we --

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Got it. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And thank you for the feedback. That's good information. I guess, in my personal opinion, I would -- I prefer the draft maps that we had prior to this. But this is something that is workable, obviously, as well, as long as the Commission likes it.

And just to answer Commissioner Andersen, there's so many districts that have opposing views. But this -- as Commissioner Turner said, it's -- and I do, I always see it as an opportunity to get to know your neighbor, get to know a new viewpoint, and hopefully work together.

I mean, there's only so much we can do in terms of how much they will work together. But I'm hopeful that they'll work together and with Mono, Inyo, and Alpine, my belief is they wanted to go further north to the south. They didn't want to dip into the Modesto area. So I
mean, I'm not sure how to really answer your response.

But there's been so many other areas that aren't perfect because there's no way we can make it perfect. There's so many conflicting communities of interest and then with the numbers.

And yes, Commissioner Akutagawa, we did go to great lengths to keep Elk Grove and Vineyard together. They are in the Assembly right now. And at the end of the day, it's the tradeoffs and fourteen people coming together and doing the best we can.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Turner, did you have something further?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. I do.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I do. Yeah, and thank you.

This process has been amazing and a challenge. I wanted to say, Commissioner Andersen, speaking about the water issues, that just tickles me because for sure water issues -- Sierras wanting to keep water. Central Valley, agricultural needing the water. I think they are -- that's the perfect district to make where the one congressperson will have to get that figured out as opposed to standing on opposing sides saying we need, we want.

And so yes, it will create a problem that for sure
is solvable, that will have to be worked out in that area. And then as far as Vineyard, yeah -- again, we want everything whole, et cetera. This process caused us to drill down into Vineyard and look at it a little bit more closely. And there are actually some country club areas and different things in Vineyard that we were able to bring -- make a split that felt like that area would still benefit by moving into that other area.

So it wasn't just kind of haphazardly; we were careful in our crafting, trying to be even surgical in our approach. And so I like this iteration. It is very different than what we've done before. But I do think it affords opportunities for people to work together that I think can work together, that is pretty, like, have enough in common that will make it workable. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I put myself in line to, again, express my admiration for the two of you for coming up with this. This district, I am very happy with. You know, we could always -- if we wanted, I mean, we all want to give everyone everything they want. But we also recognize that that's not workable. And so I think the two of you have done a masterful job of coming up with this. I salute you. I thank you. And you know, my -- I'm on the side of let's stick with this one.
Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I second that. Both of you and Kennedy have really, really some different thinking here -- went into this. It was -- yeah, I could imagine how many iterations you all went through to think of this. It's really kind of interesting. The foothill counties, you know, that you've coupled the foothill counties with Modesto. I mean, we have heard from the foothill counties that they are connected to Modesto. We heard that in our Assembly feedback. Yeah, so really, really interesting thinking and balancing and trading off of COIs.

Just one thing came to my mind. I'm wondering if we do go forward and adopt this, I'm wondering if swapping, like, Rancho Murieta and Shingle Springs might make sense. So reduce a county split, or -- and keep part of Shingle -- or all of Shingle Springs in El Dorado. There'd have to be a little balancing. It's about 1,000 people difference. But that might be -- you know, that'll cut down on Rancho Murieta being out of the county. But really, really clever thinking there. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that suggestion, Commissioner Fornaciari. And I guess at this point, we might ask Kennedy to explore that.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thank you. And I want to just express my appreciation for Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner for working on this, because I know I was pushing for the exploration and I feel like that's what this is and that's what we've done, right? We received testimony and I think, as with all of the testimony, whether it's here or in Long Beach or in other places, right, I mean, even, like, Simi Valley and Santa Clarita, like, I think all of those deserved to be explored. And we have done that, right?

That being said, I think this does create some odd pairings to me. I mean, I'm just curious if it was explored, like, keeping Elk Grove more in that Sacramento district with, like, going up to Folsom and thinking about some of those other splits. And I'm -- you know, as I'm trying to wrap my head around these changes, I'm -- I think I'm starting to land more with Commissioner Andersen. As much as we've heard Modesto doesn't go with ECA, I'm not crazy about all the pairings that happened throughout here. And I think, again, it starts coming down to what COIs do we want to preserve versus others.

So I really appreciate this exploration and I think the openness to see it. That being said, I'm still kind
of on the fence on where I land on this iteration.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could you come back to me?

I apologize. I've forgotten what I wanted to say.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oops. I forgot what I was going to say too. But I -- I'm catching up. So I'm just stalling right now for time. Okay, here we go. Yes, we could look into swapping Rancho Murieta, and Shingle Springs, but that -- that, of course, is if we're going to adopt this. The population difference -- that's what I was looking up -- was -- is about 1,300 difference. So it's something we can look into. We would probably have to -- we'd have to cut into, I think, El Dorado a little bit. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And what -- and we'd -- Commissioner Sadhwani, we looked at the Elk Grove. We -- I think it was at least ten times. And you know, I just have to -- I think Commissioner Turner cannot thank Kennedy enough. She was so patient. Every time we were like, okay, start over again because it's not working -- and so thank you, Kennedy. Your -- just patience and
your smile. I don't think I would have had a smile by
then. So thank you so much.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Akutagawa, are you ready? Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I remember now. I
do have a question because it was brought up about
water -- you know, areas needing water and then areas
wanting to, I don't want to say preserve their water.
But you know, that's one of the big issues there too. So
Roseville doesn't strike me as -- I mean, I know that
there are parts that are agricultural, but it's not
agricultural in the way that the Central Valley is and
Modesto is. So my sense is that, you know, kind of what
you're describing, Commissure Turner, applies more to the
previous map or not this iteration but the draft maps.

Okay. I just wanted to make sure that I wasn't
understanding something incorrectly. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Turner, followed by Commissioner
Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So for me, I'm still
loving this iteration. And I was wondering, Chair, at
some point, if we can go back to see the draft maps and
see the COIs that were disrupted there. It might be
helpful as a reminder to Commissioners as far as where we
were, as we get ready to land on how we want to move in this area.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just thinking about the -- and appreciate all the work that went into this. Certainly, I'm just thinking about the potential shift of 5,000 people from the Central Valley. All right. But the connection between those two maps. And because, of course, VRA comes first. And the impact on that, although I don't think it'll be too much, I think we might be able to solve that. And I think we can do it, regardless of whether we use the draft map version or this proposed version. But I just wanted to bring that back to -- to just highlight that. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Kennedy, if you could show us the old lines and the new lines in different colors, please, so that we can see what our options are?

Just want take this moment to let folks know we've got about fifty minutes remaining. We want to get back to both Jaime and Tamina, for them to show us what they have come up with. But I think we're doing reasonably
well.

   So Kennedy?

MS. WILSON: Do we want the draft map or Commissioner Fornaciari's map that we --

CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe we want the draft map and

then --

MS. WILSON: Just the --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

MS. WILSON: -- first -- very first. Okay.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct. And what --

MS. WILSON: I just wanted to make sure.

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- and what Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner had explored.

MS. WILSON: So I will put Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner's lines in blue, that we've been working with. And I will put the draft -- our -- your draft in black. And so we can start with --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Could we maybe do blue and red, because blue and black --

MS. WILSON: Yes. We could do --

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- are a little too similar.

MS. WILSON: Yes. You can choose whatever colors you like.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

MS. WILSON: You're very welcome.
Okay. So do you want me to start, maybe, with the changes?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

MS. WILSON: Okay. So one big difference -- I'm just going to -- they're on top of each other too, in how the layers work. Sometimes where they coincide you won't see the other color. So one thing, a huge change was that our ECA was Inyo, Mono, parts of Fresno, parts of Madera, all the Gold Country, and we had a split in El Dorado and Lake Tahoe. Of course, Truckee was not in there.

And now looking at the balanced -- and I actually should continue one further. We had this PLACERSAC, so we took Folsom and Orangevale, I believe it is, into Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Yuba, and Plumas. So this was all -- these were two districts. And they also -- this one was populated by Modesto and Turlock. And so what we've changed these -- this ECA into, which I'll turn on in blue, now is just Mono, Inyo, parts of Fresno, parts of Madera. We go up and we no longer have El Dorado Hills, or Cameron Park, Shingle Springs. But we do have the rest of El Dorado County. And then moving north into that, we still have all of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sierra, and we have Tahoe, Truckee together in this version.

And so that's the start there, and then we can move
closer into Modesto area. It's just a lot of lines. And so from our beginning, again, Modesto was going outwards to populate this ECA and now we have Modesto. And let me -- Modesto just going as far as Gold Country. And so instead of going all the way to ECA, it's just at Gold Country stopping at Amador. And then having Manteca up to -- and the eastern San Joaquin farming towns up to the county line.

And so a difference with our draft map was that we had a line and taking in just Valley Home from the Stanislaus County. We had Escalon in her. We did not have Ripon in here. And then we had basically all of San Joaquin County together. It was -- majority of it is just whole. So as you can see, we just take more, and it's kept all together.

And then moving up into Sacramento, there's definitely a lot difference of where things were split. So before, we had still three splits, but it was just a little different. We had it at -- up going into the middle of Sacramento. So Elk Grove and south Sacramento City, south Sacramento County, for the most part, were all kept together. And now we can see that Elk Grove is going down into Stockton as before the county line was where the division was between the districts. However, it is the division between this district and the
PLACERSAC.

And before, it was -- that second district was more of north Sacramento, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Rancho, out to Elverta, Rio Linda, Citrus Heights in here as well. And then we had -- now let me show you that the county line in this version, in Sacramento, just reaches out to grab El Dorado Hills, but before Folsom was going northwards, and so that's one difference there. And then again, I did go over this district. We refined the lines here in Yuba City, but it was Roseville and Folsom and El Dorado -- Folsom going northwards, not including Truckee, or the -- toward Lake Tahoe, but having Sierra Nevada and Placer, and so forth in here as well.

So sorry that the line's, you know, going back and forth, but hopefully toggling those on and off helped.

CHAIR KENNEDY: That's helpful. That's very helpful. Thank you, so much, Kennedy.

Commissioner Toledo, did you have something further? No. Commissioner Fernandez? Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I was actually referring -- I think, I might have said the draft map, but I meant the one that is balanced. This is -- this was sort of obsolete. The one that was balanced and then put the lines -- it was -- so it split Tahoe in the middle of the lake. It was that balanced one. Because
these are not the balanced -- the draft map was not balanced. So that was not a -- sort of a comparison, I thought, in terms of -- I mean, yes, it was the draft but it -- but again, the draft wasn't balanced. So I meant -- I guess, it was Commissioner Fornaciari's balanced one?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. That's the one I meant to compare the two. So I thought I'd bring that up.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I'm trying to think about this holistically. And certainly as we presented, Commissioner Toledo and I worked over the weekend with Kennedy on the Central Valley districts and I hear Commissioners are -- some are in support of the new version. Some are less so. And I'm just wondering if we were -- if there was openness to returning to Modesto to be a part of ECA? I'm also wondering, then, in pairing the ECA with the Central Valley, would it make sense to look -- oh, I'm sorry. Is someone else trying to talk?

CHAIR KENNEDY: No. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, okay. Perhaps someone else is -- I think, Commissioner Andersen, you're not
Would it make sense to go back — you know, Commissioner Toledo and I looked at that arm that we described through south Visalia, northern Tulare, out through Lemoore. Would it make sense to actually do that? I know Kennedy will probably want to murder me at this point. But I'm sensing from everyone, like, you know, a scratching of the head about, you know, is it Roseville? Is it Modesto? Do we move forward with this? Do we go back?

If we're thinking Central Valley, then is there a way to strengthen and clean up those VRA districts in such a way and move forward, right? And be able to pull up the FRESNOTULARE district as well as the KINGTULAKERN. Right now, we're pulling up the KINGTULAKERN and leaving the FRESNOTULARE slightly less. But I know we've heard from counsel that that was okay. But I was hearing still from some Commissioners, you know, some concern about that as well.

So I'm wondering if that might be a third way, if you will, to move this conversation forward. So I just wanted to offer that.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. Kennedy, did you have something else at this point?

Okay. Thank you.
MS. WILSON: I -- my hand was --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess, I'll just state -- I would -- I think at this point, I think, I would prefer our draft maps versus this current exploration as Kennedy took us through it. The only question I would have is, is there a way to also extend up and include Truckee, because it seems a little weird to exclude them? That would be my only question on that.

To Commissioner Sadhwani's question, you know, that may be worth an exploration, although, I mean, you know, I think the only question -- the only other question that raises is that, you know, at the point that we are now, does it make sense to do that?

And then lastly, in reading additional COI testimony, and I guess, maybe this is a question to ask counsel, but according to some of the inputs, and they're citing the Dolores Huerta Foundation maps, it seems like there seems to be -- and maybe I'm reading it wrong, but it seems like there's an interest in two strong VRA districts versus three semi-strong VRA districts. And I'm wondering if in doing that, would that also change our calculus in these districts? And again, I -- also very conscious of where we are in our process, and I, you
know, I'm just as comfortable if we need to move on, we just move on. So thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So yeah, the drafts look great, but they're not balanced. And I think in the balancing is where we started splitting more COIs, which is what made the next iteration kind of problematic for me. And so if we wanted to look and do that comparison, we can. I -- what I liked about the draft, was that it did not split the COIs in Sacramento. It did keep San Joaquin County whole.

And then there was the Modesto all the way out to Inyo and Mono, which I didn't care so much for. And so balancing causes things to move. And so we would have to look at the iterations and see the latest iteration, I guess, and do the comparisons there. As far as the strong VRA districts, I think that probably will have to be counsel because we've received, you know, counsel, as well as far as what we needed to do for Fresno area.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

Kennedy?

MS. WILSON: And to -- just to that point, Commissioner Fornaciari's map that he drew, I would say, one of the bigger differences was the county moved the
line up to the county line, and Truckee and South Lake
Tahoe were split. However, his changes were extremely
minimal. And so basically what I went through that
wasn't balanced is for the most part what he had as well.
So I can go through that but just -- there weren't huge
differences between the draft that you created and what
Commissioner Fornaciari changed.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

I accidentally hit "lower hand" so I was -- I think
I may have put myself in the queue more or less here. I
just wanted to say that my perspective on this is that,
you know, all of Placer, all of Nevada, Sierra, Plumas,
you know, that general area makes a lot of sense to me.
And then Mono, Inyo, Alpine with Tahoe, makes a lot of
sense. So in my mind, you know, I'm getting both of
those that make a whole lot of sense to me together in
this one district. So that's what I find very attractive
about this.

So next is Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I -- you know, both the
drafts and this version, same, would be acceptable from
me. I think one of the things that I'm just thinking
about is the Central Valley, and we did draw the arm in
the Central Valley, Commissioner Sadhwani, myself, and
Kennedy. And we are able to draw the arm, but it
requires a shift up of population up to the Northern California region of a substantial number of people. So if there was a way of swap population, we can get the Latino CVAP to about fifty-eight, fifty-nine in -- what was it? In the FRESNO-KERN district, and then fifty-three in the FRESNOTULARE, and also maintain those areas.

But it would require us building the arm, that would require us shifting and rotating population up. And so -- and that's -- and of course, from my perspective, VRA should come first and then the districts around it. But certainly we're, you know, that's something that we could potentially work offline and see if there's any -- while maintaining the integrity of whichever version of the districts we decide to go into -- go forward with here in the Northern California region. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. On the question of Modesto or Roseville going up to ECA, I land on Roseville, just looking in the demographics of Roseville and having, you know, friends who live in all that area. I just feel like it's a better fit. That Modesto really is Central Valley and should be represented within the Central Valley. I do -- I really do appreciate the compromises and the collaboration that
took place to create these maps, and I support them.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Kennedy, did you have something at this point?

Thank you.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. So I guess, I want to know -- I want to see the arm again. I've lost focus on what the arm is and what that means about the arm. And particularly if the arm is going to cause a split. VRA is our top criteria; I get that. We already have VRA districts and our counsel have already told us that the VRA districts we have will -- are good VRA districts.

And so now, to me, depending on what splits the arm causes, we are now just splitting, you know -- we're going above and beyond and causing harm to other areas potentially. So I would really want to know what that looks like and what the cost of that would be.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I was just kind of -- we just need to decide if we go with this iteration or if we go with, I think, Commissioner Fornaciari's. I prefer Commissioner Fornaciari's, but we just -- we just really
need to just decide. And then we can look at the
different moves, potentially, in the VRA districts.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to
reply about the arm piece. So you know, Kennedy, if you
want to show that region again?

MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So when we looked at this
and recall, right, you can see this kind of rainbow or
halfmoon shape. And we mentioned this earlier. The
testimony we've received is to remove the northern
portions of Tulare, southern portions of Visalia, and
possibly as far out to East Hanford, and Lemoore and
Lemoore Station.

