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3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good morning, everyone. Welcome
4 and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens
5 Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input
6 Meeting. I am Commissioner Linda Akutagawa, and I will
7 be cochairing today's meeting with Commissioner Sara
8 Sadhwani. Before we formally start our meeting, we will
9 start with roll call.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernández.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

19 (No audible response)

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner
25 Toledo.



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner.

3 Commissioner Vazquez.

4 Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Your roll call is complete.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Ravi. I'll start by
12 sharing a little bit about the commission. Every ten
13 years, after the federal government publishes updated
14 census information, California must redraw the boundaries
15 of its congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and
16 State Board of Equalization districts so that the
17 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

18 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
19 of the Commission when they passed the Voter's First Act.
20 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
21 lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and the State
22 Board of Equalization districts. In 2010, the
23 Congressional Voter's First Act added the responsibility
24 of drawing congressional districts to the Commission.

25 The fourteen-member commission is made up of five



1 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
2 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw
3 the district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan
4 rules designed to create districts of relatively equal
5 population that will provide fair representation for all
6 Californians.

7 When we receive the census data, the Commission will
8 begin drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as
9 outlined in the California Constitution. One of these is
10 minimizing the division of counties, cities,
11 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent
12 possible. We can obtain the city and county information
13 from those jurisdictions. However, we need the
14 neighborhood and communities of interest information from
15 you, the Californians directly.

16 That's why we have launched these community of
17 interest input sessions to get that valuable information
18 from you directly. We encourage all Californians to
19 participate in this process. If you would rather submit
20 your COI input over the internet, you can do so from our
21 website or by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. You can
22 skip the line and go online.

23 Now I will call on all commissioners to introduce
24 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
25 all fourteen commissioners or for additional information



1 or to sign up for our email announcements, please visit
2 our website at wedrawthelinesCA.org. Please also follow
3 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on
4 social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram,
5 Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Our handle is at
6 wedrawthelinesCA. There, you will find lots of useful
7 information about redistricting and updates from the
8 Commission.

9 So we will begin with my cochair, Commissioner
10 Sadhwani.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Akutagawa. Good morning, California, and good morning,
13 Orange County. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I am calling
14 in today from Pasadena, California, and I'm really
15 excited to hear about people's communities of interest in
16 Orange County. I've spent a lot of time in O.C. over the
17 years, have a lot of family and friends in that area, so
18 looking forward to learning more about folks' communities
19 of interest. Thank you.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you, Commissioner
21 Sadhwani.

22 Let's go to Commissioner Ahmad.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Hi, everyone. I am extremely
24 excited this morning to learn from all the folks in the
25 O.C., and I look forward to meeting you all in person one



1 day.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California,
4 and good morning, Orange County. I'm Commissioner Jane
5 Andersen. I'm coming to you from Berkeley, California,
6 the San Francisco Bay area. And I have actually
7 relatives in Orange County and some friends who also live
8 down Orange County. I'm looking forward to hearing from
9 everyone all about your particular communities of
10 interest in Orange today and elsewhere in California.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Fernández.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Buenos dias, California.
15 I'm Alicia Fernández. I'm from Yolo County, a few miles
16 away from Orange County. But I'm very excited to hear
17 about your communities of interest. I have visited. I
18 do have relatives there, and of course, I've gone there
19 for vacation, obviously. If someone has kids, they've
20 gone there for vacation. So I'm really excited to hear
21 about your communities.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California
25 and Orange County. My name is Neal Fornaciari. I'm



1 coming to you from Tracy, California, in the Central
2 Valley. Looking forward to hearing all about your
3 communities of interest in Orange County and the
4 surrounding areas. Thanks.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good
7 morning, everyone. I'm coming to you from Morongo Valley
8 in San Bernardino County next door. Before that, I lived
9 in Palm Springs in Riverside County, and very much
10 looking forward to hearing everyone's input.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner Le Mons.
12 Okay. Let's go to Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (In Spanish). Good morning,
14 California and Orange County. I am coming to you from
15 San Diego. I'm Patricia Sinay. (In Spanish). You can
16 find more information in twelve different languages on
17 our website, which is wedrawthelinesCA.org,
18 [W-E-D-R-A-W-T-H-E-L-I-N-E-S dot org](http://W-E-D-R-A-W-T-H-E-L-I-N-E-S.org). Gracias. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. I
21 believe Commissioner Taylor is on listening.

22 I don't know if you're able to briefly introduce
23 yourself. So Commissioner Taylor, if you are, please
24 introduce yourself.

25 Okay. I think he's not able to. All right. We'll



1 go to Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Good morning, California.
3 Buenos dias. I'm Pedro Toledo, and I'm from Petaluma,
4 California. I'm looking forward to hearing all about
5 your communities of interest and what makes you unique
6 and what makes -- and what you'd like to see within the
7 redistricting process. So thank you very much, and
8 good -- hope you have a good day and hope you share with
9 us all the information you want to. Thank you.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you. Commissioner
11 Turner. Okay. I think she did say she was not going to
12 be on yet.

13 Commissioner Vazquez. I don't think she's on, but
14 if you are, please introduce yourself.

15 Okay. Commissioner Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Morning, California and
17 especially Orange County. I'm Commissioner Russell Yee.
18 I'm here in my hometown of Oakland. And to everyone
19 connected with UC Irvine, I say go Anteaters.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. And let me
21 just briefly introduce myself. I am Commissioner Linda
22 Akutagawa, and I am a resident of Orange County. I've
23 been here -- I'm a lifelong Californian, born and raised
24 in Southern California. Grew up in the East San Gabriel
25 Valley, or the 66, as some may know it.



1 And I have been in the Orange County region,
2 specifically Huntington Beach, since I got married. And
3 my husband is a lifelong Orange County resident. So it's
4 nice to be able to be here in my hometown and being able
5 to be a part of this particular Communities of Interest
6 Input Meeting.

7 All right. So let me just go through some
8 housekeeping rules. This meeting is primarily for
9 communities of interest testimony focused on Orange
10 County and surrounding areas. However, anyone in
11 California can call in to provide input. General public
12 comment will take place at the end of the meeting.

13 Today, we are joined by our line-drawing team,
14 Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data and Research LLC, who will be
15 displaying a map of the area that callers will be asked
16 to describe before you start your testimony.

17 Please start with the area that you would like to
18 discuss and be as specific as possible about the
19 boundaries of where your community is located. It is our
20 goal to find the area on the map that you would like to
21 discuss prior to you beginning your testimony. This way,
22 then we can all look at the map area in which you are
23 speaking about.

24 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large
25 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to



1 locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin.

2 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

3 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator
4 who will be introducing attendees when it is their turn
5 to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the
6 raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter
7 the queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
8 encourage you to call in during your appointment time
9 slot. When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment
10 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned
11 unique ID number. You will be reconnected to the session
12 with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

13 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
14 order number before you begin speaking. Please make note
15 of this for future reference. You will be able to use
16 this number to identify your communities of interest
17 testimony on our website at a future date. The
18 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit
19 with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds
20 remaining.

21 At the beginning of your input, you will see a map
22 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
23 would like to see on the screen. And again, please be as
24 specific as possible about the boundaries of where your
25 community is located so that we can identify it and have



1 it up while you speak. Registration is not required to
2 participate. So if you're listening in and you feel
3 inspired to call in and give public input, please do so.
4 The public has the option of calling in during this
5 meeting to get in the queue to speak. The call-in
6 information and access code is listed on the livestream.

7 All right. So while there are no clear rules on how
8 to define a community of interest, we've identified ways
9 for you to describe your community. One, begin with your
10 county or city. Two, mention the street names and/or
11 significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
12 identify the parameters of your community. What are your
13 shared interests? What is important to your community?