The idea would be the FRESNO-KERN district, which is
a non-VRA district, cuts up and creates an arm in that
way. We looked at that, and I think that that was over
100,000 people. So that population would have to go
somewhere. We didn't play around with it because we
weren't sure if, you know -- what -- we knew Commissioner
Fernandez and Turner were also working closely right next
door on ECA. But as we looked at it, it seemed like a
reasonable solution in general. But -- in terms of
improving the VRA districts.

However, that 100,000-plus population has to push
out somewhere. And so one of the options then is pushing out to ECA. And we haven't explored exactly how far up that would go, what other changes it might require, because we weren't sure what, you know, what others were working on. But that was the way to improve this area, is by creating that kind of an arm and linking it to FRESNO-KERN and then connecting that further out.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So that would be, you know, focusing on our VRA applications and certainly not, then, focusing on the communities of interest testimony around the Sierras, necessarily. Or doing so in some ways, but not in all, perhaps. And so we wanted to raise that as an option since we're now talking about the ECA.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. You know, the VRA is our second criteria. And I think trying to deal with the 6,000, I don't quite know how that was even being contemplated, because I see that affecting the VRA with the STANISFRESNO. And that's what -- the 100,000, wow, the other way. That might require enormous amounts of work, as I see it. And I think this is an issue that we kind of need to -- it almost doesn't matter what we decide one way or the other with the ECA and the
Sacramento area, until we resolve this issue.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fornaciari? Okay.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was going say, then, Chair, with our short amount of time left, I would really like to see where this is going to go. I think it would be problematic to release it and have it go back. I'm just wondering how much are we going to break up in trying to do this in -- I hope we can do it live. And the 100,000 is not -- if you're taking whole areas, maybe it's not, you know, won't take as much or as long.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we have -- okay. Let me get Commissioner Sinay, Kennedy, and Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm just wondering, do we need a closed session before we go into the whole -- the VRA districts? Is -- are there -- some questions have come up that haven't been answered. And I was wondering if we need to have close session.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Kennedy?

MS. WILSON: I was just going to offer that, you know, a similar iteration of what's being discussed has
been drawn. And if you would like to take -- like, there's pictures of what surrounding districts look like, which is -- would be similar to what we would be left with, if you want to look at that as well.

CHAIR KENNEDY: So that's --

MS. WILSON: And it -- oh, sorry.

CHAIR KENNEDY: -- with this arm?

MS. WILSON: Yes. With this arm is something that MALDEF has drawn. And I do have, like, a few pictures. I don't have their shapefile, but of the Central Valley and what that kind of would mean. I mean, obviously, you don't have to draw things exactly the same, but it would just kind of show probably what the big picture of what would be happening.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So if you can prepare to share that, I'll call on Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: My question was going to be did you -- you know, you explored the idea of this arm and taking the 100,000 folks out. Did you think about where -- you get to the point where you thought about where they would come from in the first step?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Should I respond to that?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: When you say "where they
come from", do you mean in the arm or where they would
go?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, to -- so you're
taking these 100,000 people out of those districts.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And you got to replace
them somehow.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Not where the 100,000
would go but where the 100,000 you took out of the
districts would come from.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, I think
-- and I would have to go back. We didn't explore all of
that. But I think that's where, you know, Modesto could
potentially come back into play and as well as some
shifts between the STANISFRESNO and Fresno districts as
well. It would be reshaping them to some extent in order
to do so, right? So some areas in Madera and then
further up as well.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ? Yeah. It was almost same
question that Commissioner Fornaciari was just trying to
figure out. How it may impact the other districts. So I
guess, I'll just wait and see. We still have to decide
what version we're going to go with. And then decide if we're going to do the arm.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. And we have twenty-eight minutes until dinner.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you zoom into the -- oh, I guess, you can't move this picture around. So I'm looking at this picture and they go into --

CHAIR KENNEDY: She can zoom in.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- southern San Joaquin County. Okay, yeah, I want to see the top.

MS. WILSON: One moment.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So anyway, it goes into southern San Joaquin County. It grabs Lathrop. It goes over and grabs Ripon, and Escalon, Riverbank, little bits of Manteca and it looks like it takes parts of Ceres. Does it -- and maybe some of Modesto. But I think it's the LCVAP at 50.8. So they drew three over fifty percent districts. Huh. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Did you look at just the 6,000, trying to move the 6,000 in? Because that might be the -- instead of the 100,000, I'm just -- we're -- you know, I think the 6 might be an
easier --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just to respond. We didn't think too strategically about it. Only in that, we kind of put it in the two districts that are not right up against other VRA districts so that it had somewhere to go, because we weren't sure where the Commission was going to land. We weren't sure what Commissioner Turner and Fernandez were going to come up with or where the Commission was going to land. So we didn't strategize specifically because we figured it would need to go out in either direction, right?

So down in the FRESNO-KERN, you know, we generally said probably it would mean, like, a portion of Ridgecrest going with ECA or some of the other cities further down. And then in STANISFRESNO, we said, you know, we would -- it would need to come probably further up at the top. But maybe Kennedy has some -- has -- remembers better. We certainly talked about it, but we didn't have a specific plan because we didn't know where the rest of the Commission was going to land on these issues.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Kennedy?
MS. WILSON: And there is a dividing line between the two districts. However, taking, you know, some from these areas -- I mean, I think either way, it probably would drop the CVAP, but there is this dividing line here a little further north than the 99 where you could shift populations as well.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you put on the Latino CVAP heatmap for us, please? Are there --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you also put the numbers on, please?

(Pause)

CHAIR KENNEDY: Is anyone seeing a change they want to propose? We're looking to see if there are areas along that line between STANISFRESNO and FRESNO-KERN where we could do a direct swap rather than rotating through a third district.

MS. WILSON: And will we be live line drawing, because this is more or less just a layer but I can go to the snapshot. I just knew I was going to be showing multiple layers today. And so I can go to the actual snapshot so I can work if you want to propose doing some live line drawing here.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, theoretically, yes. We might do some of that. So go ahead and make that shift.

Commissioner Akutagawa?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just curious. I think, Kennedy, you said that you didn't have the MALDEF maps, and I'm not advocating to say that we have to use theirs. But I was under the impression that we had their shapefiles from yesterday when we looked at it down in Southern California. And I'm only just bringing it up because it seems like we're trying to do some tinkering now. But I will -- regardless of their maps, or the Dolores Huerta maps -- I think they also have weighed in on this as well, too.

I think we have to get these VRA districts right in the Central Valley. And if it does mean, like, a three-district swap, I know we're trying to minimize it. But I think in doing so we might be doing ourselves and also the people in these districts a disservice. So I think we just got to make sure we're -- if that's what we need to do, then I think that's what we should do.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI? yeah, it looked like along that line, any population we moved would be -- would lower the CVAP. So -- but I'd really be interested in going back up to the southern San Joaquin area and look at the map there.
CHAIR KENNEDY: Which iteration are we looking at?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I mean, just -- I just want to look at the heat map with the numbers --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- based on what -- the map we just saw. I guess, that was from MALDEF but --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Did you want the numbers in or out, Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want the numbers in but --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- I'm not -- wow.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Not seeing a whole lot.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm not seeing it. Wow. Yeah, because they had -- they took all of Lathrop, which is kind of right around there. And then they took Ripon and that other little guy right there. And it's not that many folks so -- hmm. I -- it would definitely need a lot more deep exploration, I would think.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I guess, I'm just a little confused. I know we were going to do the exploration, but I thought we were going to decide on the
other part first. Because if we make a change here, and then we change the districts -- what the districts look like, I don't know, I just seems like it might be -- we might have to undo what we did and look at a different direction. So thanks.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm still looking at that 6,000. I saw, like, probably 1,000 that we could do on that switch down into Fresno, and actually increase the CVAP a little bit. And I'm seeing here -- I'm kind of guessing. And like, a -- but I only see, like, a couple hundred that -- it would increase the CVAP but, you know, so then we're at -- you know, we're less than -- we can't get 6,000. This is tricky. This is very tricky. And I'm wondering if it's worth trying.

I also think, though, we should look at how we could switch the population before we decide one way or the other. Because, well, it does affect if we can even do this at all. So those are my thoughts.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Commissioner Toledo, your hand had been up.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I was just going to suggest that perhaps we -- Commissioner Sadhwani and I can work with legal counsel on these -- an iteration that
we bring back on the 19th. And if we -- if it's palatable, we can move forward with it. If it's not palatable, we don't. We revert back to something. I mean, these become our backup maps, right?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, the maps we approve today. But if there's something that -- if we can get an arm or some semblance of an arm, then -- that is palatable to the whole Commission, then it moves forward. If it doesn't, it doesn't. I mean -- but you know, but of course, I think we'd have to work very closely with legal counsel and with our line drawing staff. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. No. I would be very happy to see something like that.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you for that, Commissioner Toledo. I would certainly be open to continuing to work on this and looking at whether or not the arm is a possible -- possibility for us to move forward. I believe that when we put together the plan, you were right, that December 19th was saved as a as a day to come back to Congress.

I would just also offer that, you know, perhaps we could work on two versions. One, creating the arm and
the second is -- in keeping what we have, trying to find a place for that 6,000 to go so that we're not left on December 19th with, like, ooh, what are we going to do with this? Because I think on December 19th, we need to be, like, done-done.

So happy to do that. But I would say then let's do two different versions and then the Commission could choose what seems like the best option for us to, you know, meet our first, second criteria, of course, as well as maintaining COIs.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you for that, Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to say something similar. I just -- I don't feel good about waiting till the 19th if -- having two plans and it's going to be either this or that, I could do. But having one plan and we say no and then we're back to trying to figure out.

I also want to give the community enough time to give us feedback, because we can think something looks good and this area is really -- I mean, this is the area that we all -- I think, a lot of us feel, you know, we need to get it right.

I have felt good about the work that we're doing. I feel that we've worked really collaboratively and we keep
trying to make it better, which is great. But I do
also -- so I want to start from there. That I do think
that we've done some really good work here. And it's
about making it better. And so as long as we have two
options, just so that we don't feel like we have to go
with whatever comes and gets presented to us because we
have no more options, because it's --

CHAIR KENNEDY:  Right. And we will try to get back
to this before the 19th. I can't guarantee that we will,
but we can certainly try. You know, my own sense is that
the alternative, the exploration presented by
Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner had a lot
of support with a lot of enthusiasm. Not, you know,
understanding that nothing's going to be perfect for
everybody. But I sense a lot of support and enthusiasm.
I understand that there are reservations with it.
But it seemed like the preponderance in my eye was -- and
my ears were towards supporting that alternative. So you
know, I'm happy to have Commissioner Toledo and
Commissioner Sadhwani come back with two options for us,
understanding that those need to be perfectly balanced
and taking into account the discussion that we've had.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO:  I'm just going to thank you,
Chair, for that. That was it. And to thank the
Commission for this very important discussion. I think it's -- you know, I think Commissioner Sinay is correct. I think we've done a lot here. And I think we're -- we've done some good work here. And I think if there's any way to improve it, we'll try. Of course, we'll also -- and do our best to improve while not disrupting the important COIs that we've already touched upon and discussed. I mean, of course, obviously, that's important, but certainly we'll go back and work with our legal and line drawers on it. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Fernandez, and then I'd like to get back and get report outs from Jaime and Tamina.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, just quickly. In terms of the iteration we brought in today versus Fornaciari's, I don't know if it was clear which side. I mean, you're saying there was enthusiasm, but there was a lot of questions. So I'd actually like -- we can't really poll everyone, but it'd be nice to -- let me think, how would I say that? I don't know if it was as overwhelming as I thought it was. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. You know, I
think moving 6,000 people would change either of those drafts a bit. Moving 100,000 people would change those drafts a lot. So I -- yeah -- so I don't know that we can move forward with choosing one of those options at this point until we know what we're going to do with our VRA districts, unfortunately.

CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. Thank you.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, you know, I was -- I very much as a -- I'm an advocate for ensuring that the -- I guess the eastern Sierra counties have their representation and ensure that we can create a district that I think best honors their desires. At the same time, I think I'm going to go back to everything that we've been saying all along. You know, there's going to be sacrifices. There's going to be pain. No one's going to be happy, or lots of people are not going to be happy. And some people will be happy, some people will just be, like, all right.

I don't know if this is going to make it worse. But I'm just going to just suggest, let's just keep it as it is and let's just move forward. We need to fix these VRA districts, and we're at 5:46 now. And I'm just thinking, while I appreciate the work that's being done, I think it's also generating perhaps more roundabout conversation
than we have time for. I think we're generally going to be satisfied with it. I'm just concerned now that we just need to keep this moving and we -- it seems like we're -- there's still some fixes on the VRA side that we really have to focus on so.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Okay.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

Commissioner Andersen, and then Commissioner Taylor.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I agree with Commissioner Fornaciari. We really have to look at the change because that could dramatically rearrange ECA and the area or it could minorly do it. And then, what I would propose, is that these two variations that Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo put forth, as soon as they are able, if they could be posted. And then we might be able to actually kind of even stop for a minute, look at those, so we can then move forward on this next issue. I think we can certainly do that well before the 19th. That's what I hope we -- Chair might move in that direction.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you for that.

Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Not to be redundant, but I agree with Commissioner Fornaciari, and much like Commissioner Toledo has continually said, we have to do it from the focus of the VRA district. So if there's some fixing on the VRA districts that we need to do, I think we need to do that posthaste. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. My question is, is that something that we can do in the next ten minutes? I would imagine that that's probably not feasible. And I would prefer at this point to get reports out from Jaime and Tamina.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm really uncomfortable with shoving this off to the 19th. That's one. Two, I know we need to go to public comment. We also have a dinner break coming up. But you know, my question is, can we just keep working? I'd like to just get this done tonight, personally.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. This is why we were to meet yesterday.

So Commissioner -- I guess, that's -- we're out of -- okay. I'm going to go to Jaime and Tamina right now. And we will get back to this as soon as we can.

Hi, Jaime.

MS. CLARK: Hello. Just one moment until we're just
switched on to this monitor. And just one moment while I
set up this second screen. It will just be less than a
minute. And thanks, everybody for your patience.

All right. Can you see my screen?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

MS. CLARK: Thank you. So while I was away, I have
enacted the direction of the Commission on just a couple
areas. I'll go through those quickly. Per Commission
direction, looked at specific testimony involving
extending this area of CDCOV and Angeles National Forest
to include areas east and west of this reservoir. Again,
the drawing provided by a member of the public, doesn't
exactly aligned with the census geography. So this is as
close as we could get. There was a small population
change. And so the boundary in Glendora is slightly
different, although just by one census block, I think,
was -- I could find one census block that was seventy-
eight people, which is how many we needed. So there's
just a slight difference here.

Additionally, I'm going to go to the San Fernando
Valley district. Sylmar is now included in the SFV
district. And then I don't have multiple options for
this. I just have this one option right now, because
anything different would have been, you know, splitting
this COI of Toluca Lake and North Hollywood, which the
commission had identified as a COI they wanted to keep together in that district, or would have created more than just a three-district swap, and I was instructed to do a population swap for three districts.

So Sylmar is included with the San Fernando Valley based district and then the boundary moved south slightly here. So Northridge areas are all included in the Malibu district and then Reseda is split in a north-south direction for population. Granada Hills and Porter Ranch areas are with the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley based districts.

And finally, the last change requested by the Commission, I'm going to zoom into the Century City area. Up here is Century City. This is included with 10 Corridor as is the Cheviot Hills neighborhood. Anyway, basically the country club and golf course and this area south. The direction was to include that with the 110 Corridor. And so I did that and included also areas in Palms for a population swap between SHORELINE and 10CORR.

Additionally, I balanced out this swap between SHORELINE and the MALIBUSFV with the student areas and this swap along Santa Monica Boulevard. There was, like, a 300-and-something-person population discrepancy. So I changed that. And these are both -- with putting it within plus or minus one person associated with this swap
for the Century City area.

I moved this line here between 10 Corridor and STHLA north to Manchester. I did refer to the input that was sent to me by Commissioner Turner. Thank you so much. And all of the requests couldn't happen just based on the really tight population deviation allowances for congressional districts, but this line is moved up to Manchester in the area requested.

And finally, the final swap is that this whole Westchester neighborhood area, is now in the SHORELINE district. So this southern boundary here is Westchester. This is with the city limits of Inglewood and then following the 405 and this whole area north of LAX is included in SHORELINE.

And those are the changes that I made while you were with Kennedy.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much, Jaime.

Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thanks so much, Jaime, for your work on this. I am not thrilled by the proposed split from the black hub in Palms. That's my one big issue with these proposed changes. Palms is a fairly working-class area of the City of Los Angeles. It's nearly all apartments. It's one of the most densely populated regions on the westside, broadly defined as LA.
A lot of students, graduate students from UCLA there. It's got a pretty large portion of Asian residents in that area. So not something -- I'm not thrilled by it. If there's a way to keep it whole in the 10 Corridor or in SHORELINE, that would be my preference. So yeah, I'll just state that there.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, can you just zoom in -- just in that -- the area that you're in right now and then I'll give my comment. So is that the area that you moved in Santa -- Century City also?

MS. CLARK: Yes. Century City is to the north. So this is Avenue of the Stars. Here's Century City Center and the 20th Century Fox Studio. And then the areas that were requested by Black Hub to be moved into 10 Corridor include this golf course area, the country club, and then this neighborhood here.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess -- I guess, I don't know. I guess, I don't know, maybe I'm missing something. It's -- it is an interesting pairing. I'll be -- I mean, like, I guess, I still see it as an interesting pairing. I don't know as much about the Palms neighborhood. I do know -- I do agree that it's a lot of apartments in that area. But it seems like the
mix of Century City and -- the neighborhood below, my understanding, having driven through it, but not a lot, is that it's -- I know Century City is a pretty affluent area. The neighborhood below it, if it's what I'm thinking, is not -- you know, not what I would call working class either, too. And not that it can't be in a -- in this kind of mixed district, but it just seems like it belongs -- it would be better suited grouped with Westwood and the other westside areas, neighborhood councils in the SHORELINE district.

So I guess, I would also be in agreement with Commissioner Vazquez. I'm not totally comfortable with this change either.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner Turner and then Commissioner Vazquez. We are flat up against dinner. Please keep it brief.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to state because I'm not as familiar with the area but based on -- not so much based on what we -- we have to also rely on what the community is telling us. And so for that area, I'm relying on the request that was made and followed up saying that Century City has historically been included in the South LA district. The entertainment industry has been an economic driver for South Los Angeles communities and partnered with South LA
communities in the past. And there's been articles -- at least one article that they sent through. So living there you have an, you know, of course, an opinion, and a thought, and experience and what have you. But I also don't want to discount what they're telling us is as truth for them as well.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Absolutely. I don't oppose the proposed change of including Century City in this 10 Corridor district. For me, it's more about the fact that we have to split Palms in this iteration and potentially to do it. I'll also say, again, according to public data on the LA Times, mapping LA Times for Palms, medium household income in Palms is around $50,000. And the percentages of Asian and black people are comparatively high in Palms as compared to the rest of the county.

So again, for me, this is just -- it's -- I wouldn't call it an especially vulnerable community. But I just feel like it's a shame to split it in order to keep -- to really get what I view as, like, a community asset, which is this high-income area of Century City in the 10 Corridor. It seems we sort of have to trade off a community whose interests maybe lie more, actually, with the 10 Corridor. So I don't oppose the Century City
piece. I'm opposed in splitting Palms to do it.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. Really quick too. We have to listen to what the COI testimony gives us. And also, you know, I hope that we think, when we separate, you know, in our speech where we're separating wealth from working class communities, it doesn't mean that they don't have a vested interest in that community. It doesn't mean that they're not members of some of those communities. They work in those communities. They use the resources, and they play. They shop and they spend money in some of these communities. That's where some of the resources lie. So let's always think, too, when we're saying a wealthy community versus a working class community, there are still a lot of similarities and uses and synergies between those community partners. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

It is 6:01. We are late for dinner. So we will come back at 6:45 and take public comment. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:02 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.)

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you everyone for bearing with us during the meal break. We are now at a point where we
are ready to take public comment on the day. So Katy, would you please read the instructions for people who are in the queue?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

Welcome to public input. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator, if you have not done so already. 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 provide your name to give public comment.

Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down the livestream volume. And we will have a minute and thirty seconds for public input this evening with a warning at thirty seconds, and fifteen seconds remaining.

MR. MANOFF: And I'm so sorry to interrupt, but Chair, I do see there's a hand up. Did you want to go to hands before you take public input?

CHAIR KENNEDY: No.

MR. MANOFF: Okay, sounds good.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.
We will begin this evening with caller 0505. And up next after that will be caller 6286. Caller 0505, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. ROBINSON: Thank you. My name is Judy Robinson. I was the 2020 census manager for Sacramento County. Based on a successful census, I urge you to revise the draft Assembly and Senate redistricting plans to remove Sacramento County from Placer and El Dorado County. As drawn, these maps separate communities and fail to adequately represent our diverse residents as determined in the census. They are very different and need to be treated as such when drawing these maps.

During the census, we developed a comprehensive language justice plan, we identified our diverse communities, customized materials, and worked with key trusted messengers. In Placer and El Dorado Counties, many of the residents completed the census as part of their civic duty. Communities of color and underserved communities in Sacramento have less civic participation due in part to high levels of government mistrust, and language barriers which require an entirely different approach. The issues in rural and mountainous Placer and El Dorado are very different than the urban-suburban issues of Sacramento. Communicating with residents is also different when emergencies arise. Placer and El
Dorado have significant issues with forest fires. During the 2020 census, people were evacuated and infrastructure burned displacing hundreds of families --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MS. ROBINSON: -- and losing power for weeks.

Sacramento County, during the same time, had severe smoke from the fires, extreme heat days, and increased respiratory distress. Also, Sacramento's risk of flooding is the greatest of any major city in the country. All this to say the people and the issues are very different. Please keep Sacramento separate from Placer and El Dorado County. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 6286. And up next after that will be caller 8224. Caller 6286, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. NISBET: Hello. My name is Robert Nisbet. I'm the city manager for the City of Half Moon Bay in San Mateo County. And I have a comment on the two districts in our area, the one called GREATERSA or I think San Mateo County probably. And then the one to the south, Santa Clara County. So when these maps initially came out in November, almost all of the San Mateo Coastside, including Half Moon Bay, or most of Half Moon Bay, was in the GREATERSA district. And then in the most recent
iteration, the entire Coastside has been moved into the
Santa Clara district.

I think, it looks like this was done to move East
Palo Alto from the Santa Clara district into the San
Mateo or the GREATERSA district. And so I'm speaking to
say that I don't believe this is a good idea. The
Coastside of San Mateo County is very unique and a very
important community of interest. San Mateo County is
unique in that it's a peninsula. It has coastside on
both sides. It has a bay --

MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

MR. NISBET -- and of course, it has our coastside
on the other side, a very important resource in
California. And I believe separating the coastside and
putting it in Santa Clara -- a county that is -- a
district that is Santa Clara County centric, that doesn't
have a coastside is a mistake and does a disservice to
our area. So I would ask that --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we will have caller 8224. And up next after
that will be caller 9517. Caller 8224, please follow the
prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, dear Commissioners. I
know that you are not drawing Assembly District today,
but I'm asking you to at least revisit Little Saigon
Assembly District. The current map you have is not complete. Please come back to it and finish it. You are close. Leave it all up north of Garfield Street all the way to Seapoint Street, we have 40,000 people. Remove Stanton, which has 30,000 people and east of Garden Grove, a district which has 20,000 people. I know Commissioner mentioned that you've been getting missing -- sorry. You've been getting missed comment about Little Saigon. Well, what I've been hearing during public comment and ninety percent of Vietnamese American asking you to add all up north, Garfield Street in Huntington Beach. Very few are saying otherwise. Please revisit Assembly map and also make sure we have a true representation for --

Mr. Manoff: Thirty seconds.

-- Senate and Assembly as well. Thank you very much.

Unidentified Speaker: Thank you so much. And right now we'll have caller 9517. And up next after that will be caller 1535.

Caller 9517, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

Caller 9517: Yeah. This is Min Bo (ph.). Hello, Commission. I have been joining the call-in every day and willing to wait in the call for hours, because I want
to remind you, Commissioners, that Little Saigon Assembly
map is no done -- not done. Please go back to the
drawing submitted by adding all of north Garfield Street,
stop at Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach to Little
Saigon map where we keeping fighting for this small
portion, because this area have already 50,000 people,
which includes Huntington Beach Harbor that has over
fifty percent of which are Vietnamese Americans.
Huntington Beach is where Little Saigon future lie for
the next ten years, like Fountain Valley. And
Commissioner can't mention that there are --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 9517: -- Congression (sic) demand for Little
Saigon. We don't see that every time I call in, and all
I hear are some -- some real support to have Little
Saigon with Huntington Beach. We need the assembly --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 9517: -- of citizens and progressive person
which represent like anything on a community of interest
in asking for us, please, to listen to our concerns and
commands. Thank you very much and good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we will have caller 1535. And up next after that is
caller 8951.

Caller 1535, please follow the prompts to unmute.
The floor is yours.

CALLER 1535: Hello. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

CALLER 1535: My name is Tony Maldonado (ph.).

Chair, thank you for organizing today's meeting, and to the commissioners for their strongly disciplined professionalism displayed today. It was refreshing. However, during the few minutes of Sylmar and the San Fernando Valley being discussed, a few commissioners wanted to quickly gloss over the congressional map in order to pivot back to the Los Angeles basin, we had -- which had just received large attention. That was exceptionally disappointing and should not have occurred.

Thankfully, the Chair and Commissioner Sadhwani forced the attention back on Sylmar and the San Fernando Valley east, and pushed forward a discussion on the three district slots that myself and VICA proposed on Saturday. For this, I would like to personally say thank you.

As your leadership granted this Latino super majority COI its rightful place in a cohesive congressional district solely within the San Fernando Valley. It's my hope that when the Commission holds Senate map deliberations that it will not again go around in circles and lose its focus, but instead continues today's well-paced meeting. I further hope that you will
also give the San Fernando Valley east a robust --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 1535: -- amount of attention, as it greatly
needs separation from Santa Clarita's Senate map. I also
hope that you will revisit Santa Clarita's Assembly
district maps. Once again, thank you for your service,
and have a good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 8951. And up next after that is
caller 6795.

Caller 8951, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 8951: Hello, Commissioners. While we
appreciate the new proposal, we believe that making a
swap would include the Vietnamese community and allow
them to have a voice in a more accurately and represented
district. The wealthier coastal districts fleeing from
Little Saigon would diminish our efforts and the culture
that we have here. By making a swap, we think that the
map shows an increase in the homogenous Asian population.
As an Asian-American citizen living in Santa Ana, I hope
you can consider making this small change by keeping
Huntington Beach together with Little Saigon. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 6795. And up next after that is 7483.
Caller 6795, please follow the prompts to unmute.
The floor is yours.

CALLER 6795: Hi, good evening. My name is Mia (ph.). The Vietnamese community has been very engaged with this process to ensure we are kept together in Orange County. The final step was to include the Vietnamese population in Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. And we believe your small proposal today was a compromise we can fully support. I hope you can reconsider. If you looked at the Asian CVAP, it actually increased in SAVANAANA District when you made the swap. So your proposal is definitely picking up the Vietnamese population, and we hope this is something you can finalize. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 7483 and up next after that will be caller 7082.

Caller 7483, please follow the prompts. And one more time, caller with the last four digits, 7483, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star, 6. The floor is yours.

CALLER 7483: Good evening. I have lived in Turlock for thirty-four years, and I'm upset that the Commission is seriously considering splitting Turlock and Modesto and placing sections in the Sierra district. These two
communities belong in the Central Valley District, not with the Sierras. They are part of the Central Valley in all ways. They share agricultural and food processing concerns. They share educational resources, including a junior college and a state university.

Yes, there is a Cal State Stanislaus, and it is in Turlock. They share the impact of transplants from the Bay Area. The communities share the major streets, highways, and freeways. They share cultural events and festivals celebrating agricultural crops. The population between Modesto and Turlock are fluid in their housing, employment and economy.

Commissioner Toledo, you made a point when discussing San Jose today that areas of agriculture and food processing concerns should be kept together. That is precisely the concern of Turlock --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 7483: -- and Modesto and the Central Valley. Do we not deserve the same considerations?

Commissioner Anderson, you were very adamant that water issues in the Sierras is quite different than in the Central Valley, and it would be difficult for a representative to actualize --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 7483: -- a solution, keep Modesto and
Turlock in the Central Valley. I understand through sitting through hours of Commission meetings that it is a long and arduous project. And I thank you for your diligence.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7082. And up next after that is caller 0587.

Caller 7082, if you'll please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 7082: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. I just have a small point for the northern part of California. So Plumas is currently split from CD 1. I don't think that makes a whole lot of sense. Even just looking at the map, it looks off.

But there's five key points. The first is water, and that's the Feather River watershed flows from Plumas to the Oroville Dam. It's a huge link. And the second is fire. So both Dixie and the North Complex fires started in Butte and spread to Plumas. It's a high fire risk area with clear federal and state equities. And they should have a unified representative.

The third is forests. The Plumas National Forest actually crosses both counties. It's split about 30/70 between Butte and Plumas. That really does tie into the fire risk above.
The fourth is roads. Highways 70 and 32 both go up from Butte through Plumas, 32 up to Lassen. So you know, to connect Butte to Lassen, you drive through Plumas. It doesn't make much sense to separate them. And both of those highways are far busier than Highway 89 that --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 7082: -- goes north-south.

The fifth one is schools. So Feather River College is a feeder school to CSU Chico. Chico State actually has on-site recruiting at FRC and Plumas is in the CSU Chico service region. So please unite Plumas with the rest --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 7082: -- of CD 1 and equally balance the numbers by adding a small portion of northeast Yuba County to whatever that southern central Sierra district.

Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 0587. And up next after that is caller 8878.

Caller 0587, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 0587: Hi. My name is Bianca (ph.), and I'm a resident of Fresno and have been for the last four years. Before that, I was a resident of West Modesto for
close to ten years. I just want to say that the Commission has made a huge mistake by splitting West Modesto from the rest of Modesto and connecting it to Fresno.

I can tell you from firsthand experience, West Modesto in Fresno are completely different. Not only is it insulting that you're grouping all of us together to form this, you are stereotyping it. I know that it might come as a shock to you, but not all Latinos think the same. Not all Latinos have the same issues. You're preventing me from electing a representative who can focus full time on what is going on in Fresno. Modesto is focused on the gentrification that's going on from the people moving down from the Bay Area. Why would I be focused on that? It's three hours away from me and it isn't a common issue here in Fresno.

I'm focused on making sure that we have companies like Bitwise coming to Fresno. I'm focused on making sure that the communities impacted by climate change from what something that we call the triangle here in Fresno are helped. I'm focused on making sure that we have our local issues here in Fresno fixed, and having one representative for that entire area not only --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 0587: -- will it make it more difficult to
solve that, but I'm very happy to hear that the
Commission is revisiting the Voting Rights Act and
districts in the Central Valley, including the district
that splits Modesto in half to begin with. I urge you to
continue discussing how best to represent all --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 0587: -- communities in the Central Valley.

Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 8878. And up next after that is
caller 0550.

Caller 8878, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 8878: Hi there. So the Commission has made
a massive mistake by splitting West Modesto from the rest
of the city and connecting it to Fresno. While on the
surface, it does appear that we likely create a majority
Latino district. In reality, it's preventing this new
district from electing a representative who would be able
to focus on local issues full time. We need someone who
can focus on the local economic infrastructures,
healthcare needs of our neighborhoods.

We've already seen what happened two decades ago
when West Modesto was separated from Modesto and we
suffered as a result. Can we please not repeat those
mistakes again?

And then I'm also glad that the Commission is going back to the VRA district in the Central Valley, specifically, the district that splits Modesto in half. Can we please focus on how best to represent all of the communities of our state, including and specifically the Central Valley, but specifically by creating two strong VRA districts instead of three weaker ones? Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And for all those that have called in, please remember that your public input is being interpreted and please take your time with counties, cities, numbers, and just speaking. Please just take your time.

Right now we have caller 0550. And up next, after that will be caller 3726.

Caller 0550, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 0550: Hi, this is Anna Roberts. This is Anna Roberts, and I'm a resident of Modesto and have been for sixteen years. I am concerned with the proposed maps that split up Modesto, yet even more concerned with combining Modesto with the Sierra foothills and the mountains. We share very little community interest with the Sierras. Their dominant industry is tourism. They have issues of broadband, are now threatened by forest
fires, and frequent power outages; yet, we are not.

Our community interest in Stanislaus County and Modesto are shared with south San Joaquin County because of our approximate locations in the San Joaquin Valley. The agricultural industry is a dominant industry in both counties, and so we face the same challenges managing our water resources, which are opposing to the interests of the Sierras. Transporting and warehousing industries are important to us because of our strategic location along I-5 and Highway 99, and both counties have a large number of commuters.

We also share many social, economic -- socioeconomic --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 0550: -- issues with homelessness, health equity, and education and workforce development. And we were working together on these initiatives. These Sierra communities do not share these interests. If we were linked to them, our voice would be significantly diluted.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 0550: I request that the committee maintain our communities of interest. Please keep Modesto out of the Sierra foothills and mountains. We have drastically different transportation, jobs, and healthcare needs, and we need a representative who can focus on our issues as
so do they. Thank you for your consideration.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3726. And up next after that will be caller 8802.

Caller 3726, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3726: Hi. My name is Daniel Nguyen (ph.). I am from Orange County. So I know everyone has heard a lot about keeping Little Saigon with the Vietnamese population of Huntington Beach. And I think the proposal from earlier today was a pretty fair compromise that included many of those newly Vietnamese areas. The small swap increases the Asian population in Santa Ana, and I think that better keeps our Vietnamese community in one congressional district.

And it's a small change that I think embraces the sentiment of what the Vietnamese community has been asking for without compromising the coastal district and the fact that the committee wants to keep the wealthier coastal cities separate from Little Saigon. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 8802. And up next after that will be caller 2554.

Caller 8802, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.
CALLER 8802: Hi. My name is Don (ph.). Just a quick comment to say that we really like the small swap in Orange County that Commissioner Kennedy proposed. I know this splits Huntington Beach, but increase the exact Vietnamese population that those from our community have been asking to be merged with with Little Saigon. We'd love to see that swap, and we hope you could reconsider your decision to dismiss. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 2554. And up next after that will be caller 2931.

Caller 2554, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2554: Thank you. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Phyllis McDonald (ph.) and I live in Manteca in southern San Joaquin County. I am concerned about the November 10th map iteration for my city, because we are being distracted with Sacramento and Elk Grove. Those cities would have a greater voice and influence on the congressional representatives than we would have because of their size and economic needs, which differ from residents in Manteca and southern San Joaquin.

I was surprised to see the latest proposal that came up today dividing Manteca in half with the western half
of Manteca being districted with Sacramento and the
eastern half of Manteca being districted with the
northern part of Modesto and ECA. I think it would be
devastating to Manteca to be split up and aligned with
communities that it does not have common interests with
regarding water needs, employment needs, and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 2554: -- transportation needs, to name a
few. I think dividing Modesto and Stanislaus County in
half and placing one half with ECA and the other half in
a district with Fresno doesn't bode well for Modesto.
Modesto has unique economic and social needs --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 2554: -- that are more in line with southern
San Joaquin towns than with Fresno and ECA. I urge you
to consider keeping Manteca, Modesto, Tracy, and Turlock
and surrounding communities together. We have a history
of working together on water, economic, transportation,
and agricultural needs.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we will have caller 2931. And up next after that is
caller 0983.

Caller 2931, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 2931: Hello, Commissioners. After the fall
of Saigon in 1975, millions of Vietnamese and their
family still Vietnamese (sic) to immigrate to United
States and have chosen Orange County to settle. Little
Saigon is now home to most Vietnamese-American outside of
Vietnam. We are Vietnamese-American in Little Saigon.

I'm asking you to act on the north Garfield Avenue
to Seapoint Street of Huntington Beach to GGW for the
Little Saigon community of interest. Don't stop at Beach
Boulevard, remove Stanton and east Garden Grove at
Euclid. They are majority Hispanic.
Please allow the Little Saigon community to be a
whole in Assembly, Senator, and Congression (sic). Don't
slip up. Thanks for listening. Thank you, and have a
good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 0983. And up next after that will be
caller 6750.

Caller 0983, please follow the prompts. Caller with
the last four digits, 0983, please follow the prompts to
unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

CALLER 0983: Hello, hello, hello, hello. I have
called in a few time now. I have been living in
Huntington Beach for a year now and more and more
Vietnamese Americans have been moved there. I'm asking
to listen to the hundreds of caller, email, and COIs that
have been submit for months.

Here are what we are asking: Assembly to put north of Garfield Street all the way to Stan -- Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach, West Stanton and East Garden Grove at Euclid Street, contain at Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Please, please keep Little Saigon together and allow the growth for the next (indiscernible). Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 6750. And up next after that will be caller 7068.

Caller 6750, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 6750: Hi. I'm calling because we really want to keep Rancho Cucamonga as a whole and not to split Rancho into multiple districts. Rancho has a strong sense of identity and historically been all in one Senate, Assembly, and Congressional district. And currently, the State Assembly and Senate district is going to split us into two districts. And worse, the congressional map is going to split us into three.

And we don't really have a strong commonality or community with the other districts that you want us with, such as in LA County or the high desert. And our city has a really unique priorities and a strong sense of
where we want to go. And crippling that with -- between
three congressional districts I think is going to really,
really hamper that growth. So I strongly, strongly
encourage you to revise the maps to keep our city with
one -- within one congressional district. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 7068. And up next after that will be
caller 3480.

Caller 7068, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 7068: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

CALLER 7068: All right. Good afternoon. My name
is Lang Wen (ph.). I am calling to ask the Commission and
ask Commissioner Kennedy's proposal for a small split in
Huntington Beach. I understand why the Commission is
hesitant to split Huntington Beach. And in a perfect
world, it would be -- it would not be split. But if we
want to maximize Vietnamese voting power, your proposed
split would actually do exactly that. Thank you for
spending the time on this, and I hope you can finalize
this change. Thank you. Have a good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we will have caller 3480. And up next after that is
caller 7592.
Caller 3480, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3480: Hello. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We sure can.

CALLER 3480: Hi. Yeah, I would just like to call in and, you know, I was listening in and I'd like to agree with the previous caller about Commissioner Kennedy's proposal to split Huntington Beach. I know it's a really big move and a huge decision that you guys are making. But I do too feel that, you know, like this is, you know, one of the best ways to still keep Vietnamese voter retention up, you know, and yeah, I totally agree with it.

And I hope you guys can keep this split. I hope you guys keep our community together. And, you know, I really wanted to call in and say I appreciate all the work that you guys have done for us in maximizing our representation as Vietnamese voters. My name is Ritchie Lee (ph.) and I really appreciate that. Thank you so much. Have a good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 7592. And up next after that will be caller 4963.

Caller 7592, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.
CALLER 7592: Good -- Thank you and good evening.

In regards to congressionally redistricting in the San Jose area, so I've looked at the proposed boundaries, and I've actually been able to increase the adjusted 2020 census Hispanic percentage for CD Cupertino by 1.5 percentage points. And I've also been able at the same time to increase the adjusted 2020 census Asian percentage for CD Greater Ed by about five percentage points or so.

And one of the ways the Asian the percent is increased in the Greater Ed District is it swaps out Newark and brings in more of Fremont. And I believe that a number of Asian-Americans had suggested it as a possibility. My plan is posted at public input number 38855. So that's public input 38855.

I just want to say that in this process, I'm going to guess that there are some callers who are calling in to -- they might not be giving --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 7592: -- the politicians name, but I think some people might be advocating plans that will protect incumbents. Thank you. And please look at public input 38855. Thank you so much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 4963. And up next after that is
caller 6758.

   Caller 4963, please follow the prompts. The floor
   is yours.

   CALLER 4963: Hi. My name is Nancy Yap, and I'm the
   executive director of the Center for Asian-Americans
   United for Self-Empowerment, also known as CAUSE. I'm
   just calling to say to thank the Commission for making
   the changes to the CD 210 map to keep the community
   together and protect voting rights of the West San
   Gabriel Valley Asian-American community.

           I know this has been a long and hard process, and
           just really appreciate all the advocacy that has happened
           to keep the Asian and Pacific Islander communities of
           interest together. Thank you for all of your work.

   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
   now we have caller 6758. And up next after that is
   caller 2902.

   Caller 6758, please follow the prompts. The floor
   is yours.

   CALL 6758: Hi. I'm calling to thank the Commission
   for considering all the ways to empower our Vietnamese
   community in Orange County. I believe your proposal
   today to swap Los Alamitos and Rossmoor for a small part
   of Little Saigon accomplishes that. I know it seems
   small, but the swap actually increases Vietnamese
population in the SAVANAANA map, so I hope this is a small change you can reconsider. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 2902. And up next after that will be caller 3122.

Caller 2902, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2902: Hello. Good evening. My name is Ling Nguyen (ph.). I am very pleased with Commissioner Kennedy's suggestion to include a small part of Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. The Commission has heard the true voice of the Vietnamese-American community in Little Saigon. Thank you for your hard work, and good night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3122. And up next after that will be caller 6917.

Caller 3122, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3122: Good evening. My name is Tim Lynch (ph.). Thank you, Commissioner, for your work. I hope you enact Commissioner Kennedy's compromise to include a small part of Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. This is the perfect line that makes our community heard. Thanks for all you do.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 24 -- no. Right now we have caller 6917. And up next after that will be caller 2567.

Caller 6917, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

CALLER 6917: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm calling from the high desert of San Bernardino County, and I would like to thank you for the MORCOA map you're drawing. We're grateful that you listened to the testimony of our residents. Thank you for keeping us mostly out of Los Angeles County and keeping the high desert whole. If you'd like to consider, take another look at the VBHD assembly map, it would be appreciated. But, again, great job with this map. We applaud you for all your hard work. Thanks again. Have a nice evening.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 2567. And up next after that will be caller 0129.

Caller 2567, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2567: Good evening, Commissioners. I'd like to comment on the Kings-Tulare current congressional district map. It's a former VRA county, and it doesn't have the same communities of interest as other districts. Do not split Kings County. Please keep Kings County
whole. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 0129. And up next after that will be caller 7507.

Caller 0129, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 0129: Thank you, Commission. I am calling today. My name is Mike LeBarre, Mayor of King City, regarding the 1213 CD Cupertino iteration and the CD Mid Coast iteration. I appreciate some of the changes that have been made. But additional changes need to be made to make this a fair district.

Monterey County is a 59.4 percent Hispanic community with 30 percent white, non-Hispanic. The CD Cupertino and CD Mid Coast split Monterey County, dropping in CD Cupertino, the Latino CVAP by fifteen percent and in CD Mid Coast by sixty percent. But in CD Mid Coast, you increased the white CVAP one-hundred percent from an average of thirty to sixty percent. All, in my opinion, so that you can raise CD Cupertino all the way up to San Jose and then you have a finger drawn in that goes into the heart of San Jose, a completely different community of interest.

I urge the Commission to use the Central Coast --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.
CALLER 0129: -- community (indiscernible) and using
the attached Monterey fix shapefiles to adjust these
districts to properly represent the populations that have
been -- traditionally been served by --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 0129: -- the current Congressional
districts. Commissioners, I appreciate your work, and I
hope that you really look at these two districts and make
them right. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 7507. And up next after that is
caller 8037.

Caller 7507, please follow the prompts.
And one more time caller with the last four digits,
7507, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
star six.

Caller 7507, you appear to have some type of
connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you down for
a retry, and I will come back around.

And right now we have caller 8037. And up next,
after that is caller 7121.

Caller 8037, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 8037: Hi. My name is Courtney Russell (ph.)
and I'm from Long Beach, and I just want to say, first of
all, thank you. I know you've got a big job and we
definitely appreciate what you're doing. You guys have
spent a long time talking about my city, Long Beach. And
I just want to thank you for thinking how the mass would
impact our school district, community college, the ports,
tourism and everything else that makes our city whole.
And you know, while we wanted to be kept whole, we
understand you had a really difficult decision to make,
and we want to be good partners.

As it is, Long Beach north map keeps critical LGBTQ
and other communities together. So I want to thank you
for keeping the Long Beach Airport connected to our
downtown and areas of our city most impacted by tourism.
It is extremely important. I also want to thank you for
keeping Cambodia Town together. And thank you for the
small changes near the end of this process to make
improvements that are possible.

We know you're still making changes. And if you
plan on doing so in our area, I just want to ask that you
please don't split us up anymore.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 8037: Thank you for your hard work. Have a
good evening.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 7121. And up next after that will be
caller 3585.

Caller 7121, if you'll please follow the prompts.

The floor is yours.

CALLER 7121: Hi there. My name is Dena Krupal (ph.). I'm calling about the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. Thank you guys so much for taking my call and letting me share my thoughts.

So first, as many of you have shared over the past several months, the Latino community in the San Fernando Valley is very important to everyday life. The Commission has said that you understand that drawing a Latino Voting Rights Act Assembly district here in San Fernando Valley in your initial map. You even showed in one iteration that the possible -- that it is possible to draw two VRA Assembly districts in the Valley. And if you draw two Assembly districts, you can nest those inside of one VRA Senate district. Please don't limit the ability of San Fernando Valley Latinos to elect a representative of a choice and return a second majority Latino Assembly district to the San Fernando Valley.

Thank you again for your hard work, and I hope you will protect these rights -- these important voting rights. Thank you, guys.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3585. And up next after that will be
Caller 3585, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3585: Thank you so much. Good evening. I just really want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you. Every time that I've participated in these meetings, we have had some really good effects of all of the talks. My name is Marc Sigmon. I'm a thirteen-year resident of Fallbrook, California. So I'll be speaking tonight about San Diego. I'm the leader of NAIFA-San Diego, San Diego affiliate and -- NAIFA-
California San Diego Affiliate. Excuse me.

I would like to applaud you on the Congressional and the Assembly maps. But when we're looking at the Senate map, particularly when it comes to the Fallbrook, Escondido, Valley Center, that goes all the way down to Imperial Beach and Pacific Beach, those communities have nothing in common with us. There's a little small town of Rainbow that is getting kind of shuffled in the works as well. Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center, Escondido, Rainbow, even as far out to Borrego Springs, Julian, Alpine, these are the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 3585: -- communities that we should keep together. We should move more inland compared to more
southland. Keep the coastal where they need to be. And
I implore you to represent what you did with the
Congressional districts and the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 3585: -- Assembly districts and apply that
to the Senate. Thank you so much for your time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 3746. And up next after that is
caller 5410.

Caller 3746, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 3746: Hello. I would like to say thank you
so much for all your hard work, all the Commissions and
all the late nights and comments. I'm calling about
Congressional district in Little Saigon. I love the --
what you guys have right now. It's not a perfect world,
but I do think it's protecting our Vietnamese community's
vote. Please keep the map that you worked today, and
show that you've been listening to the community.

In the perfect world, we would love to have all of
Huntington Beach, but I think that what you have to do is
truly protect our community already. And I hope you will
go with that map. Thank you so much, and have a
wonderful night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 5410. And up next after that will be
caller 6937.

Caller 5410, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 5410: Hey, Commission. Man, two more weeks,
one more week, maybe. You guys are doing great. Keep it
up. Again, I'm not going to add my voice, but just
listening in today, somebody who is a rancher, who's a
farmer and knows what's going on, who knows about water.
I have no dog in the fight here.

What you're going to do in the Central Valley,
that's your guys' call you guys are the fourteen people
elected to do this. But there are some crazy things
about water said, and I'm sure not maliciously. It's
just clear that maybe there's not a lot of expertise in
the water department.

But first off, the west side of the Central Valley,
the east side of Central Valley have two very distinct
watersheds and how the water goes. Second off, the
mountains and really all the valley, we're all allies in
the water fight, trying to keep it out of Washington and
Sacramento's hands. I mean, everybody's on the same
page. Keep water local. There's not a whole lot of
water fight there. But I just wanted to go out and again
to say thank you to Commissioner Anderson for trying to
keep the water local. But there really is a big
difference --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 5410: -- between the east side and the west
side of the Central Valley. I wish you guys the best of
luck in figuring out what you guys are going to do. As a
farmer and as a grower, I just wanted everybody to
understand that this water argument is really moot and it
really shouldn't, at least --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 5410: -- in these areas, matter for your
decision. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 6937. And up next after that is
caller 3290.

Caller 6937, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 6937: Good evening. I'm calling tonight to
please implore attention given to Rancho Cucamonga. We
really want to keep Rancho whole, and do not split the
city of Rancho into multiple districts. Rancho Cucamonga
has a strong sense of identity and has historically been
all or mostly in one Senate, Assembly, or Congressional
district.

The proposed Congressional, State Assembly, and
Senate district maps unnecessarily split our communities and our neighborhoods diminishing community power and our opportunity for strong representation. Specifically, splitting Rancho Cucamonga into three Congressional districts is detrimental to our community, our voice, and I strongly encourage you to keep our city whole within San Bernardino County. Thank you for your time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3290. And up next after that will be caller 0403.

Caller 3290, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3290: Hi. My name is Samantha Mellinger (ph.), and I'm calling in on behalf of the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition. Thank you so much for taking our letters into consideration. We really appreciate that you kept our LGBTQ-plus community together by keeping our downtown and Belmont Shore connected along with Signal Hill. You united the Cambodian community, and you ensured that the ports of Long Beach and LA have a separate congressional representation, which is really key.