14 Six, are there nearby areas you want to be in a
15 electoral district with? Seven, are there nearby areas
16 that you don't want to be in a district with? Why or why
17 not? Has your community come together to advocate for
18 important services such as better schools, better roads,
19 health centers in your neighborhood?

20 Also, we invite you to use the Communities of
21 Interest Mapping Tool to draw a map and describe your
22 community by visiting the website drawmyCAcommunity.org.
23 Skip the line, go online. Submit your COI input today.

24 We will now begin the public input session -- the
25 first of the public input sessions for today. And I will



1 pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We will
2 start with people who are registered and then open the
3 lines if there's time before the next session today.

4 MS. MANOFF: Good morning, Chair.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good morning, Katy.

6 MS. MANOFF: Welcome to the public input session.
7 Please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of your
8 screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
9 speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID
10 number. You will be reconnected to this session with the
11 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will
12 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
13 speaking. Please make note of your speaker order number
14 for future reference.

15 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
16 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
17 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at
18 the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen
19 and view only mode. At the beginning of your input,
20 please remind the mapper what area you would like to see
21 on the screen.

22 And right now, we will have 002, and then up next in
23 the queue will be 011. So we will -- right now will be
24 002, and up next will be 011. And I'd also like to
25 remind those who have joined to please use the raise your



1 hand button at the bottom of your screen to join the
2 comment queue line with a raised hand.

3 So right now we are at 002. 002, your speaker order
4 number will be number 1, if you will please make note of
5 that for future reference. You can now enable audio and
6 video in the lower left corner of your screen. Please
7 remind the mapper of what area you would like to see.
8 And with that, the floor is yours.

9 MS. DEATON: Hi. Good morning. The map that I am
10 interested in is the beach community from Seal Beach all
11 the way down the coast of Orange County. The community
12 of interest I want to address are beach communities.
13 What else should I help you with?

14 MR. MANOFF: That's good. Please go ahead.

15 MS. DEATON: Okay. Good morning. Thank you for
16 allowing me this time. My name is Ellery Deaton. I have
17 served my community of Seal Beach both as an elected
18 councilmember for eight years, mayor for two. I also
19 served on our planning commission for more than eight
20 years. This experience gives me a unique perspective.

21 I believe in local government. I believe the closer
22 our representatives are to their community, the more the
23 community retains its unique character. For me, unique
24 character and communities of interest are very, very
25 similar and together. The City of Seal Beach elects its



1 members by districts, each of which has a character or
2 community interest all of its own.

3 Mine was Old Town Seal Beach. I had business,
4 residential, tourism, but we also have Leisure World with
5 senior citizens, The Hill, College Park districts where
6 most of our school-age children live. Each district is a
7 community with its own promise and its own needs. Here's
8 what I've learned.

9 When a representative is accountable for a cohesive
10 community of interest, a community that shares both the
11 good and the bad, the community of interest is served.
12 As the State of California has come to realize, cities
13 and school districts should be by district in order to
14 properly serve our diverse communities.

15 Contrast the duties I juggled as councilmember of
16 the beach community with my colleague who, just a little
17 bit inland, represented Leisure World. She knew
18 intimately that Leisure World needed a market, traffic
19 control, and recreational opportunities for her
20 residents. I, on the other hand, had beach erosion,
21 tourism, resident concerns that occupied my every
22 thought.

23 An example, while I was a councilmember, FEMA redrew
24 our floodplain maps and included many of my community
25 into that map that had not been included before. As the

1 representative for this cohesive area, I was able to
2 focus time, energy, and resources to dialog with FEMA,
3 hire a scientist, and ultimately influence the floodplain
4 map on behalf of the community.

5 When I was at one of the town halls on the issues, a
6 woman begged me to go to a neighboring city whose
7 councilmembers were elected at-large and could not focus
8 on a particular community of interest because their time
9 and attention was spread too thinly. Of course I
10 couldn't do that, but my community was served and theirs
11 was not.

12 How does this story relate to redistricting? If we
13 don't have a representative who is focused on protecting
14 our beaches but instead is --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. DEATON: -- split among many -- among many
17 interests, the resulting dilution to the communities of
18 interest, all of them -- whether inland or at the beach,
19 all of them -- results in not being properly served. I
20 urge you as you look to --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

22 MS. DEATON: -- redistricting to serve California's
23 diverse communities of interest and keep our beach
24 districts together whole with representatives that have a
25 passion for our coastline, its people, and its needs.



1 Thank you very much.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

3 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we have 011. And I'd
4 like to ask those who have joined the queue to please use
5 the raise-your-hand button at the bottom of your screen
6 to enter the comment queue by raising your hand. So
7 right now we have 011, and up next, we will have 001. So
8 right now is 011. Up next will be 001.

9 011, your speaker order number will be number 2, if
10 you will please make note of that for future reference.
11 You can now enable audio and video in the lower left
12 corner of your screen. If you will please remind the
13 mapper of what area you would like to see, with that, the
14 floor is yours.

15 MS. CARTER: Hi. My area is Laguna Beach, Laguna
16 Woods, Irvine, and Newport.

17 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

18 MS. CARTER: Hi. My name is Mary Carter. And while
19 you're looking at this area, you will see the large white
20 blob in the middle of it that connects all these cities,
21 Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Irvine, and Newport.

22 Our shared interest is that we are united to
23 maintain and support the Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park.
24 We've worked together for the last -- oh, my gosh --
25 forty years to create this wilderness park, And it has



1 really helped us having our representatives that live and
2 work in this area all connected to these cities.

3 So each city is connected to the wilderness park
4 spiritually, that we created the park, we volunteer for
5 the park, and we maintain and support it. As you can
6 see, we're physically connected and we would like to
7 maintain our elected districts -- our elected officials
8 in these districts. So I'm hoping that when you draw the
9 lines, you will remember that this area is important to
10 us. So please keep us connected. We appreciate you
11 being here.

12 And ten years ago, I also was here representing
13 these areas. So I'm hoping that, within the next few
14 months, we can all meet in person. I really miss having
15 the Berkeley Law Center to work with to draw the maps.
16 And when they get up and we can do it in person, I will
17 be there. I'll probably be first in line or second in
18 line. So work with us, help us maintain this area and
19 maintain our elected officials.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. CARTER: Thank you for letting me speak again,
22 and hopefully, I'll see you in ten more years.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

24 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And right now, we
25 have 001. And I'd like to ask those that have joined to



1 please use the raise your hand option at the bottom of
2 your screen. 004, if you will please use the raise your
3 hand option at the bottom of your screen, indicating you
4 are ready to comment and raising your hand. But right
5 now we will have 001.

6 001, your speaker order number will be number 3, if
7 you will please make note of that for future reference.
8 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
9 corner of your screen. If you will please remind the
10 mapper of what area you would like to see. And with
11 that --

12 MR. MORGAN: All right.

13 MS. MANOFF: -- the floor is yours.

14 MR. MORGAN: Good morning. Am I connected here?

15 MS. MANOFF: You are. There you are. If you will
16 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
17 see, with that, the floor is yours.

18 MR. MORGAN: How about now? Do you got me?

19 MS. MANOFF: Yeah. We can hear you and see you.

20 MR. MORGAN: All right. Thank you.

21 MS. MANOFF: Um-hum.

22 MR. MORGAN: Good morning. My name is Chad Morgan,
23 and I'm an attorney. I've been practicing law for just
24 about ten years now. My focus is on public law, which is
25 the law that governs how government operates. And it



1 controls the interaction between government agencies and
2 the individuals and businesses that deal with them.