So we heard the Commission's direction today to move the main Long Beach City College campus into LB North to join the City College's Pacific Coast campus in that
district. And we really appreciate that as well.

You know, I know -- we know the maps won't be
finalized until December 27th, and you may make some
additional refinements along the way. But if any
additional changes are made, please do not split apart
our city any further. Thank you for doing your best to
create districts that will ensure California's success
over the next ten years. I appreciate your time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 0403. And up next after that is
caller 0682.

Caller 0402, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 0403: I'm sure you've heard enough from
Vietnamese community, but I wanted to call one last time
and thank you for considering our requests. I think the
final proposal today was a good compromise and recognize
the Vietnamese community in Huntington Beach without
disturbing the other communities of interest. I know you
were trying to take into account all the communities.
The Commission has split cities all across the state, so
I think small split is very reflective of the current
boundaries of Little Saigon, and I hope we can enact
these changes. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 0682. And up next after that is
caller 8440.

Caller 0682, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 0682: Hello, Commissioners. Calling from
Palmdale and wanted to say thank you for allowing the
Antelope Valley to stay together with Santa Clarita. I
do want to say that you really should revert the maps to
what they were yesterday, with Sylmar as a part of our
district instead of Porter Ranch and Granada Hills.

Our maps have remained the same since you began
months ago. And you already had the chance to hear from
citizens from the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, and
Sylmar. It's really not fair to any of us to change it
now, in the eleventh hour, when you've had weeks of
testimony where we all agreed that we liked the way that
it's drawn.

I personally don't understand the changes that are
still being made everywhere. It's unfortunate that
everything has to change due to these small changes you
make. I know you can't keep everyone happy, and I
completely understand that. But the power you've given
some of these smaller cities, is just insane to me.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 0682: Sylmar racially, demographically, and
socioeconomically has much more in common with the Antelope Valley than Granada Hills and Porter Ranch do. And I urge you to please change it. The maps refined the way they were yesterday.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 0682: I also wanted to give a special thanks to Commissioner Sadhwani. She has tirelessly advocated for communities of interest and keeping them together.

So thank you so much. Have a good night. Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 8440. And up next after that will be caller 9424.

Caller 8440, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours. Caller 8440, please double check your phone, make sure it's not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

CALLER 8440: Good evening, and thank you all for your hard work and all the work that you continue to do. The City of Rancho Cucamonga, I have lived here for thirty-two years, and I strongly urge the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to please reconsider its proposed congressional district map. We are currently in the latest iteration, divided into three different districts. It unnecessarily splits our communities and our neighborhoods.
The boundaries have primary focus in other counties, leaving little to no ability for our residents to influence policy. Our cities within the proposed district are a stark contrast from Rancho Cucamonga's urban and suburban feel. There are virtually no commonalities between our residents and those in other counties, like LA County.

The special needs and interests of our unique diverse city need effective representation and only get diluted when lumped into districts with competing priorities. We respectfully request that the Commission reconsider and revise the --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 8440: -- proposed Congressional maps. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 9424. And up next after that is caller 3952.

Caller 9424, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 9424: Hello. Thank you so much for taking my call tonight. My name is Trevor Eckhoff (ph.). And first of all, I'd like to think this Commission for the undoubtedly grueling hours that you've dedicated towards moving California's democracy forward. But I must raise
my voice in service to your mission for the city I live in, which is the City of San Jose.

The proposed map seeks to divide San Jose into four appendages linked to other parts of the Bay Area and central California. But in no districts does San Jose have a majority leaving the 10th largest city in America without a dedicated representative. Under the "Why was my district gerrymandered" part of your website's FAQ, it states that, quote, "Districts that should be geographically compact such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations." And yet, the proposed district encompassing downtown and east San Jose, stretches down to King City, 115 miles away. The district encompassing south San Jose jumps down to Paso Robles, 166 miles away.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 9424: How do the vintners of Paso Robles similarly reflect the struggles of south San Jose? So bluntly put, San Jose looks like an abstract Picasso painting of the deluded congressional representation. And the proposed map would split up the absence --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 9424: -- of common interest to all San Joseans and hamper our advancement towards equity, inclusion, opportunity and exemplary public service.
Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3952. And up next after that is caller 3640.

Caller 3952, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3952: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm Sam Liccardo, the mayor of the City of San Jose. And on behalf of the more than one million San Jose residents, I thank each of you for your extraordinary sacrifice of time and commitment to our democratic process. The proposed maps would divide San Jose into four separate congressional districts, as you just heard the last caller mention. None of those districts would contain a majority of San Jose residents, so no member of Congress would primarily represent America's tenth largest city. This dilutes and undermines the voice of San Jose's diverse urban neighborhoods relative to our more affluent suburbs. Three-quarters of us are people of color in the City of San Jose.

Regarding the creation of proposed Latino and Asian-American opportunity districts in our area, it's important to recognize that we can still achieve those important objectives and create a San Jose majority district. We can do this by consolidating the two
remaining proposed districts in San Jose, comprising
almost 600,000 residents in San Jose's west, south, and
southeast into part of a single district.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 3952: While I urge the preservation of San
Jose's community of interest, it's also in the interest
of thousands of farm workers in the Salinas Valley, of
coastal residents in Monterey and Pacifica, and farmers
in King City, who also deserve the full attention of a
local --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fifteen.

CALLER 3952: -- Congressperson. Thank you for
considering my thoughts.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 3640. And up next after that is
caller 4069.

Caller 3640, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 3640: Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to
discuss the Kings-Tulare current congressional map. This
district in particular is a former VRA county. Kings
County does not have the same communities of interest as
other districts. Please keep Kings County whole. Thank
you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 4069. And up next after that will be
caller 6386.

Caller 4069, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 4069: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
name is -- good evening, I should say. This is Eric
Bruen, mayor for the City of Ridgecrest. I just wanted
to once again commend you all on the effort that you're
making. And I ask you to please take a moment of
consideration in regard to eastern Kern County. As you
know, we've spoken several times about our concerns as
the City of Ridgecrest, and I appreciate you leaving us
within Kern County.

However, one of our major concerns is the military
aspects of the current drawings, which takes Edwards Air
Force Base and moves it into the San Bernardino County
area. Edwards Air Force Base has a longstanding history
with Kern County, as well as with the eastern Kern
corridor between our air pollution, our environmental
designs, and as well as our recreational.

The combined effort of one congressional district to
represent three separate military bases in the San
Bernardino County area is burdensome compared to
splitting and maintaining the two-base structure, which
has existed within China Lake and Edwards Air Force Base
under the same congressional district. I ask that the
commission take a moment to consider this in their line
drawing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 4069: I understand the population concerns,
but please try to keep eastern Kern as whole as possible
by returning California City and Mojave to the border of
the Kern County area on the Kern-Tulare District. Thank
you very much. I appreciate your time, and I know this
has been a long effort.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 6386. And up next after that is
caller 9127.

Caller 6386, please follow the prompts.

One more time, caller with the last four digits,
6386, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
star six.

And caller 6386, you appear to have some type of
connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you down for
a retry, and we will come back around.

Right now we have caller 9127. And up next after
that will be caller 4125.

Caller 9127, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 9127: Thank you. My name is Anne Marie
Washington (ph.), and I've been a resident of Modesto for the last forty-seven years. And I am really glad to see that you have been doing some work on our Voting Rights Act in the Central Valley District. And you started doing that work tonight, but I'm not sure where you ended.

We need effective and strong Valley Rights Act seats in the Valley, not some weak version that won't actually help our community. Please keep working and fix the Valley Rights Act seats in our Stanislaus County and Central Valley area, and please keep Modesto whole. We have nothing in common with the foothills.

People go to the foothills to retire and recreate. They don't go there to work and raise a family. So please keep Modesto together. And we appreciate all the hard work you're doing. We know it's a tough job. Thank you for your diligence.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 4125. And up next after that will be caller 5592.

CALLER 4125: Hi, Commissioners. Today you put Sylmar with the San Fernando Valley seat, but you need to do it in a way that's best for the Valley. And VICA
submitted a revised map that keeps North Hollywood and
Toluca Lake together and put Sunland-Tujunga in the Santa
Clarita-Antelope Valley seat. Sunland-Tujunga is the
semirural part of the valley, culturally similar to the
semirural AVSCV seat.

What is critical to me is that the areas affected by
the Porter Ranch gas leak, the biggest methane leak in
recorded human history, are represented by a member of
Congress who will bring in the EPA. You must keep Porter
Ranch together with Chatsworth and the West Hills. If
you want to do right by the Valley, please listen to the
Valley. Look at the VICA map submitted today. Sunland-
Tujunga goes to Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita.
Please make this change and do right by the Valley.
Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right
now we have caller 5592. And up next after that is
caller 2974.

Caller 5592, please follow the prompts. The floor
is yours.

CALLER 5592: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you for all
your hard work. I'm calling to voice support for Clovis
to be added to the ECA District. Our community has
strong ties to this mountain district. In fact, last
year during the Creek Fire, our community was not only
deeply involved in the recovery efforts, but was also personally affected, which highlights the already existing strong ties between the communities.

This is a win-win solution for both communities from Modesto and Clovis, because, unlike Modesto, Clovis embraces its long-held tradition of being known as the gateway to the Sierras. Commissioners, this is your opportunity to keep that spirit alive.

Finally, even MALDEF, put Clovis with the mountains. It was -- has widespread community support. And I encourage you to listen to the Valley and put Clovis with the mountains. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 2974. And up next after that is caller 1561.

Caller 2974, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2974: Hi. My name is Paulina Tran (ph.). Thank you for always keeping the Vietnamese community together during this process. Your final small swap to Orange County today was a great compromise before we finalized the maps. It might seem small, but it increased the Asian CVAP, and that reflects how the Vietnamese community lives in Orange County. It is a small but thoughtful change, and I hope we can finalize.
Thank you so much. You have a wonderful night.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 1561. And up next after that will be caller 7331.

Caller 1561, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 1561: Yes, my name is Jim Autry (ph.). I'm a long-time resident of Modesto in Stanislaus County. And I am calling because I and most of my neighbors are very disturbed at the idea of Modesto and Turlock, the two largest cities in Stanislaus County being divided. The northern San Joaquin Valley and the southern San Joaquin Valley are a unit, and to be separated from south San Joaquin is really a disturbing idea because we have a similar geography, similar economies, similar history. We're bound together by transportation issues and water issues. We're both areas who depend on agriculture and food processing, with a lot of commuter traffic to the Bay Area.

We don't have much in common with the foothills or the Sierra Nevada. We need a unified representation who will help us with our main issues of water and homelessness and housing issues. And to be divided from each other is not --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thirty seconds.
CALLER 1561: -- a comforting thought. Thank you very much for your attention and your consideration. I appreciate your hard work.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7331. And up next after that will be caller 7411.

Caller 7331, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 7331: Hello, Commissioners. I'd like to speak about the San Fernando Valley cities of Porter Ranch and Granada Hills, which were just before dinner, just severed from the San Fernando Valley. Please know that the communities of Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, and West Hills share the common and continuing injury of the Aliso Canyon gas leak, the largest methane leak in U.S. history. Thousands had to be evacuated, schools were closed, and importantly, the North Valley communities that were impacted by the leak are still working together to try to shut down the facility.

Please try to keep Porter Ranch and Granada Hills together with their Chatsworth and Westfields neighbors. Nothing would make the gas company happier than for the communities of the north valley to have just one-half of one member of Congress trying to shut down Aliso Canyon.

I ask that you please consider the solution sent to the
Commission today by Stuart Waldman and VICA. VICA has a suggestion to keep Sylmar in the VRA district, which is what the line drawer was trying to do earlier this evening. But it does this without trading Porter Ranch and Granada Hills out of the San Fernando Valley.

Instead VICA suggests putting the semirural horseback-riding community of Sunland-Tujunga --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- together with the semirural horseback riding community of the Antelope Valley. Which makes sense not only because Sunland-Tujunga is more in line culturally with the Antelope valley, but because Sunland-Tujunga is better connected through the 210 and 5 freeways and geographically closer to the Antelope Valley.

Moreover, the VICA proposal does this while serving the interests of the South Valley by keeping Toluca Lake and North Hollywood together. Nothing's perfect, but Stuart and VICA have a way to include Sylmar in the valley VRA district while protecting other parts of the valley. Thank you and thank you for your work.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7411. And up next after that is caller 7683. Caller 7411, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.
FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. My name is Wendy (ph.), and I am a resident and have been of Modesto for 40 years. My family and I have contributed for years to this community in terms of its education and support and health care. What I would like to comment on tonight is I request, my colleagues, my family, and I ask you to keep Modesto intact, if possible, and also connected with Manteca, Tracy, Turlock.

We -- we are a whole community. We share many of the same needs. We have drastically different needs in the areas of (indiscernible) and in all areas of transportation, jobs, housing, and health care. These are areas, many of which, we are already working on as a larger community. This also applies to our shared education, job market, and health care needs, along with many joint efforts in these areas as well.

These areas, again, are drastically different than those needs of Tuolumne, Calaveras --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Chatham, and Mystic Hills.

Please, as you revisit the VRA and -- please make sure that you are looking at all the members of our diverse community that can be represented with --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- equity and with reasonable
geography. Thanks for all your efforts and thanks for
taking my comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have caller 7683. And up next, after that
is caller 3995. Caller 7683, please follow the prompts.
The floor is yours.

MS. BERNAL: Good evening, redistricting Commission
members. Thank you for your amazing work and the last
few weeks, we're down to the final and we appreciate your
attention through this time. My name is Belen Bernal.
I'm an executive director of Nature for All.

We have worked on our mission to protect the San
Gabriel Mountains and to better connect people who live
throughout the Los Angeles County area and beyond with
the public lands that we enjoy here and outdoor
recreational opportunities. We want to continue to see
these opportunities extend for many. So we thank you for
your fine work of including almost all of the foothill
cities' communities of interest, very diverse communities
throughout the region. That include Angeles and western
San Bernardino National Forest that we're looking at 3.8
million people who will live in this -- these districts.

Thank you again for your work in the districts 25,
27 --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.
MS. BERNAL: -- 28, 29, and 32. We hope that you can look to move the Azusa boundary east to include the heavily visited West Fork and East Fork areas. It only makes sense, that's how we normally visit the San Gabriel Canyon. It's through the city of Azusa and we --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

MS. BERNAL: -- would hope to have our portion of the forest in that area. Please extend it to the east. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Yeah, right now you have caller 3995. And up next after that, we have caller 9835. Caller 3995, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, good evening, Commissioners. I just want to say thank you for the hard work you've done drawing these maps. We know it's not nice, and it's definitely not been easy. I want to leave some quick feedback on the MORACOA map to say that we appreciate you listening to our high desert residents when it came to line drawing.

By and large, you kept Los Angeles County out, but more importantly, you kept the high desert whole. And for that, we are thankful for your efforts. If you'd like to take another look at the VVHD Assembly map, that'd be awesome. Nevertheless, keep up the great work.
And I hope you all have a wonderful evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 9835. And up next after that will be caller 5140. Caller 9835, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I'm calling about the Los Angeles County communities along the 101 corridor, specifically Woodland Hills, West Hills, Calabasas and Agoura Hills. These communities have a lot in common, not just tied together by the 101 corridor, but they have similar needs in policy areas like education, transportation, infrastructure, and public safety. Please consider keeping these communities together in all Legislative and Congressional districts. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 5140. And up next, after that will be caller 5814. Caller 5140, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This looks like a snake eating itself here in California, man. Divide and conquer. You can thank the Democratic Party for this destruction and for what they're doing. I cannot believe, I mean, this is a last-minute thing. It's unbelievable.

The mayor of my city, I call him the flailing Sam,
the socialist calling in begging. Can you even imagine
the mayor of the 10th largest city and he's letting this
get away from him? This is hilarious, man. You know,
what I want to say is, you know, we should have better
representation. But quite frankly, I just want to see
the snake eat itself and it's going to happen.

You guys are doing a really poor job running the
city, running the county, running the state, now, running
the federal government. This is what you get when you
have people who are irresponsible and incompetent running
things. Now, all of a sudden we're at the last minute.
It's like a last-ditch effort to try to have proper
representation in one of the richest most productive
places on Earth.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You still have 20
seconds. Are you done, sir? 15. Thank you so much.
And right now -- and right now, we have caller 5814. And
up next, after that, we will have caller 5820. Caller
5814, if you'll please follow the prompts. The floor is
yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for taking the
time to listen to the community feedback, and I sincerely
hope that you don't take our feedback lightly and really
take what we're saying into consideration. With that
being said, I ask that you keep the city of Rancho
Cucamonga whole. The latest draft map split our city into two Senate and two Assembly districts. And even worse, we are split into three Congressional districts.

At a previous meeting, I believe you stated you would do your best to keep communities together. So I ask that you reconsider your draft maps and keep our city whole. You currently have us lumped in with communities within LA County all the way through the rural communities of the High Desert. We have nothing in common with these communities and lumping us in with them will only diminish our opportunity for strong representation and our voices are diluted -- leaving our voices diluted.

So please keep our city within one Congressional, one Senate, and one Assembly district within San Bernardino County. Thanks so much for your consideration and I hope you have a great night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now is caller 5820. And up next after that will be caller 4115. Caller 5820, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, hi. I'm born and raised in the Central Valley. I wanted to thank you for your conversation about adding the arm like you guys refer to in Kings and Tulare County into the FRESNOKERN
district. I mean, that's -- there is support in the area. But I wanted to bring up what I think is the most obvious solution to that population problem that's right in front of you guys that not only that solves that, but also solve ECA problem. And that would be adding, again, the city of Clovis at the north of FRESNOKERN into ECA.

I know one of the Commissioners mentioned they didn't think it was a good fit. But being from the Central Valley, I would have to respectfully disagree. Unlike the Modesto callers today, that the City of Clovis residents would love to be with the Sierras. The city literally refers to themselves as a gateway to the Sierras. The creek fire they had that, you know, in the in the County of Fresno, the representative and the supervisor has Clovis and the foothills -- strong relationship with Shaver Lake, Auberry, Millerton Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Clovis is clearly tied to the Sierras and is the best fit. And just like the Melnick (ph.) maps put Clovis with the Sierras and the mountains, we ask that you do the same thing. Leave no stone unturned and we ask that you at least consider it. We think it's a win-win to put Clovis there and to make everyone happy --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- too. So thank you for your time. You have a good day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have a caller 4115. And up next, after that is caller 8025. Caller 4115, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name's Jim (ph.). I had called in Saturday night during public comment when a couple of days after the first map came out about San Jose that was really surprising. That was the first day we had really listened to the deliberations of the Commission. I was on the phone for six hours and just really amazed by the quality and depth of the thought that -- and work that you all are having to put in on this. The whole state is grateful for your service. I just want to pick up on the point that was made earlier about (indiscernible) and other callers. We can have a district that is near majority Asian by taking the northern part of San Jose. We can have another district that is majority Latino by taking the eastern part of San Jose. And we can also do for San Jose residents what virtually every other big or even mid-sized city has with the remaining part, and that is have one district that will be primarily focused on taking care of a large city. In this case, the tenth largest city in the United
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MALE SPEAKER: I'd asked a friend of mine, who's usually a very good researcher, what other city is there that doesn't have a majority of its population in one district and doesn't have a single district within its borders that have a majority of its own population? What's the next --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MALE SPEAKER: -- biggest one that would be in the box that you're putting in San Jose in? The next biggest city is Mesa, Arizona, which is the 32nd largest city in the country. So we're going to be unique out of the top 32 cities in the country if you adopt this map and don't give us one person who speaks --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right, now we have caller 8025. And up next after that is caller 3783. Caller 8025, please follow the prompts. And one more time caller with the last four digits 8025. Oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, sorry about that. Thank you, Commissioners, for taking the time to listen to, you know, people's feedback. I'm a citizen of San Jose and have been a part of this community for my entire life. And after learning, you know, through San Jose solutions,
what splitting up San Jose into two smaller parts would do, such as lessen the minority input, lessen kind of the voice that, kind of, they have with such a diverse community.

I think that putting San Jose, one of the largest cities, into these pockets, would really take away the community of San Jose that we have, as well as, like I said, diminish minority group voices since we are such a diverse community. So I encourage you guys to relook over that map and keep us as one community so that we can make a bigger difference and bigger progress as we move forward for the next ten years until the next map is decided.

So I hope you guys can rethink that change to splitting us up. I think San Jose deserves to be one community so we can have a big say in Congress --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- since we are one of the largest diverse communities. So thank you guys so much for listening. And I hope that fellow San Joseans have convinced you to keep us as one group. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 87 -- hold on one second. Right now we have caller 3783. And up next after that caller will be caller 6743. Caller 3783, please follow the
prompts. And one more time caller with the last four
digits 3783, please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star -- oh, the floor is yours.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi there, my name is Paige (ph.).
And I'm calling to acknowledge the Vietnamese community
of Orange County specifically, we identify strongly with
keeping Little Saigon with our members of Huntington
Beach. If our only solution is to swap Los Alamitos and
Rossmore with a portion of Little Saigon, please consider
passing the small proposal to keep the Vietnamese
community of Orange County, including Huntington Beach
and Little Saigon, together. Thank you very much for
your time and we appreciate your thoughts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have caller 6743. And up next, after that
is caller 9392. Caller 6743, please follow the prompts.
The floor is yours.

MS. SEWELL: Hi. Thank you. Hi, Commissioners. My
name's Karen Sewell (ph.) and I'm a resident of Yorba
Linda in Orange County. I was really happy Wednesday
night with the version of the Congressional maps. And
you honored the input from the residents of North Orange
County by keeping these close-knit cities of Brea,
Fullerton, Yorba Linda, and Placentia together. We're
communities with common interests and Placentia and Yorba
Linda, in particular, share a school district as well as a hospital.

So I really appreciate all of your efforts, yet when you redid the maps after Wednesday, it split up Orange County. We had had fair and balanced districts, but you destroyed them for little reason that I can see. I'm not asking much, just look again at what you had Wednesday night. And I hope you can make the change and put it back --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MS. SEWELL: -- back together and keep our neighborhoods together. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 9392. And up next, after that we caller 7497. Caller 9392, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours. Caller 9392

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I just wanted to thank you guys for all your hard work, and I want to thank you specifically for putting Sylmar back into the Voting Rights Act district. But I wanted to agree with some of the other callers that, you know, you have to get population from somewhere else. But I don't think Porter
Ranch and Granada Hills are the most appropriate places to get that population from. You know, based on the reasons that the other caller said.

I think Sunland-Tujunga is the place to get that population from just because it's -- it feels friendly and it feels much more similar to Santa Clarita in the Antelope Valley. And that it's a much more I don't want to say rural, but more rural than Porter Ranch, and Granada Hills, which it shares in common with Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley. So I hope you can consider that. And thank you again very much for your hard work. Take care.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 7497. Please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. BERDAY: Thank you so much, Commissioners. My name is Jeanette Berday. And on Wednesday night, you all did a northern Orange County district that was truly reflective of the weeks of public input you have all received by putting Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda, and Chino Hills in one district. You acted on the request of the good folks of Orange County.

But for some reason you broke everything apart again over the next few days. And it seems like you are acting against these wishes. Please, restore Wednesday's lines.
It's the fair and just thing to do to keep similar communities whole that depend on each other for jobs, schools, and religious groups. Thank you for your time and efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And Chair, we are up against a break.

VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We are indeed. Thank you, everyone. We will be back at 8:30 to take the remaining calls. So if you are in the queue, please remain in the queue. We will return to taking calls at 8:30.

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

VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your patience. We are back from our break. We have approximately 30 people in line that we look forward to hearing too. We will get to those in just a moment.

I just want to say that we will have a discussion after the last caller about process over the next few days. The run of show has us going until 10:00 tonight. I don't anticipate going past 10:00, but I do want to take advantage of the time that we have on the run of show to have that discussion about process and where we go from here. So, Katie, back to you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair. At this time, we'll go to caller 8853. And up next after
that, we have caller 6232. Caller 8853, please follow
the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. MADRIGAL: (Indiscernible) Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. MADRIGAL: Okay. Thank you so much. Good
evening, California Citizens Redistricting Commission
members. This is Elizabeth Madrigal calling on behalf of
the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership. We would like to
thank you all for the opportunity to provide input on the
visualizations that have been used across Congressional,
Senate, and Assembly districts covering the Monterey Bay
region.

We do share concerns with elected officials and
community members that our region should remain within
shared district for the three seats mentioned about. Our
region shares communities of interests, economic ties,
local government representation, and regional planning
agencies that would be negatively impacted if the draft
maps are exhausted. Placing a number of cities that have
traditionally been a part of the NOCOAST map into the
Cupertino map will serve to lump our rural agricultural
based communities into the technology hub of the San Jose
Area. While the 215 map is densely populated and urban,
both Monterey County and --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.
MS. MADRIGAL: -- San Bonita are rural in nature and character. According to the Farm Worker Housing Study and Action Plan for Salinas Valley and (indiscernible) Valley, over 90,000 farmworkers reside in the valleys through harvest season. This population has an extremely different set of housing issues than the ones that are based in dense urban areas such as south San Jose. We appreciate the hard work --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

MS. MADRIGAL: -- of you all that work tirelessly in drafting maps that will truly serve our communities. We would like to ask you to keep our Tri-County region as one so that we --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we're going to caller 6232. And up next after that will be caller 8898. Caller 6232, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. LOVE: Good evening, Commissioners. Again, like the previous callers before a break, I want to thank you guys for the work that you guys are doing. I do not envy you at all. I have been on hold for three hours and 30-something minutes to show that I am seriously committed to getting my -- my public comment across.

My name is Wanda Love and I'm executive director of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce and I have been the
director for 16 years. And it's been brought to my
attention that you guys are considering moving Gardena
from the 43rd District to the 33rd District. We have
nothing in common with the 33rd District down in the
South Bay Area of California. We're talking about all of
the big cities from Pasadena, I'm sorry, from Palos
Verdes up to Malibu.

We're a city 63,000 plus residents and a large
majority of seniors. They didn't have the time to spend
on, say, on a call for three hours to get their point
across. We have started petitions and have several of
them that's going around and will be mailed to you guys
and scanned into the comments. But we really -- I
really --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MS. LOVE: -- want to emphasize to try to keep the
43rd -- Gardena in the 43rd District. As long as -- as
well as the university -- Loyola University. That's the
only university that we also have in this district.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MS. LOVE: I really thank you guys for the work that
you've done, please take this in consideration. Don't
take Gardena out of this district. We have fair
representation. We're happy with the representation that
we have and we just don't fit into that affluent
neighborhood.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 8898. And up next, after that is caller 0158. Caller 8898, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners, for your attention this evening and for your tireless work to date. I am a Latina and a proud resident of San Jose, where we have a natural plurality among Latinos, Asians and Caucasians. I'm strongly against dividing San Jose from three into four congressional districts. The boundaries, as proposed, unjustly ensure that no member of Congress will have a majority of San Jose residents represented among them. To me, this is absolutely incomprehensible for the nation's 10th largest city.

While I sincerely appreciate your intentions, I implore you to refrain from further attenuating the collective voice of San Jose Latinos and the collective voices of all San Jose residents. It undermines our naturally urban communities, and especially it undermines them relative to more affluent communities in California. So please do go back to the drawing board and reconsider San Jose --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- boundaries. Thank you.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 1058. And up next, after that is caller 4289. Caller 1058, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. NEURGA: Thank you. My name is Stacy Neurga (ph.). And I'm just calling to say that I'm afraid the Commission has made a big mistake by splitting Ceres and Modesto and connecting it to Fresno. I think you may believe you're representing Latinos like me by creating a majority Latino district. Instead, you're preventing me from electing a representative who can focus full time on local health care, education, infrastructure, and economic needs in my neighborhood.

This is -- this was tried decades ago in West Modesto, and they suffered greatly. Another thing that priorities differ drastically when it comes to funding from Congress. I ask that you keep true communities of interest together. Please don't split up Ceres or Modesto. As a proud Latina from the Central Valley, I'm calling to urge you to keep doing the work you started tonight to make sure we have effective VRA districts.

I'm not -- I'm no expert, but it seems like you have some fixing to do. Please do -- please do so so my community can be heard. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have caller 4289. And up next after that, because the 9370. Caller 4289, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. My name's Beth (ph.) and I'm a resident of the City of Riverside. I'm calling tonight on behalf of the UC Riverside community. I have appreciated the way that you all have already talked about the importance of universities being paired with their larger communities. I know that you recognize that these institutes of higher learning aren't just confined to a campus, but it's part of a larger ecosystem that includes housing for students and all of our partner research facilities, rec centers, all of the places where our students work and innovate.

I wanted to raise with you a request to extend that same community of interest connection to UC Riverside currently in the December 8th version, I noticed -- of the Assembly district, I noticed that there was a split between districts -- Assembly districts 58 and 63. So what we're requesting is for you to consider keeping all of UC Riverside --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- in District 58 together so that our main campus at 900 University Avenue is together with the larger UCR Innovation and Economic Development
Corridor, the UCR Arts Block which is downtown, and the AmeriCorps University site --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- community collaborative site. And then all of the significant off-campus -- off-campus student -- student housing population that's along University Avenue. You'll likely hear more from people from Riverside over this -- over the next few days about the importance and feasibility --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 9370. And up next after that, will be caller 5832. Caller 9370, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, my name is (indiscernible), and I want to quickly thank the Commissioners for taking positive steps in the last few weeks to increase Latino voting power in Los Angeles. I ask that you guys keep this in a Senate plan to protect existing opportunities for Latinos to elect representatives they support. I also ask that you guys return Montebello and Pico Rivera back to our current district as the 6605 or future districts that will keep our communities together.

These cities have more in common with the gateway cities like Cerritos and Norwalk than with the current
cities in the draft like Rowland Heights and Walnut.

Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 5832. And up next after that and be caller 3257. Caller 5832, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. MALONE: Good evening, esteemed Commissioners.

Dave Malone (ph.) calling with a note of appreciation for the Central Valley Congressional map. Its surgical eloquence and common sense is demonstrated in keeping East Sacramento County together, fusing San Joaquin and Stanislaus County population centers and uniting agricultural bastions Modesto and Lodi. The map correctly illustrates that Gold country families eat, shop and travel to Modesto and Lodi for essential services.

You clearly refuse to allow pinpoint perfection to become the enemy of prudence and many people will benefit from this wisdom. In its entirety, this map is compact, logical, and will reflect an indelible testament to the fine work you all have undertaken during this process. It is my sincere hope that you continue to recognize its value and bless this map as a collective body. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have caller 3257. And up next after
that will be caller 2437. Caller 3257, please follow the
prompts. And one more time caller with the last four
digits 3257. The floor is yours.

MS. VILLA-LOBOS: Thank you. My name is Maryanne
Villa-Lobos (ph.) and I have been a resident of Modesto
for most of my life. I -- earlier this evening, I
listened to the Commissioner's concerns about separating
similar populations in the Los Angeles area. However,
this is exactly what is happening to our current District
10.

I urge you not to separate West Modesto and -- West
Modesto and the west side of our county. All Latinos do
not live in West Modesto but are spread out in the city.
We know and support each other. We all have common
health care, jobs, and education issues and are working
together to resolve this issue -- of those issues. One
example is the Golden Valley Health Center. We have
strong needs to attract more doctors in our area. And
the Health Center -- Golden Valley Health Center has
clinics throughout our area as well as in lower San
Joaquin County and the West Side and is working on that
issue.

Transportation is also a major issue --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.
MS. VILLA-LOBOS: -- in our area and we -- which is also in common with lower San Joaquin County. We have little to nothing in common with the mountain areas and our -- any representatives who has --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15 seconds

MS. VILLA-LOBOS: -- tried to deal with all of this would be ineffective. Thank you for your concern. Please do not separate us.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 2437. And up next after that will be caller 1302. Caller 2437, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. GOFFARD: Hi there, thanks so much. My name is Seitz Goffard. I serve as a senior voting rights coordinator at Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Thank you so much for all your hard work and commitment to this process. I really admire and appreciate it.

I do want to draw the Commission's attention to a Vietnamese and Cambodian community of interest in East San Jose that the current draft Congressional lines has split in three. The specific boundaries of the COI are Story Road to the north, Center Road to the west, and East Capitol Freeway to the east. To COI contains San Jose's Little Saigon, as well as many important landmarks for southeast Asian residents, including the Grand
Century Mall, Lion Plaza on Tully Road, and the Kieu Dam Temple on Lanai Street.