3 And I'm not here for any particular district but to
4 look at the county as a whole and provide some feedback
5 based on my experience practicing government law in
6 Orange County. And because I've only got three minutes
7 here, I'm going to have to focus on some broad
8 generalities, but here goes.

9 The way I see the county, we've got three basic
10 regions: coastal cities from Seal Beach to San Clemente.
11 I see this population as a little bit more
12 environmentally conscious, and they're protective of
13 their beaches. They have traffic concerns as everybody
14 travels primarily along the 405 or Highway 1.

15 And then we have the working class communities,
16 which includes the areas where I grew up in La Habra. La
17 Habra, San Buena Park along the L.A. County border, I-5
18 into Irvine. There's a lot more immigrants in these
19 communities that require more government services like
20 Medicaid and school meal programs. And the schools here
21 don't perform as well as they do in some of the coastal
22 or foothill regions.

23 Then we've got the foothill regions, the cities that
24 bound up -- bump up against the mountains stretching from
25 Yorba Linda in the north down to Rancho Santa Margarita,



1 generally a little bit more affluent, prefer less
2 government, and don't need the same services as the
3 working-class folks. And I see logical communities of
4 interest here, where it makes sense to keep us as best as
5 we can, leave the three segments together so that they
6 can have representation that focuses on their unique
7 needs.

8 And then some of the communities that don't
9 necessarily fit into these three categories, including
10 the heavily Vietnamese areas in Westminster and Garden
11 Grove where education is important in trying to keep
12 these communities together as well, along with looking at
13 some of the differences in places like Fullerton where
14 the east part of the city tends to be more affluent than
15 the south.

16 And you've got the same communities of interest here
17 where there might be natural opportunities to kind of
18 separate the three different regions where east Fullerton
19 could be combined with the foothill district, while west
20 Fullerton might be part of the working-class --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. MORGAN: -- district. And so as you do the good
23 work that you're working on here, try to keep these
24 regions together and avoid diluting the ethnic groups
25 that --



1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. MORGAN: -- make Orange County a wonderful and
3 diverse place to live. Thank you for what you're doing
4 and for allowing me to provide some feedback this
5 morning.

6 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

7 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And I'd like to
8 remind those that have joined via Zoom link to please use
9 the raise-your-hand button at the bottom of your screen
10 to enter the comment queue. And then I'd like to ask
11 those who have called in to please use the -- to please
12 press star nine to raise your hand. Those that have
13 called in, please press star nine to raise your hand.

14 And 004, I just saw that you raised your hand and
15 then it went down. So we're going to go to 004 right
16 now, and then up next will be caller 3802. So right now
17 will be 004, and then up next will be caller 3802.

18 004, your speaker order number will be number 4, if
19 you will please make note of that for future reference.
20 You can now enable audio and video, as you have, and
21 please remind the mapper of the area you would like to
22 see. And with that, the floor is yours.

23 MS. BORAK BEAUDIN: Thank you. My name is Livia
24 Borak Beaudin and I'd like to see the area just south of
25 Laguna Niguel and north San Diego County, Oceanside area.



1 Again, good morning, Commissioners. I'm Livia Borak
2 Beaudin. I live in Oceanside in North County, San Diego.
3 I'm an environmental attorney, and I focus on coastal
4 protection issues. And I'd like to discuss the
5 importance of the relationship between the coastal
6 communities of San Diego and Orange Counties. Our
7 coastal region shares a number of challenges that we need
8 coordinated by our policymakers, and I urge you to
9 consider keeping this region connected despite the county
10 border.

11 A significant chunk of my work is related to water
12 quality in particular, and it's an effort that requires a
13 regional approach in order to keep our ocean and coastal
14 communities healthy. One helpful way that this is
15 addressed regionally is at the Regional Water Quality
16 Control Board, where our district, Region 9, includes all
17 of San Diego County, but also portions of Orange County
18 all the way north to Crystal Cove State Park.

19 Our environmental policy issues related to water
20 quality, marine life, poaching, bluff erosion, public
21 access are unique to the work of protecting the coast.
22 Additionally, the longtime policy debates related to
23 transportation capacity and its impact on runoff and,
24 ultimately, water quality shaped debates over several
25 decades related to the expansion of the Interstate 5, the



1 proposed San Onofre Toll Road, and the future of the
2 LOSSAN Rail Corridor. The development of desalination
3 plants and the decommissioning process related to the
4 handling of spent nuclear fuel at San Onofre power plant
5 are issues that require attention on both sides of the
6 county line.

7 It's also worth differentiating how these coastal
8 issues are significantly different with the environmental
9 protection challenges from inland communities in San
10 Diego County and the challenges faced by the coastal
11 communities. There are two separate sets of issues and
12 focus and attract different coalitions.

13 Our work is focused on water quality and its impact
14 on marine life, whereas the inland issues are usually
15 more related to habitat preservation, programs of an
16 entirely different type of wildlife through policy issues
17 like the Multispecies Conservation Program, agricultural
18 practices, and landuse permitting for residential
19 sprawl.

20 Just to summarize, we'd appreciate your
21 consideration of keeping the coastal communities intact,
22 even if it means crossing --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. BORAK BEAUDIN: -- the San Diego-Orange County
25 boundary and to think of coastal North County as separate

1 from inland North County because they really are distinct
2 areas. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

4 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we have caller 3802,
5 caller with the last four 3802. And I'd like to remind
6 those that have called in to please press star nine to
7 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. But
8 right now, we have caller 3802 with their hand raised.

9 Caller 3802, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute yourself by pressing star six. Caller 3802, if
11 you will, press star six to unmute yourself. There you
12 are. Call 3802, I have a couple of brief instructions.
13 You are currently unmuted.

14 Your speaker order number will be number 6, if you
15 will please make note of that for future reference. And
16 if you will, please let the mapper know of any area you
17 would like to discuss. And with that, the floor is
18 yours.

19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Great. Yes. Good morning. The
20 area of cities I'd like to -- on the map is Orange,
21 Tustin, and Anaheim Hills. Am I right?

22 MR. MANOFF: That's great. Go ahead, please.

23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Great. Great. Well, good
24 morning. Okay. Yes. Good morning. My name is Mario
25 Rodriguez, and I'm a founding member of Hispanic 100,



1 which is an organization dedicated to mentoring young
2 Hispanic adults. And there's nothing that would make me
3 prouder than to have one of our young Hispanic adults
4 becoming a member of the California legislature. So I'm
5 here to talk about the 2011 Commission that drew the
6 lines that hurt the Hispanic community back in 2011.

7 AD-69 has been a significant Hispanic population,
8 but in 2011, it did not provide the Hispanic
9 representation and split it up -- split up the district
10 into two ethnic groups. And for that, it kind of really,
11 really kind of baffles me that, you know, it would do
12 that. So a district would be better constructed if we
13 did it to not include a portion of Garden Grove, which is
14 a heavily Vietnamese community. It seems wrong to split
15 that city and the Vietnamese community where the
16 Hispanic -- where it coincides directly with the Hispanic
17 population in parts of Tustin and/or portions of the City
18 of Orange.

19 The Spanish portion of Tustin includes the city
20 boundary on the west side, Main Street on the north,
21 Browning Avenue on the east, Walnut on the west -- on the
22 south. In terms of the City of Orange, it's west of
23 Cambridge Street and south of Taft Avenue. Anaheim
24 Hills, I feel, belongs with the foothill communities.
25 The Commission got it right in 2011. Anaheim Hills is



1 very different to Anaheim below the 55 freeway. But they
2 did not -- but they messed up on the other aspects as
3 they dealt with -- as they dealt with Anaheim.