Now the draft Congressional lines threatens to split the COI and the three separate districts. This would make it extremely difficult for residents, many of whom are immigrants and low income, to advocate for shared needs and public services. Even if part of the COI needs to be in our VRA district, there are easy adjustments that the Commission can make to reduce the splits in the COI.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MR. GOFFARD: Please, please take action before finalizing the maps to make the small changes necessary to resolve this very troubling cuts. And finally, if you have time, please also swap Newark for part of Fremont and see the greater edge to make the whole -- to make whole two COIs in Fremont that are currently in the prior draft. Thank you so much again.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will have caller 1302. And up next after that will be caller 5122. Caller 1302, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Los Angeles, under both the current lines and draft maps that are -- there are four Latino districts where -- districts with
ordinary Latino majorities in the southeastern portion of Los Angeles. It is important to preserve all four of these opportunities for Latinos to elect with the district anchored

   Number one is the San Gabriel Valley along the 10 corridor. Two is the Gateway cities along the 605. Three is southeast Los Angeles, running down along the 710. And fourth in northeast Los Angeles along the 5. This Commission has taken positive steps in the last few weeks to increase Latino voting power in Los Angeles.

   Please continue this in the Senate plan by protecting these existing opportunities for Latinos to elect. The Commission should look for opportunities to strengthen these and surrounding states, not reduce them.

Thank you.

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 5122. And up next after that will be caller 6411. Caller 5122, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

   MR. ARCHOS: Hello, my name is Milton Archos (ph.), and I'm calling about Long Beach. I know you heard a lot from my community over the last several months. We have consistently asked to be kept us together as possible because we strongly believe it is in the best interests
of our city.

Thank you for recognizing how our region works.
Thank you for ensuring that our airport is connected to our downtown core and to the homes impacted along the coast. Thank you for making sure that both of our city colleges are in the -- are in the Long Beach North map.
And thank you for keeping the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach separate.

I can't express how important this is. So much of our economy depends on our goods, movement, industry, and we absolutely need two members of Congress to understand ports. I know it hasn't always been easy. And so I just wanted to thank you for sincerely considering some things that are important to Long Beach. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 6411. And up next after that is caller 8544. Caller 6411, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours. Caller 6411, if you'll please double check your phone make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

MS. MILLER: My name is Sally Miller and I live in Lee Vining in Mono County. I was a county planning commissioner for 16 years here and I was on the Mono County Redistricting Commission for the 2000 census. So I understand the challenge before you. Regarding the
proposed Congressional district you are calling ECA that includes the Sierra.

I support Mono and Alpine Counties being part of the same district as the Tahoe Basin due to shared communities of interest. I also support population being gotten from Roseville and not Modesto. Sierra communities have far more in common with Roseville than with Modesto, as many speakers have said tonight. And Roseville is significantly closer and more connected to the Sierra via the 80 and 50 corridors than Modesto.

I appreciate hearing some of the Commissions -- Commissioners acknowledge this fact tonight. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the people of the state of California. And thank you for listening to rural voices in Mono County.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 8544. And up next after that is caller 3422. 8544, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. TRATTERSFIELD: Hi, my name is Kathryn Trattersfield (ph.). I am calling about the latest -- Congressional. I, too, am, you know, grateful for all of your work, but a bit frustrated that this district keeps seeing (audio cut out) dramatic changes. I think that the current map isn't ideal, but it's a lot better than
what we were seeing before. You know, it's very important that See-Sun stay in this district.

You know, students in See-Sun, they live in Canoga Park, they live in Chatsworth. They do not live in Porter Ranch. There's more tenants in, you know, these valley communities than there are in Porter Ranch, or Granada Hills, really. So I think, you know, as a compromise, that makes sense.

I am hearing though some chatter about reaching deeper into the West Side. And that, to me just makes absolutely no sense. I don't really understand why Malibu is part of this district. But, you know, I would rather have Malibu be the only West Side entity than adding Beverly Hills. No one in Beverly Hills --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MS. TATTERSFIELD: -- shop or send their kids to, you know, valley schools or you know, valley shopping centers. It just doesn't make any sense at all. So let's just leave this map the way that it is now as a compromise --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MS. TATTERSFIELD: -- and just move on. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 3422. And up next after that is caller 9747. Caller 3422, please follow the prompts.
The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Good evening. Senate districts are huge and will often require connecting communities over a large distance, generally support, generally support SECA and Senate districts connecting southern San Diego County to the Salton Sea. They help ensure that two important Latino communities of interest maximize their opportunity to elect, but if possible, should ensure both communities have an equal opportunity to elect.

Right now, two thirds of the district is in San Diego and only about one third of it's in the Salton Sea. So if you take anything out of SECA in San Diego County, you should replace it not with more San Diego, but by adding more of the Coachella Valley. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we have caller 9747. And up next after that is caller 9511. Caller 9747, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. MILLER: Good evening. My name is Padah Miller (ph.), I live in the community of Walnut Park and I have lived here for over 35 years. We have a unified
community between Walnut Park and Huntington Park and the Florence-Graham. As we would like to keep it as such in order to continue our advocacy and priorities for the community as we have the same political and social challenges.

We would like to request cleaning up by keeping Florence-Graham, Walnut Park, and Huntington Park, even if it's only part of Huntington Park together in the 110 LA map. I ask you to please, at the very minimum, keep Walnut Park and Florence-Graham together in our next Assembly map.

This will be the only way that our residents in the corporate areas of Los Angeles County will have an opportunity of having a voice in the Assembly. Please move Walnut Park to the 110 LA map and make the 10 Freeway the north border of the map. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 9511. And up next after that is caller 8359. Caller 9511, please follow the prompts.

The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I wanted to reach out one last time and thank the Commission for keeping Long Beach in the Los Angeles Congressional districts. We are largely whole and we understand why you had to make these compromises. Overall, I'm happy with our ports are
separate and we did not merge with Orange County. If
these are the final maps with some slight tweaks you
might need to make. I think the community will be
largely pleased. And we thank you all for your work in
going this done tonight. Thanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have caller 8359. And up next, after that
would be caller 4993. Caller 8359, please follow the
prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. MIALOWA: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

MS. MIALOWA: Hi, good evening. My name is
Kathryn -- Kathryn Mialowa (ph.). I'm calling from the
(indiscernible) nonincorporated area. And just to keep
you -- in reminding you, if you can please stay with
the -- regarding the state Assembly, 110 LA draft map. I
am here to ask for your help in a minor cleanup
modification. We ask you also to place our next-door
neighbors from unincorporated one off parties into the
same 110LA map. And make as the 10 freeway, another
border to the map.

It is imperative to have one of Walnut Park and
Florence-Graham come together in the same map, as
splitting this in nonincorporated areas will only
diminishing our voices. And the voice that we have fought
so hard together for over 30 years. We are truly a united community, and we'd like to stay that way. It is also essential for us to keep our Huntington Park and also --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MS. MIALOWA: -- in order for us to continue our advocacy efforts for our community. We have the same political and social challenges. I understand that Huntington Park cannot be in the same map due to the population. However, the more -- the minor change of moving one of Walnut Park into the 110LA map, it will really help our --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MS. MIALOWA: -- incorporated communities of Walnut Park and Florence-Graham to have a fighting chance of having a voice in Sacramento. Thank you for your time and thank you for making sure you follow through. Have a good night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we'll have caller 4993. And up next after that will be caller 7520. Caller 4993, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MALE SPEAKER: My name is Edgar, and I don't understand why San Jose's being treated like a second class citizen compared to all the big cities in northern
California. Within Sacramento we'd be predominantly represented by one congressperson. Oakland will be predominately represented by one congressperson. San Francisco will be predominately represented by one congressperson.

But you're proposing spitting San Jose into four districts such that we will only be a small minority in all of them. I also heard earlier tonight that the largest city in the U.S. that won't have a majority of it represented by one Congress member nor a majority of any district that serves it is Mesa, Arizona, which is the 35th largest city in the country.

That means San Jose, the 10th largest city and the largest in North America and California will only -- will be the only one in the biggest 34 cities without basic representation. I'm sorry. The good news is this doesn't need to happen. You can help create an Asian-American majority district as proposed and create Latino districts as proposed while leaving the rest to form a majority of San Jose's over 1 million residents. Do the right thing. Give us one member of Congress.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7520. And up next after that is caller 3739. Caller 7520, please follow the prompts. And one more time caller with the last four digits 7250,
please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

There you are. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commissioner. I'm calling about the San Fernando Valley. It seems like the San Fernando Valley has been an afterthought during this entire process. Many of us in the Latino community have called about the Assembly maps in the area, requesting two majority Latino Assembly districts and asking them in a majority Latino Senate district.

This would drastically increase the influence of the Latino community and allow us to elect representatives of our choice. Please do the right thing and bring back the second Latino district in the San Fernando Valley. Thank you so much, Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now I'll have caller 3739. And up next after that is caller 1043. Caller 3739, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. My name is Jessica (ph.) from Fresno, calling about Central Valley Senate draft. Nesting is one of your criteria for the Senate but is ranked sixth. It's not -- it should not be your main priority in my region. Your highest priority in the Central Valley is putting strong, effective Latino Voting Rights Act seats. You created five Latino VRA
Assembly districts in Central Valley -- central California.

If you try nesting these districts for the Senate, you would end up leaving one out and reduce Latino voting strength in the state Senate. Instead, the Commission should combine the best portions of each of the Assembly seats to create the two strongest VRA Senate districts possible in the Valley. This is demonstrated in your draft plan.

If you nest ADMERCEDF with ABBENITO, it creates a 53 percent Latino seat. If you nest --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- ADMERCEDF with ABFRESNO, you get a 52 percent seat. But your draft map blends the best parts of all three districts to create a 55 percent Latino VRA Senate seat in SBENFRESNO.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

FEMALE SPEAKER: This gives -- this gives Latinos the Central Valley a higher ability to elect candidates of choice. Please, Commission, in the Central Valley draw strong, effective Voting Rights Act districts first and foremost. Only when absolutely necessary, look for opportunities to not --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 1043. And up next, after that
caller 9387. Caller 1043, please follow the prompts.
The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. We are on -- we keep on hearing this statement that there's a conflict coming for Little Saigon. We would like to be able to see what's though coming. I think we won't be able to go through the 10,000 online comments from the beginning of our community has invited and submitted email (indiscernible). And this is the most (indiscernible) make comment to ask for your support for Little Saigon.

Is it very clear from all of the comments you have heard from our community that our community of interests lie with Westminster, Midway City, Fountain Valley, Sylvas, Rossmore, Los Angeles and west of Garden Grove. And all in North Huntington Beach. For the Congressional map at Seal Beach and all of the 110 in with Little Saigon for the Assembly map, at all up and north of Garfield, all the way to City Point Street in Huntington Beach. Remove Stanton and split up Garden Grove.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The majority of the residents are Hispanic and they belong with the Latino district.

Thank you very much. Good night.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we have caller 9387. And up next after that we have caller 7414. Caller 9387, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Good evening. U.S. Census Bureau from 2019 have shown growing inequality in the San Fernando Valley as the average Valley residents earn a higher median income than the high -- than the average U.S. residents but was more likely to live in poverty than the average American. Additionally, numbers provided show -- by the city of Los Angeles showed that levels of lower household income, employment, and education predominately correspond to Northeastern valley such as Pacoima, Panorama City and North Hills. Poverty, education, and income inequality must be addressed aggressively if our valley communities are to break this insidious cycle so the valley can continue to be an economic engine.

Now, more than ever, we need opportunities to elect state and federal representatives who live in and understand the unique issues facing San Fernando Valley residents. In a previous visualization, you provided -- you proved that there was enough Latino population to create majority Latino Assembly seats entirely in the San
Fernando Valley. The time to act is now. Do the right thing. I respectfully urge you to --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- restore the second -- the second majority Latino Assembly seat in the San Fernando Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 7414. And then up next after that would be caller 1136. Caller 7414, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Leah (ph.), and I'm calling about how this map affects San Jose. First of all, I know how incredibly hard you've worked on this and how appreciated that is. As a member of a local redistricting Commission myself a few years back, so I know what goes into this and how difficult that is.

But I have to say, I'm very confused by how the San Jose has been splintered so severely that it really can no longer be represented as a community of interest.

Being split into four parts is unprecedented for a city this size, especially when you consider that San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento would all remain basically intact.

If you know anything about San Jose, you would know that diverse communities often come together to solve
community problems. But splitting the city into four
districts completely strips us of that ability to remain
a cohesive community of interest. And at the same time
dilutes minority voices in our city as well. So I'd like
to voice my support for what Mayor Sam Liccardo --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- said by asking that you combine
the areas he outlined so that San Jose can remain
cohesive and truly maintain our right to be represented
as a community of interest. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
now we're going to caller 1136. And up next after that
will be caller 1274. Caller 1136, if you will please
follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. PITTMAN Hello, I'm Sandy Pittman (ph.) and I've
lived in the unincorporated area for -- in -- of El Cajon
over 30 years. Thank you all so much for your very hard
work and listening to everybody and working the maps out.
In regards to the state Senate maps, all of the following
areas belong together, as we all have a lot in common.
The rural areas need the cities like Alpine, El Cajon,
Escondido, Ramona, and Santee for the necessities they
offer.

The following areas in alphabetical order need to
stay in the same district of San Diego County. They are
Alpine, Borrego Springs, Campbell, all of El Cajon. In fact, all of each city or town mentioned needs to stay as coho -- cohesive city or town. Continuing, all of El Cajon, Escondido, Descanso, Jamul, Julian, Lakeside, Pine Valley, Parkway, Ramona and Santee,

Besides all the tribal communities, I have been active with individuals and or businesses in all of these areas, including tribal, and understand their need to be in the same district. Thank you all so much for your consideration and your work. And I hope implantations --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

MS. PITTMAN: -- implementation of information.

Thank you. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 1274. And then up next after that we have caller 2574. Caller 1274, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good evening, San Jose deserves to keep our voice in Congress. We are the largest city in the Bay Area and we should keep at least one member of Congress who speaks for us. No other major city in California is losing its voice, only San Jose. The law says communities of interest should be represented and we are a community of interest. Please don't finalize a map that takes away the voice of San
Jose in Congress. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we'll be going to caller 2574. And then up next after that will be caller 3421. Caller 2574, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. SMITH: Hello, my name is Allison Smith (ph.) and I'm a lifelong resident of El Cajon, California. And I just want to reiterate what one of the most recent callers said, that certain cities out here in the east part of San Diego County should be kept together in the state Senate district. Those would include El Cajon, Santee and the community of Lakeside. Our east County cities, as well as Lakeside, our gateways to what we call the back country of San Diego County and that includes communities like Alpine, Ramona, and Descanso.

We are more rural and some of the proposed redistricting maps are trying to group us with cities and regions that are far away from what we have in common. For example, Chula Vista, which is down near the border of Mexico near Tijuana, as well as Needles, California, which is just incredible.

A few years ago, I drove from El Cajon to Needles on my way to Las Vegas. And there's no way that Needles fits in with any kind of a state Senate district that includes our eastern San Diego County city. So you've
already redrawn the Assembly district map in a good way
and I appreciate your work. And I encourage you to also
redraw the state Senate district map accordingly. Thank
you very much and have a good evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we will have caller 3241. And then up next
after that will be caller 6029. Caller 3241, please
follow the prompts. Caller with the last four digits
3241 -- the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome. Good evening,
Commission. I have been monitoring the Commission over
the past several weeks and watched closely as hundreds of
residents from across the state have called in and
vocalized what mattered to them the most. I personally
am from Orange County, which seemingly has become the
center of the debate. I cannot imagine what a difficult
situation you all have been placed in, and somehow you
felt four distinct and strong districts within the county
that are representative of the desires of our county and
fair to all the information that you received.

If possible, let's keep those intact. There's no
need to blow up these again. These districts work. You
will have done a great job and I appreciate your efforts.
Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we have caller 6029. And up next after that will be caller 6586. Caller 6029, please follow the prompts. And one more time, caller with the last four digits 6029, please follow prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

Caller 6029, will you please double-check and make sure your phone is not on mute? You are unmuted in the meeting. One more time, caller 6029, if you'll please double-check your telephone, make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

Caller 6029, I do apologize. You're appearing to have some type of issue with your audio connection. I do -- I will try back after our two other callers.

Right now, we will go to caller 6586. And up next, after that will be caller 7693. I do apologize, we have one more under that, I did say two. We have another caller down here, caller 1518. Right now will be caller 6586, pleas follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there, Commissioners. On Wednesday night, you guys had set along some maps that reflected weeks of testimony in and around Orange County. The only real compromise was that Huntington Beach was split. And I think it's wrong of the Commission to
dismiss these solid maps because one big city had to lose
a little population, which that should not be prioritized
over communities of interest that were truly protected in
these maps.

North Orange County was all in one district and the
Commission was able to empower Asian-American voters in
Santa Ana district. I think this has been the best
version so far in terms of Wednesday night's maps. So
please revisit this and restore what was really a fair
compromise for our communities. These changes are all
contained with little ripples, so I hope they can be
reinstated. Thank you very much for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now we'll be going to caller 7693. And then up
next after that will be caller 1518. 7693, please follow
the prompts. And one more time caller with the last four
digits 7693, please follow the prompts to unmute by
pressing star six. Caller 7693. You had not chosen to
raise your hand if you were not going for a comment. If
you were, I do apologize for difficult connectivity.
Please contact the commission in the other ways possible.
And we will be going to caller 1518, please follow
the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

MS. SMITH: Saving the best for last. My name is
Karolyn Smith, I'm the 2014 Veteran of the Year for the
71st District and current vice chair of the Lakeside Community Planning Group. I ask you to please reconsider the state Senate maps for San Diego County and here is why. Fred Coffman publicly stated that these communities share a lot of issues in common. And with knowing that fact, placing Lakeside in the same district as Pacific Beach is not equitable to the people of Lakeside for the following reasons.

        Pacific Beach is more than an hour away, thus they are not within the Commission's scope of geographically compact nor contiguous territory. PB is heavily politically left leaning. Lakeside is heavily politically right leaning. PB is nearly 11,000 more people meeting and voting. Lakeside would be controlled by a city 20 plus miles away, heavily Democratic population entering inequities and a lack of political alignment in the rural county, as well as a potential violation of the federal Voting Act's -- Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting strength of Lakeside.

Likewise, PB has a median housing cost of a million dollars, median income of 100,000.

    PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

    MS. SMITH: Lakeside medium housing is 428,000 and 74,000. Unincorporated Lakeside shares no commonality with Pacific Beach in disaster preparedness, wildfire
prevention mitigation. While the Commission states that
nonpartisan is heavily democratic board --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MS. SMITH: -- we know the state is political based
off the Biden administration suing Texas. Lakeside asks
for equity. In closing, please amend the Senate map
redistricting to leave Lakeside whole in the rural east
county with Santee, Alpine, Crestline --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
would like to give caller 6029 one more opportunity if
they were able to figure out the audio situation. Caller
6029, please follow the prompts again by pressing star
six. Caller 60 --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

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

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I'm calling to thank
the Commission for all their work on the districts during
these past weeks. As a resident of Orange County, I have
been actively engaged. I know the Commission has had to
balance all sorts of testimony. And I want to thank you
for largely respecting Orange County boundaries and
hearing our testimony to protect four major Orange County
districts.

That have largely happened and we appreciate all
your work to find compromise, after all, because this
week and we hope these are close to the final maps we
will see in about a week.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
now, we have caller 7693 did choose to raise their hand.
I'd like to give you another opportunity to unmute.
Please follow the prompts.

MS. ROE: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

MS. ROE: Thank you. I tried many times before. My
name is Kris Roe (ph.). I'm from West Hills. I'm
looking at your congressional maps. We have a population
of 1.8 million people in the San Fernando Valley. We
should be able to get one Senate district, multiple
Congressional districts and Assembly districts in and in
the population of 1.4 million people in the valley that
live in the City of LA.

I would ask that you follow the neighbored council
lines and start with West Hills and Warner Center, where
you have us divided by our communities of interest. And
I would appreciate if you would keep the West San
Fernando Valley together, West Hills, Woodland Hills,
Winnetka, Canoga Park, Tarzana going north to Chatsworth
to pick up the appropriate population based on the
district.
Stay west of the 405, please and north of Mulholland. And then go east and --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 30 seconds.

MS. SMITH: -- in the communities of NoHo and Toluca Lake. And and then I -- and things together in an Assembly district. Then go north to what is now AD43 for example and --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 15.

MS. SMITH: -- keep that together as well. But I would encourage you to keep the West Valley west of the 405 together. We do have the Aliso Canyon issue. We have a Santa Susana field issue I do not object to you putting Belt --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And at this time, Chair, that is all of our callers this evening.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Katie, for your capable management of our public input process. So colleagues, we have approximately 40 minutes left in our day until 10:00.

I want to make sure that we make as much progress as quickly as possible between now and the end of the week. There remains a lot of work to do and we have to work smart. I think we made some good progress today. I had hoped that we would be able to land the plane, as it
were. We were not in the end. We still have some
outstanding issues.

My sense or my -- my intent at this point is to take
a short time each morning to try to work through these
remaining issues at the Congressional level. We've got
some outstanding iterations. We've got some discussion
to be had. I don't want to -- to eat into the time
allotted to the discussion of the Senate maps.

I think we've heard tonight that there is
considerable interest in the Senate maps. This is not
simply a matter of taking the Assembly maps and going
these two, these two, these two. We spent a good bit of
time developing Senate maps. We've got some good support
for some of the Senate maps. We know that we have work
to do on the Senate plan generally.

So I wanted to take the opportunity and ask for your
thoughts on how we can best proceed to achieve our
objectives. We have -- today is the 13th, we have set
aside 14, 15, 16 for the Senate districts with some bleed
over onto the 17th to review kind of what we did today
with the Congressional districts, as well as on the 17th
dealing with the Board of Equalization districts.

And then we have the -- so that's through the 17th.
And the 18th, 19th and some amount of time on the 20th is
scheduled for final review and clean up. I've said that
at that point, or essentially when we get back to any
discussion of Congressional maps, if someone has a -- an
exploration, a concept that is fully formed, that is
self-contained, I'm happy to have us consider it.

There will -- there should be time for brief
discussions. But we are we are coming in on an approach
for landing. So we need to keep careful control of our
pitch, and our attitude, and our drag, and so forth. We
don't want to stall the plane as we're approaching the
runway.

So if I can get your thoughts, please, on how best
to proceed over the next few days, I would appreciate it.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Pilot Kennedy. I'll
just start and then that way people can tear it apart.
Anyway, my thoughts -- and it probably won't be a popular
one, is we're very close to finalizing the Congressional.
And I would like to just finish that instead of going
back to it every day. That may not be possible because
there are some other some of the Commissioners are
working on other iterations.

But secondly, I guess more importantly for myself
and for my fellow Commissioners as well as the public.
Approaching the Senate districts, we have our Senate
drafts from November 10th, but then we also have our
Assembly. And part of it is to try to nest. So I'm as a commissioner, I'm looking at both and how should I, you know -- like, how -- what are we going to use to guide us?

Are we going to use our draft maps from November 10th? Are we going to use our Assembly, maybe a combination of the two? But I'm just trying to I'm also trying to like focus.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I'm sure you probably have that --

CHAIR KENNEDY: I can answer that -- I can answer that question. That is -- that is a very easy question to answer at this point. Tomorrow morning, once we get to -- excuse me, our discussion, our initial discussion of the Senate maps, we are going to look at the Senate draft maps from the 10th of November. We will overlay the current iteration of assembly districts to see how we're doing, to see where we might want to make adjustments.

And we'll start with Los Angeles and particularly the VRA areas in Los Angeles and move out from there. But we will be taking both the November 10th draft Senate maps and overlaying the current iteration of Assembly maps.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. My suggestion, Chair, is that we -- and thank you for explaining that second part, where we're going to look at our draft and then overlay the up -- where we've made changes. I suggest that we do that wholly all in with the Senate for tomorrow, recognizing that we have not completed the Congressional maps.

I think it'll give us a good idea of how much work will be -- is there to be done and where there is agreement and disagreement. And if we focus on that, perhaps -- I dare not say it, but perhaps, when we finish the Senate, we can come back to the Congressional. Not to put it all the way to the very end, but that whole thing trying to decide do we need to come in more hours or we need to come in early or whatever else. We'll have -- be able to gauge that better once we get a sense of how solid we are or not for the Senate.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you so much, Commissioner Turner. Someone else had a hand up. Was it Commissioner Andersen? Yes, Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I did, thank you. I actually agree with Commissioner Turner on that. The one
thing I wanted to say, though, is if we're thinking about coming in early, we would have to decide that now. So we have three days to modify coming in earlier than 11:00.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. I have suggested to the to the -- to the executive director that we start earlier. I understand that colleagues may have other commitments before 11 o'clock. My sense is that we need the time. And if, you know, one Commissioner or two Commissioners aren't here, we've certainly made progress with less than our full complement of 14 in the past. We can do so now.

We have to be very mindful of our deadlines and how much work we do still have to do before we reach those. So thank you for that, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I'm agreeing with Commissioner Turner and just an update on the Central Valley VRA districts. We have been working very closely with Kennedy. We're done with the first visualizations and we're almost done with the second. So for the Central Valley, we were able to achieve the goals we set out and also -- and bring back Old Fig and begin to -- and some of the -- some of the other COIs that we had taken out.

So we're actually pretty optimistic that we'll be
able to bring back something that we can all have
agreement on. And -- but we do also need to get it
through legal, so that'll probably take about a day's
worth of time to hash everything out. So bringing them
back in a day or so would be preferable. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,
Commissioner Toledo. That's very good news to hear.
Commissioner Ahmed.

COMMISSIONER AHMED: Thank you, Chair. I am also in
agreement with the proposal that Commissioner Turner laid
out with the understanding that we approached that method
with what you outlined, the VRA districts in Los Angeles,
and really anchor our starting point there. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you, Commissioner
Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I also like the idea
of starting with the Senate tomorrow and having an idea
and then that will also give the mappers who are working
on the Congressional districts a chance to do things.
Separately -- well, two other things.

One is I also agree that we should start with the
VRA districts. I think where we ended up today, you
know, probably would have been better to have started
with the VRA districts. So I'd like us to focus on VRA
for the Senate district maps.
Lastly, I wanted to just say something just for clarification, Chair, so that it is -- it is just said. So Commissioner Taylor finished before the break about his comment about the communities. And one thing I wanted to just say is I'm trying to stay consistent in what we're seeing because we have talked about not carrying the disadvantaged communities with more advantaged communities because that would put them at a disadvantage being in a more, you know, let's say, a different kind of district where they're not with like districts.

So that is where I'm coming from in terms of my comments around Century City. It's not to say that they don't belong in the South LA district, but it's about just trying -- for me, it was just the focus of keeping like communities with like communities. Does not mean that they cannot shop or recreate or do any of the other things that anybody else would do. But I'm just trying to stay consistent, whether it's a disadvantaged community or it's an advantage or a wealthier community.

So it wasn't about there shouldn't be that. So I wanted that to just be, you know, very, very clear to everybody that that was my intent with that and trying to stay consistent with my other comments.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for that, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I also agree with Commissioner Turner and everyone that's agreed with her. The way forward tomorrow, also wondering if -- Chair, you have any closed sessions planned for tomorrow.

CHAIR KENNEDY: The lawyers stand ready to go over any VRA concerns with us in closed session tomorrow. I would prefer to do everything we can in open session. If someone does have an issue that does raise serious closed session issues, then I'm happy to call on the lawyers, and the videographers, and staff, and so forth to make the closed session happen.

COMMISSIONER YEE: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: My sense is they're ready to do that on relatively short notice, but I would prefer to do as much as we can in open session. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a question of process. You mentioned starting earlier tomorrow, which I do understand. But I -- my understanding is that we cannot because it's already been agendized.

CHAIR KENNEDY: We cannot.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: I -- I've received a note from
Executive Director Hernandez that we are scheduled to shift back to 9:30 on Thursday, the 16th and Friday the 17th, and forward from there.

So tomorrow is Tuesday. We'll be at 11 o'clock. Wednesday the 15th will be at 11 o'clock. Beginning Thursday when we would -- we would shift our starting time back to 9:30. That would give us essentially an additional 90-minute block per day. So thank you for that.

I'm not seeing other hands right now. I do recall, Commissioner Le Mons, that your hand was up as we went to break and then to the public comment. I just want to circle back to you in case you did have something that you wanted to share with colleagues at this point. Okay, not hearing Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner Andersen, were you about to raise your hand? No?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I was actually --

CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- Chair. And it was -- will that be excuse me, 9:30 on the Thursday the 16th through the rest of the -- through the 24th, 23rd, or through the 20th, or what was the plan there?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, at this point the 20th is scheduled for a -- is tentatively scheduled for a vote to make these maps final and be published as such. The
21st is scheduled for discussion of the final report --
the draft final report as far as it is completed by then.
The 22nd and 23rd are likewise scheduled for that.

It is our hope. We are expecting back from all of
you any comments that you have on the portion of the
draft report that you have received by Thursday. We can
incorporate those and then those are coming back, I
believe, through counsel.

And then the subcommittee can incorporate those, run
the resulting draft through legal again. And then we
would be ready to post it for public review and
discussion at the meeting on the 21st. Depending on your
comments and on public comment, if we are able to adopt
that -- tentatively, I mean, we would -- we would still
have to finalize all of the text as far as description of
the districts.

But we anticipate that we -- if we're able to
approve that on the 21st, we may not need the 22nd and
23rd. So that is -- that is what we are looking at at
this point.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay, but again, the time
beginning times, though, was my question.

CHAIR KENNEDY: I will have to get back with
Executive Director Hernandez on that.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So right now it's
9:30 until -- through the 20th, at least; is that correct?

CHAIR KENNEDY: Through the 19th, at least.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Through Sunday, Commissioner -- hold -- okay. So Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you for that, Chair. I had to switch to my phone and I was not able to get off of mute. I did want to say that I support Commissioner Turner's recommendation, and I thank you for circling back to me.

CHAIR KENNEDY: You're welcome. Commissioner Fernandez and then Director Hernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. So right now, Thursday and Friday, the 16th and 17th are for 9:30? The 18th on have not decided yet if we're going to move that to 930. I think I'm going to kind of play it by ear, see how we do tomorrow and then go from there. Potentially move it to 9:30 or leave it at 11 I'm not sure yet. But I will -- I'll let everyone know. And the reason, because I'll be Chair during that one with Vice Chair Ahmad. So we'll be hopefully deciding that soon.

Thanks.

CHAIR KENNEDY: And this is one of the reasons that we have the flexibility up to three days in advance at
this point in the process. We need to monitor our progress against our very hard deadline at the end and make sure that we are able to meet that deadline.

Director Hernandez.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Actually, Commissioner Fernandez clarified that. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay, further comments about process? We've been talking about the schedule, but I mean, we're trying to operate right now under general consensus. I've been trying to gauge the room as best I can. Some things we have discarded because it was clear that there was not enough support or we've at least shelved, if not discarded, some of these -- some of these things we could consider as being on the shelf rather than in the -- in the bin in case there is interest in reverting to anything in the past.

But it was clear when we -- when we tried to reach consensus on Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner's exploration that it just -- it didn't seem to be clear either way. So that, in my consideration, is on the shelf. On the shelf currently means that what we have as draft maps or approved updates to the draft maps, that's where we are. If we don't do anything else, that's what we have.

If we want to make any changes, we have to make
those proactively by consensus at this point. There will be time for a vote. And, you know, we'll do our best to, as I say, land this plane successfully. I think we've worked well together. I think we've achieved a lot together and just want to see this process end successfully.

So I really would appreciate any further thoughts on the process by which we get from here to there by Monday, preferably. Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you. Yeah, I thought we had decided that tomorrow we're doing Senate. And then we're adding a little bit of -- and then Wednesday morning, we're looking back at the Congressional district as we should have those iterations. Once -- and the idea being depending on the VRA districts then we can pick up, it'll be obvious how we deal with the ECA Sacramento area split.

That was my understanding, which we would be saying, bring that -- deciding if it's a go. The ERA district is a go? Yes. Then how does it affect the other one? And depending on -- yes, it ca -- it's doable or not. We may have to iteration on that. That was my understanding.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Just as today we started with -- excuse me, roll call and business meeting. We have a few minor items of business that will be coming up
in the mornings. My intent is to get through those as quickly as possible each morning that we do have some item of business to discuss.

I have emphasized to staff the importance of having things posted for sufficient time for public review before we do discuss and approve things. But we didn't use the entire half hour that was allocated for that. And that's where I'm looking to bring up -- like, tomorrow morning I believe we still have an iteration coming from Tamina. It should be a very small one. And if we -- if we can get that done by 11:30 tomorrow, I would -- I would intend to get that done by 11:30 tomorrow.

And depending on what other iterations are ready and available for us to review, it -- anything that we can get done the first half hour the next couple of mornings before we shift to the 9:30 schedule, I intend to get through those. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Chair, you were asking for additional feedback? I didn't have any. I didn't want to leave you hanging. I guess I'm a one-hit wonder. I had no other ideas, and I have no doubt that you'll drive us to the finish line. Thank you.

CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Well, you know, I -- I'm used to being in a little bit different situation. You
know, organizing an election is much more concrete than trying to resolve issues among a body of fourteen. But I've been there as well, so I will certainly do my best.

Oka. Unless anyone has further thoughts at this point, then I would -- I would ask you to continue thinking about any suggestions for how to ensure that we achieve our objectives on the current timeline. And we'll look forward to seeing you all at 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. Meeting adjourned. 9:42 p.m. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the CRC Live Line Drawing Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.)
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