4 What I would call -- what I would call the Anaheim
5 flatlands belong to Santa Ana in every district to the
6 extent the population requires that. The two communities
7 are much alike. A significant percentage of immigrants,
8 high percentage of Spanish speakers, and schools that
9 must deal with more children of whom English is a second
10 language.

11 Santa Ana and Anaheim are far -- are far harder hit
12 by the COVID-19 than any other community. COVID
13 infection and rates are nearly twice as high in Santa Ana
14 and Anaheim than the rest of Orange County. The closure
15 of Disneyland and the impact on the nearby hotels costs
16 the community over 30,000 jobs.

17 So I ask this commission to do a better job than the
18 2011 Commission as to how it treats the Orange County
19 Hispanic community. Our children will be better if they
20 have representation --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: -- focused on the unique language,
23 healthcare, and economic issues faced by the working
24 class Latinos. Thank you so much.

25 MS. MANOFF: Thank you, Caller. You are number 5,



1 if you could make note of that. I apologize.

2 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

3 MS. MANOFF: And with that, I would like to remind
4 those that have called in to please press star nine to
5 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please
6 press star nine indicating you wish to comment. That is
7 for the caller in the queue.

8 I will defer to you, Chair. We do not have any
9 raised hands at this time.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. So let's do this,
11 Katy. Would you please read off the instructions -- the
12 call-in instructions again?

13 MS. MANOFF: Okay.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And then what we'll do is we'll
15 just hold steady until the time has passed for the call-
16 in instructions to repeat on the livestream.

17 MS. MANOFF: Sounds good. In order to maximize
18 transparency and public participation in our process, the
19 Commissioners will be taking community of interest input
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22 prompted, enter a meeting ID number provided on the
23 livestream feed. It is 98685577200 for this meeting.
24 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the
25 pound key.



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2 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
3 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
4 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
5 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
6 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
7 please stay and spell it for the record. You are not
8 required to provide your name to give public comment.

9 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
10 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
11 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
12 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
13 down the livestream volume. And again, for those that
14 have called in to please press star nine to raise your
15 hand indicating you wish to comment.

16 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
17 hands in the queue.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Katy, what we'll do is
19 we'll just let the instructions finish on the livestream.
20 We'll just hold tight, and we'll see if we get any takers
21 from the call-in instructions if anybody is listening.

22 And perhaps, while we wait for that to happen, I
23 think I'm going to draw upon something that we started
24 the last meeting when we were to the farther north of
25 California. I did like that, and I thought -- oh, okay,



1 I didn't have to go that far. Thank you.

2 Looks like we might have a caller, Katy.

3 MS. MANOFF: We do have a raised hand. Caller 7184.

4 Caller 7184, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 7184, I have a
6 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
7 will be number 6, if you will please make note of that
8 for future reference. If you are please let the mapper
9 know of any area you want to discuss today. And with
10 that, the floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Can you hear me?

12 MS. MANOFF: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. Hey, I live in
14 Huntington Beach, and I saw the community of interest
15 where they want to redistrict part of Little Saigon. And
16 I believe that the less regroup we are, the better it is
17 because our voice are less divided. And that's it.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Caller, can I just ask you, are
19 you -- are you specifically mentioning talking about
20 Huntington Beach or Little Saigon in Westminster?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? I'm sorry. I didn't
22 hear you.

23 MS. MANOFF: Yeah. Okay.

24 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I was just want to make sure
25 for the sake of -- for the purposes of our mappers, we

1 just want to make sure that we understand what area
2 you're talking about. Are you talking about Huntington
3 Beach or Little Saigon in Westminster?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Little Saigon in Westminster.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

7 MS. MANOFF: All right. Thank you so much. And I'd
8 like to remind those calling in to please press star nine
9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. As
10 for caller 5301, who just called in, thank you so much.
11 I do have a raised hand.

12 Caller 5301, if you please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 5301, I have a
14 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
15 will be number 7, if you will please make note of that
16 for future reference. And if you will, please let the
17 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
18 with that, the floor is yours.

19 MS. HOPPER: Thank you so much. My name is Hayn
20 Hopper (ph.). I live in Fountain Valley and I would --
21 the reason for me to call today is regarding the
22 redistrict and -- how do you say it? Like, redistricting
23 the districts? I'm Vietnamese, so we like to -- and I
24 feel like we divided into three areas, you know,
25 separating Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster,

1 and west Santa Ana into three would be -- it would give
2 the Vietnamese less Vietnamese American voice. We won't
3 be able to -- to voice our opinions or our concerns.

4 So we would urge you to, instead of dividing those
5 cities into three congressional districts, please do it
6 at two so at least we have a stronger voice in Congress.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

9 MS. MANOFF: And with that, Chair, we do not have
10 any other callers in the queue.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let's see. So. Let's just
12 hold -- okay. Let's just hold on for a few more minutes.
13 Maybe before I go to a video, how about let's just
14 start -- let's just continue on with something that we
15 started at the last meeting. And for a moment, I thought
16 maybe they didn't want to hear our stories when the
17 person raised their hand, but I'm glad that she did.

18 Commissioner Fernández mentioned that she's been to
19 Orange County for vacation, as I'm sure many others have.
20 Perhaps if any of the commissioners would like to share a
21 vacation memory being in Orange County, it might be fun
22 to hear that. Let's see if we have any takers on that
23 storytelling.

24 Ah. Commissioner Fernández. Okay. You started us
25 off. You're the one. Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. I figure you're
2 calling on me, so I'm going to take advantage. And then
3 there's going to be a caller. So do you want to go to
4 the caller first, or do you want to hear stories first?
5 I'll --

6 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Well, Katy, do you want to give
7 the instruction first, and let's see if she'll -- or if
8 this person will take us up on the offer. Otherwise,
9 Commissioner Fernández, we'll go to you if they want to
10 listen a little more.

11 MS. MANOFF: I will let the caller know to please
12 press star nine to raise their hand if they wish to
13 comment at this time. Please press star nine. And we do
14 have a raised hand at this time. So we will go to the
15 comment, and we will return to Commissioner Fernández
16 momentarily.

17 Caller 8839, if you could please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 8839, you are
19 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your
20 speaker order number will be number 8, if you will please
21 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
22 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
23 today, with that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. NGUYEN: Hello. Good morning, commissioners.
25 My name is Tam Nguyen. The community of interest I'm



1 concerned about today is the Little Saigon community in
2 central Orange County. I'm currently a long-time
3 resident of Fountain Valley in the heart of Little
4 Saigon, Orange County. I'm also a business owner based
5 in Garden Grove but serve the greater Orange County area.
6 I serve on numerous boards, and I'm very active in our
7 local business and community activities. My family lives
8 near the Mile Square Park landmark, and I appreciate
9 today's focus that you have on the communities of
10 interest here in Orange.

11 So let me start just sharing that Little Saigon is a
12 community of interest. It's been for nearly forty years,
13 and it continues to grow. It will continue to grow in
14 the next ten years and moving forward. However, Little
15 Saigon is not so little anymore. It includes the cities
16 of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Westminster, parts of
17 surrounding city, too, like Stanton, unincorporated
18 Midway City. But it's been split between different
19 Assembly, state Senate, and congressional districts.

20 Little Saigon also is the home of the largest
21 Vietnamese population outside of the country of Vietnam.
22 We have thousands of small businesses that are thriving,
23 especially second and third-generation Vietnamese
24 Americans who are taking over their founders traditional
25 mom-and-pops. It's very common for business owners to



1 live within miles of their business location.

2 Some key streets to -- that are in Little Saigon of
3 note are Bolsa Avenue, Garden Grove Boulevard,
4 Westminster Avenue, Chapman Beach, Harbor Boulevard,
5 Brookhurst, Magnolia. Our Little Saigon to be very
6 active in civic, religious, educational activities. We
7 have large Buddhist temples, churches, parks where you're
8 going to find many Vietnamese families, Boys and Girl
9 Scouts that are gathered for activities throughout the
10 week.

11 We work, live, and contribute to our local
12 communities here in Little Saigon, and the Little Saigon
13 is an important community of interest because of our
14 economic activities, our home ownership, and rental
15 commitments, along with our cultural and educational
16 activities. Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me to
17 share.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

19 MS. MANOFF: And with that, Chair, we do not have
20 any other callers in the queue and we can return to
21 Commissioner Fernández.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Maybe we'll get more
24 callers with the threat of me saying -- giving stories.

25 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm thinking the same thing.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: So vacation, obviously with
2 Disneyland. I'm not going to tell the story of when I
3 first went. It wasn't until high school. But both my
4 parents are immigrants from Mexico from a small, small
5 town. And so their first time to Disneyland, I want to
6 say they were probably in their fifties, and we got to go
7 with them. So I think that's my favorite memory. It's
8 like -- it's almost like I was taking a child, but it was
9 an adult, and they were just like in awe with everything.
10 And so it's just a great memory.

11 My mom's favorite was -- whoops. I'm going
12 emotional. All right. Go to someone else right now.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Do we have someone
14 else who might want to jump in with a story?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'll go.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Commissioner Andersen.
17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh. Okay. I actually
19 have -- my husband's cousins all grew up in Villa Park.
20 And the stories they used to tell of it was all orange
21 groves. You know, Orange County, you know, you forget
22 now, but it was all orange groves. And they -- some of
23 them started working at Disneyland back when it had E
24 tickets, which that tell you how long ago that was,
25 where, you know, you got different rides for different

1 tickets. And someone who worked there could, you know,
2 got discounts on tickets, then you'd hand them off to the
3 next people. All of those different stories of where a
4 lot of this -- you know, these areas, they just didn't
5 exist. And so they've all been growing and growing and
6 changing.

7 So I've driven down across the area many, many, many
8 times, and I've seen it grow and develop and grow and
9 develop. So it's just a -- it's a changing, dynamic area
10 and very diverse and very, very interesting. So it's
11 just it's fun. It's great to hear from people of all the
12 different diversity issues and the diverse interests. So
13 I really appreciate it.

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. All right. Looks like,
15 Commissioner Turner, do you want to share a story, too?
16 You're on mute.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, absolutely I do. Yep.
18 Southern California, particularly this area. So of
19 course, Disneyland. And I'm of the age where I do
20 remember the E tickets and with dread when we got down to
21 the As. We did not want to do that kind of stuff. But
22 beyond that, I also have fond memories, memories of going
23 to Knott's Berry Farm, and I don't even know if that's
24 still open or anymore because you rarely hear anyone
25 speak about Knott's Berry Farm.

1 But just an easy trip up from the north for us. I
2 grew up in the Bay Area down to Orange County because,
3 for sure, we, as kids, we knew that it would have to
4 include some amusement park down there. So just good
5 times. So I just wanted to give a shout out to the
6 Knott's Berry Farms as well because that was also good
7 times for us.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Did you ever do the chicken
9 dinner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Yes. At Knott's Berry
11 Farm, was famous.

12 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's right. The famous chicken
13 dinner.

14 Katy, I see that we do have a caller that has just
15 popped in. Maybe they will want to give testimony.

16 MS. MANOFF: Yes. I'd like to remind them to please
17 press star nine to join the comment queue by raising
18 their hand. Please press star nine to raise your hand
19 indicating your wish to give comment at this time. And
20 we do have a raised hand.

21 So that'll be caller 7618 right now. If you will
22 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
23 Caller 7618, you are currently unmuted. I have a couple
24 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be
25 number 9, if you will please make note of that for future

1 reference. If you please remind the mapper of what area
2 you would like to discuss today, and with that, the floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I would like to talk
5 about the California redistricting and specifically
6 Little Saigon.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. Can you be specific
8 about the area? I don't think we heard you very well.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is the California
10 Redistricting group, right?

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. This is the California
12 Citizens Redistricting Commission public input testimony.
13 Yes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Perfect. I just
15 wanted to speak a little bit about Little Saigon.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Little Saigon is an
18 integral part of our lives as Vietnamese Americans.
19 However, in the last federal election, it was broken up
20 into three congressional districts 46, 47, and 48. We,
21 as Vietnamese Americans, urge you, the California
22 Redistricting group to consolidate all of Little Saigon
23 together. That includes Westminster, Fountain Valley,
24 Garden Grove, and parts of Santa Ana into two group so
25 that we have a larger voice in the demographic -- or in

1 the democracy process. Ideally, we would like the CRG to
2 make all of Little Saigon as one district so we have a
3 collective stronger voice overall.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just for clarification, you
5 mentioned parts of Saigon -- Santa Ana. Can you be more
6 specific about a street or a boundary so that our mappers
7 will be aware?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. West Santa Ana.

9 MS. MANOFF: Could you speak up, please?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I said west Santa Ana.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Can you be specific? Is
12 there a street that is the boundary between west Santa
13 Ana and the remainder of Santa Ana?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have a specific
15 street off the top of my head right now.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But yeah. That's all I
18 wanted to say.

19 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

21 MS. MANOFF: And with that, Chair, we do not have
22 any other callers in the queue.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right. Let's see.
24 Katy, maybe we can read off the call-in instructions one
25 more time, and maybe this will give also another



1 commissioner time to decide if they want to share a
2 vacation memory. Or Commissioner Fernández, if you want
3 to come back and finish your -- okay -- finish your
4 story.

5 So Katy, we'll have you read off the instructions
6 again.

7 MS. MANOFF: Okay. In order to maximize
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20 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
21 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
22 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
23 required to provide your name to give public comment.

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25 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your



1 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
2 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
3 down the livestream volume.

4 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
5 the queue.

6 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, while we wait for the
7 livestream instructions to finish, I am going to invite
8 Commissioner Fernández to finish her story.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: All right. I apologize for
10 that. All I can say is I'm human, and I have feelings,
11 so.

12 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It's okay. We all understood.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Anyway, so my mom's was --
14 her favorite ride was It's a Small World. It was really
15 cute, but after about, like, the fifth time, I couldn't
16 get that song out of my head. And then my dad, I think
17 he would have -- he probably would have been an engineer
18 had you not had to be a farm laborer because every time
19 we'd go somewhere, it's -- he's trying to figure out how
20 things are built.

21 So this is a shout out to Commissioner Fornaciari
22 and Andersen, our engineers. It's like he was more
23 interested on how all of the rides and all the buildings
24 were built than actually like riding anything. So it
25 was -- it was a great memory. It's like taking two kids.

1 And so I thank Disneyland for that.

2 And then in terms of Knott's Berry Farm,
3 Commissioner Turner and Akutagawa, yes, the chicken
4 dinner was the best. And they also have, I think it was,
5 like, a berry pie or something like that. And that's
6 what I remember about it. So great memories. And then a
7 shout out to my relatives in Santa Ana. Thank you.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. I love that. Commissioner
9 Sadhwani.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah. I was going to say
11 Knott's Berry Farm is definitely still alive and well.
12 My kids were actually there this weekend and had a great
13 time. So it is definitely open and still going strong.
14 I didn't go with them. They, thankfully, went with my
15 sister-in-law.

16 But we spent the weekend, actually, in Orange County
17 for the 4th of July. We were down in San Clemente. We
18 ended up spending quite a bit of time there. We were
19 able to see a beautiful fireworks display out on the
20 beach of North Beach in San Clemente. You get to see the
21 fireworks from both Dana Point and the San Clemente Pier.
22 So it was really beautiful and a -- and just a great -- a
23 really great evening.

24 I'll stop there. I have plenty of stories about
25 Orange County, though, because I end up spending quite a

1 bit of time down there. But certainly the -- this
2 weekend was really beautiful, and Knott's Berry Farm is
3 definitely still there.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thanks. All right.
5 Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So our family emigrated from
7 Mexico to the United States when I was almost four years
8 old, and we actually drove from Mexico City to
9 Philadelphia, where it snowed nonstop and in a bug -- in
10 a VW bug. And just to add, you know, now that we're
11 parents, you know, my parents were taking an almost-four-
12 year-old an almost-two-year-old. And after we arrived in
13 the United States, my mom realized she was pregnant.

14 And that first year, we lived in Philadelphia, which
15 was one of the worst winters they ever had, and my
16 brother was born in December. And so my dad got --
17 called her up and said, hey, I just got an offer in
18 Arizona. She said, there's heat there, right? And he
19 said, yeah. So we moved to Arizona sight unseen and
20 lived there for three years.

21 And then from there, my dad came home and said, hey,
22 we're moving to California. And all I could think of
23 was, you know, Hollywood. And I said, where? And we
24 ended up moving to Irvine. And again, my dad did the
25 move while we visited family in Peru. And when we -- I

1 remember arriving at Irvine and there was cows
2 everywhere. And my mom was like, where the heck did you
3 bring us this time?

4 But we have -- I have such great memories of living
5 in Irvine, going to a year-round school, which the school
6 is no longer there, going to Lion Country Safari, which
7 no longer exists, but I had to do a shout out for an old,
8 old establishment. And then, yeah. Going to not Knott's
9 Berry Farm, all those places. But just more than
10 anything, exploring the beach.

11 Finally, my mom was a beach girl and we finally were
12 living on the coast. So she really got to -- yeah, we
13 really got to explore the beaches and the different
14 communities. But every time I drive by, the hills are
15 still there where the cows used to be. I think they've
16 turned that into the Irvine Park at the south part of
17 Irvine, but no cows. So I miss seeing the cows.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thanks for sharing that,
19 Commissioner Sinay. I do remember Lion Country Safari.
20 It became the amphitheater. To be honest, I can't even
21 remember if that's there. I think it's become a housing
22 development, to be honest. But I'm sure someone will
23 correct me.

24 I do see that we have a caller, Katy.

25 MS. MANOFF: We do, caller 1070. If you would

1 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
2 Caller 1070, you are currently unmuted. I have a couple
3 of brief instructions.

4 Your speaker order number will be number 10. If you
5 will please make note of that for future reference. And
6 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
7 like to discuss today.

8 With that, the floor is yours.

9 MS. MUNN: Okay. Can you hear me?

10 MS. MANOFF: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

11 MS. MUNN: Okay, hi. My name is Kay Munn, and I
12 live in Laguna Beach. And I arrived here in 1998. And I
13 live on Catalina Street between Oak and Brooks Street,
14 and I live in the Village.

15 I would say that our community is a very active
16 community that enjoys open spaces. I'm also a small
17 business owner. I have some rental properties here in
18 Laguna, and when I need supplies or services, I go to
19 Costa Mesa, I go to Newport, and -- and I go to Irvine.
20 This is a part of my community that I work with for
21 rental properties.

22 I also -- why I love living in this community is
23 that they have such great medical care. So three years
24 ago, I moved my parents to Laguna Woods to be near me.
25 And also, I had them move here because of the medical



1 care they'd get in Irvine and Newport Beach.

2 Am I doing okay? I just want to make sure -- am I
3 addressing -- am I on the right phone call, now that I've
4 just rattled on?

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, you are fine. Can you give
6 us a little bit more specificity, in terms of any
7 boundaries that you may be able to give us around the
8 areas that you're talking about, if you know it?

9 MS. MUNN: Like, what do you mean? Like, addresses?
10 Or --

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No, more like, are you talking
12 about the whole entire city of Newport Beach and Costa
13 Mesa and Irvine? Or are you --

14 MS. MUNN: No --

15 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Is there, like a --

16 MS. MUNN: I'm talking about --

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- particular portion?

18 MS. MUNN: UC -- no, I'm talking about Hoag Medical
19 Center, and I'm also talking about UCI Irvine Medical
20 Center in Costa Mesa.

21 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, good to know. All right.

22 MS. MUNN: Does that help? And then, like,
23 Ferguson's in Irvine that I go to, Home Depot in, you
24 know, Laguna Woods. Is that -- am I being more specific?
25 Am I --

1 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Would you --

2 MS. MUNN: Am I okay?

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: You're okay. Would you also say,
4 do you go -- do you shop all the way up towards the I-5
5 in Irvine, or do you stay within the I-405, and going --

6 MS. MUNN: I would --

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- further south?

8 MS. MUNN: I would say that I --

9 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. MUNN: -- go within the I-405. Okay.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

12 MS. MUNN: I have thirty --

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

14 MS. MUNN: -- seconds? Okay. Gosh, it went by so
15 quickly.

16 Most important I want to talk about is that the
17 relationship --

18 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen seconds.

19 MS. MUNN: -- Laguna Beach doctors have with, like,
20 the UCI -- my daughter, who has -- was diagnosed with
21 cancer when she was seventeen years old -- we went to
22 Hoag, I transferred everything over to UCI midway --

23 MR. HOPKINS: Time.

24 MS. MUNN: -- through -- okay. I have such a tight
25 connection with UCI and the Newport doctors, and

1 specifically at Costa Mesa.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right, thank you.

3 MS. MANOFF: With that, Chair, we do not have any
4 other callers in the queue at this time.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right, thank you.

6 Okay, let's see where we are. Let's just see --
7 wait a few more minutes. It seems like every time I even
8 propose having more stories, we do get somebody who's
9 willing to call in. And so we -- we finished off with
10 Commissioner Sinay. Is there anyone else that might want
11 to tell further stories? I'm sure that there are
12 probably all kinds of stores.

13 I will also say, Commissioner Sinay, after you
14 mentioned Lion Country Safari, it did jog a memory. I
15 don't know, for anybody listening in, if you might
16 remember. But there used to be -- and I cannot remember
17 the place, but there used to be a place in Buena Park
18 where they had deer. And it was kind of like a -- I
19 don't know, deer park. I don't know. You'd go and pet
20 deer and stuff like that.

21 Maybe I'm dating myself, because I will also
22 remember, vaguely, like, the E tickets at Disneyland,
23 too, but --

24 Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do you remember the hippo



1 escaping Lion Country Safari and all the hoopla around
2 that?

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No, I don't remember that.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's sort of why I found Lion
5 Country Safari. They found a -- kind of where the cars
6 were that I was mentioning earlier. But yeah, somehow,
7 another big old hippo escaped.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just kind of, like, a -- just
9 blending in with the cows, I guess.

10 All right. Well, why don't we do this? Let's go to
11 a five-minute video. And what we'll do is, I will I let
12 Kristian -- if you could pick one of the videos. I do
13 believe we have a new one. Is that correct, Kristian?

14 MR. MANOFF: I don't think so, but I do have a five-
15 minute video for you, Chair.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, let's go ahead and let's --
17 let's put on the five-minute video, and then we'll come
18 back. And hopefully, that will give any other listeners
19 a moment to call in.

20 But if anyone is listening in, we do encourage you
21 to either call in or, as we've also said, we invite you
22 to use the communities of interest mapping tool to draw a
23 map and describe your community. Perhaps, you've been
24 inspired by what you've heard so far. And you could go
25 to drawmycacommunity.org. And again, you could submit

1 your communities of -- input testimony online today.

2 All right, so it looks like we don't have any
3 callers yet. And perhaps, what we can do is --

4 I'm going to -- I'm going to just kind of change it
5 up a little on the commissioners and perhaps ask, if
6 you've been to Orange County, perhaps you could share
7 with us a memory that you have about a place that you've
8 eaten. What's a favorite place that you would just
9 absolutely say it's a must-visit any time you return to
10 the county? So --

11 All right.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I'll share.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sadhwani, all right.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. So I have lots of
15 favorites. And maybe, at another point in time, I'll
16 talk a little bit about, like, the Indian community that
17 lives in Orange County.

18 But you know, one of my favorite places -- when my
19 kids were little, often, I found myself, just me and the
20 kids on the weekends. And we would drive down to Crystal
21 Cove, which is a little beach area. And you kind of have
22 to park up top and take this little trolley bus kind of
23 thing down to the bottom.

24 And there's a great little beach restaurant there --
25 I think it's called The Beach Comber -- where you can

1 have brunch, and the kids can play on the beach in the
2 sand. And it's just really wonderful. And the food's
3 great, and it's just -- it's just absolutely beautiful.
4 You're right on the water, and it's a great way to spend
5 a day.

6 And so that was one of those places. Like, food is
7 good. It's nothing, you know -- nothing, like, unique
8 that you've never had it before. But it's just such a
9 beautiful location, and definitely very family friendly.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That sounds good. I've not
11 been -- I've been to Crystal Cove many times, usually to
12 the -- what used to be called the Shake Shack -- or not
13 the Shake Shack, but it was called Ruby's. And it was --
14 I think it was actually called the Shake Shack at one
15 point. But --

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Maybe --

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- I think they closed, or they --

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Maybe I had the name wrong. I
19 don't know. Yeah. But it's that place that's down,
20 right? Like, there's only one --

21 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No, this one's up top.

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: It's up top.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: It's up top.

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

25 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah, but they're known for
3 their shakes.

4 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Got you. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yeah, there's only one or two
7 places, I think, down there. And then a bunch of, you
8 know, small shops and things.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think it's kind of cute.

11 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: One of our favorite places is
13 in Laguna Beach, Las Brisas, the restaurant --

14 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Um-hum.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- there. And I like it for a
16 lot of reasons, because -- I think, mainly, it's kind of
17 the halfway point, we say, between L.A. and San Diego.
18 So I'll meet my family there sometimes. It's also where
19 my -- my current husband, when we were dating, met my
20 parents for the first time, and I had laryngitis that
21 day. So he had to do all the talking with my parents.

22 But their brunch is fun, because they give mini pan
23 dulces, instead of bread. And it has -- it is one of
24 those places that, during the pandemic, I kept saying, I
25 want to go back there, you know? When I was thinking

1 about, what do I miss? I just miss kind of a day trip up
2 there and doing that.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for sharing that.
4 Yeah, that's a lovely location, too. And their food is
5 actually very good.

6 All right. Anyone else have a story into Orange
7 County?

8 All right, Commissioner Vazquez, thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was trying not to have
10 every story be Disneyland-focused. But that's just what
11 comes -- that's just what comes to mind, especially -- my
12 Disneyland story is that I convinced my mom to get me an
13 annual pass for my eighteenth birthday. I also had a
14 car.

15 And so -- and so most of my senior year, especially
16 that last semester, was spent with my boyfriend and
17 Disneyland, a not in class. So it was like, a quick --
18 especially if, you know, we got to school at 8 o'clock,
19 we met, jumped in the car, and got to spend all day at
20 Disneyland. And we'd be back by about 4 o'clock or so.

21 And so nobody was any the wiser. We got to spend
22 most of senior year at Disneyland.

23 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's a great story. I was going
24 to say, there may be some parents that will be going, um-
25 hum. But I don't think, right now, that's not going to

1 be happening, since Disneyland doesn't have their annual
2 pass right now.

3 But I do love those annual passes, because it does
4 enable you to go in and go out, you know, as many times
5 and for as short as you want. You don't feel that
6 pressure to stay the entire day and night and come home
7 just feeling completely exhausted because you were at
8 Disneyland all day.

9 All right. So seeing no additional callers right
10 now, why don't we go ahead and -- let's take a break.
11 Let's begin our break now. We'll take our fifteen-minute
12 break, and we'll be back at 11:40.

13 And then when we come back, Commissioner Sadhwani
14 will be chairing the meeting.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you. Welcome back to
17 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's
18 community of interest input meeting. We also encourage
19 you to visit the community of interest tool to draw a map
20 and describe your community by visiting
21 drawmycacomunity.org.

22 I know that we have a number of callers ready to
23 provide testimony today, so I'm going to pass this over
24 to Katy, our comment moderator, to continue with public
25 input. We will start with people who are registered, and

1 then open the phone lines, if there is time before the
2 next session.

3 Katy?

4 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Wrong instructions,
5 I apologize.

6 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
7 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to
8 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will
9 be identified by your assigned, unique ID number. You
10 will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
11 enable your own video and/or audio.

12 You will then be assigned a speaker order number
13 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
14 speaker order number for future reference.

15 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
16 limit, with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
17 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input, or
18 at the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a
19 listen- and view-only mode.

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

22 Right now, we will have 012. And up next will be
23 009. Right now will be 012. Up next will be 009.

24 012, your speaker order number will be number 11.
25 If you will please make note of that for future



1 reference. If you will please -- you -- you can now
2 enable the audio and video in the lower left of your
3 corner of your screen, and if you will let the mapper
4 know of what area you would like to see.

5 And with that, the floor is yours.

6 MR. PAIK: I -- I think the map is good for me, so
7 thank you so much for your time.

8 Hello, Commissioners. My name is Jon Paik, last
9 name spelled P-A-I-K. I was born and raised in
10 Fullerton, and am currently a resident of Brea.

11 I am the executive director of the Orange County
12 Civic Engagement Table, or OCCET, a nonpartisan Asian
13 American and Pacific Islander or Latinx labor and
14 environmental justice alliance dedicated to engaging
15 county residents year-round to build power, and in Orange
16 County, that serves everyone equitably and with justice.

17 Orange County is changing. During the 1990 census,
18 our county's population was only thirty-six percent
19 people of color. Immigration over the last thirty years
20 has transformed Orange County. 2019 ACS data from the US
21 Census Bureau now show people of color make up more than
22 60 percent of county residents.

23 Despite facing real challenges in their day-to-day
24 lives, including a lack of access to healthcare,
25 affordable housing, and other critical resources, our



1 communities have been largely ignored by policy makers.

2 We're looking to change that by getting our
3 communities involved. Through phone calls, door-to-door
4 canvassing, and other communication, our eight table
5 partners work to build relationships with community
6 members on the ground and talk about issues that are most
7 pressing for us.

8 While we're engaged with residents throughout the
9 county, we're especially active in places like Buena
10 Park, Fullerton, Anaheim, Stanton, West Minister, Garden
11 Grove, Santa Ana, and Irvine. Last year alone, table
12 partners had over 100,000 conversations with our Orange
13 County residents about what matters to them, including
14 access to public services, the census, and the 2020
15 elections.

16 We know that how legislative districts are drawn
17 shape the amount of attention our communities receive
18 from legislatures at all levels of governments. In
19 January of this year, OCCET helped establish the People's
20 Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of over fifteen
21 community-based organizations and residents whose goal is
22 to center low-income communities of color and working
23 families in both statewide and local redistricting
24 processes.

25 Our alliance is organizing both community-based



1 organizations and residents to participate in
2 redistricting by, one, educating them about
3 redistricting, its impact on their political
4 representation, and how the process established by
5 decision makers work; two, creating a space through which
6 they identify communities of interest; three, mobilizing
7 both to participate in CCRC, Orange County Board of
8 Supervisors, and other public hearings; and four, working
9 closely work -- with them to create congressional, state,
10 local legislative redistricting proposals that centered
11 those most in need.

12 We are also working with a number of statewide
13 partners, including the Advancement Project California,
14 as a member of the IB Redistricting Alliance (ph.), and
15 Asian Americans Advancing Justice --

16 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. PAIK: -- as their Orange County anchor group.

18 We are excited to share testimony with you today
19 about communities of interest in Orange County. You'll
20 hear from ten alliance members, including VietRISE,
21 Orange County Environmental Justice, Orange County
22 Information Project (ph.) --

23 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. PAIK: -- the California Healthy Nail Salon
25 Collaborative, Orange County Congregation Community

1 Organization, and many more.

2 You'll also hear from our data strategist
3 coordinator, Lisa Liu, who will flag written testimony
4 and supporting research we'll submit over the next few
5 weeks.

6 Thank you for organizing this and other
7 opportunities for our --

8 MR. HOPKINS: Time.

9 MS. MANOFF: You're on mute, Chair.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: No, I'll leave --

11 MS. MANOFF: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- to you.

13 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

14 009 will be right now. Up next will be 004. Right
15 now will be 009, and then, up next in the queue will be
16 014.

17 009, your speaker order number will be number 12.

18 If you will please make note of that for future
19 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
20 the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please
21 remind the mapper know of what area you would like to see
22 today.

23 And with that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. CHUGH: Wonderful. Thank you, Commissioners.

25 For the mapper, I would like to focus on Alameda



1 County, specifically, Fremont, Milpitas, Santa Clara,
2 Sunnyvale, Cupertino.

3 Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Yogi Chugh,
4 and I've lived in Fremont for over thirty-seven years.
5 And over this time, locally, the Asian-American
6 community -- and specifically, those that have immigrated
7 from the Indian subcontinent, such as the countries from
8 India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka largely
9 resides in the cities of Santa Clara, Milpitas,
10 Berryessa, Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and part of Fremont,
11 that is now known as the Commercial District 17. These
12 cities are currently all in one congressional district,
13 which is the only Asian majority district in the
14 continental United States.

15 In these cities, there's been a tremendous energy.
16 My own upbringing as an immigrant in this country has
17 been around the arts, cultural practices, language, food,
18 and shared values. I and other immigrants have thrived,
19 since these cities provided the support network, which
20 includes churches, temples, gurdwaras, community centers,
21 dance and music academies. These communities are a sense
22 of gathering, and they give us a sense of place,
23 belonging, and familiarity.

24 These cultural touchstones have helped me and other
25 immigrants adapt and positively contribute to our

1 volunteerism, our professions, and our involvement in our
2 local communities. It's this energy which contributes to
3 creating jobs in tech fields and support services that
4 have grown the economy and can uplift everyone,
5 regionally, statewide, and nationally.

6 We cannot split the Asian -- specifically, the Asian
7 immigrant community -- into different congressional
8 districts. The cities of Fremont, Santa Clara, Milpitas,
9 Sunnyvale, and Cupertino have some of the highest
10 percentages of Asian immigrants in California. My
11 understanding of the Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
12 is that it prohibits drawing election districts in a way
13 that improperly dilutes minority's vote by separating a
14 minority community between several election districts.

15 I realize that there has been growth in the
16 congressional district since redistricting ten years ago,
17 and congressional districts need equal population. So as
18 a part of that, if the conversation were to be what
19 portion of it would be going out, the logical choice, I
20 think, would be Newark, conjunction with Union City. And
21 then, it stays in the same congressional district, along
22 with Hayward and San Leandro, to keep the Filipino
23 minority community together.

24 All of these cities have a large population of
25 immigrants, but the majority of South Asians who live in

1 Fremont are spread across four districts in Fremont. If
2 many of you are familiar with our districts, it is
3 Mission District, Irvington District, Centerville, and
4 Warm Springs, which are part of the District 17.

5 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. CHUGH: The streets Central Avenue, Parish
7 Avenue, Peralta Boulevard, Mowry Avenue, Mission
8 Boulevard, and Morrison Canyon Road are good dividing
9 streets, separating most of the core district from the
10 other parts of Fremont.

11 I thank you for your time. I will follow up with
12 written information with the details and statistics.

13 And commissioners, thank you for your service to our
14 great state.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great, thank you so much.

16 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we will have 014. And
17 up next in the queue will be 010. Right now will be 014.
18 Up next in the queue will be 010.

19 014, your speaker order number will be number 13.
20 If you will please make note of that for future
21 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
22 the lower left corner of your screen. Will you -- when
23 you choose to do that, please remind the mapper of what
24 area you would like to see today.

25 And with that, the floor is yours.



1 MR. TRAN: All right. I would like to focus on
2 Orange County.

3 Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Vincent
4 Tran. I'm the community engagement coordinator for
5 VietRISE, a nonprofit organization based in Garden Grove,
6 advancing social justice and building power for working-
7 class Vietnamese and immigrant communities. We build
8 leadership and create systematic change through
9 organization, narrative change, cultural empowerment, and
10 civic engagement.

11 As part of our organizing civic engagement work, we
12 are a founding member of the People's Redistricting
13 Alliance, a coalition of fifteen community-based
14 organizations based to promote a greater community voice
15 in statewide and local redistricting processes here in
16 Orange County. VietRISE is continuing to actively
17 mobilize and organize our community our Vietnamese
18 members to participate in statewide and local
19 redistricting efforts.

20 Our communities of interest include the Vietnamese
21 and broader Southeast Asian Communities. Orange County
22 is home to the largest Vietnamese population in the world
23 outside of Vietnam. Our communities have shared
24 experiences associated with being low-income, immigrants,
25 and refugees, and space-related challenges, like access



1 to affordable housing, with many living in nontraditional
2 housing and mobile homes.

3 According to the US census, over sixty percent of
4 the Vietnamese community is foreign-born, particularly in
5 the City of Westminster, where seventy percent of
6 Vietnamese community there are foreign-born. Thus, they
7 face many challenges, including language accessibility,
8 access to mental care services, and immigrant services.

9 Our communities are primarily located in the cities
10 of Garden Grove, Westminster, with others in Stanton,
11 Midway City, Fountain Valley, West Santa Ana, and South
12 Anaheim. They are similar to both the Korean community
13 in West Garden Grove, and the Latinx community in East
14 Garden Grove and Santa Ana. West Santa Ana, in
15 particular.

16 In conclusion, our community of interest is the
17 Vietnamese community, whose boundaries cross city lines,
18 especially between the cities of Garden Grove and West
19 Minster, is aligned with other low-income immigrant and
20 refugee communities, as well as those who face challenges
21 associated with access to affordable housing and other
22 related services, such as mental health and immigration
23 services.

24 We ask that you respect these communities of
25 interest as you draw congressional and state senate and

1 state assembly districts in Orange County. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you very much.

3 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we will have 010. And
4 then up next in the queue will be 017. So right now is
5 010, and up next will be 017.

6 010, your speaker order number will be number 14.
7 If you will please make note of that for future
8 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
9 the lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll
10 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
11 discuss today.

12 With that, the floor is yours.

13 MR. TOWNEND: Hi, I'm Peter "PT" Townend, a forty-
14 year resident of Surf City, Huntington Beach. I'm an ex-
15 patriot Aussie, as you can probably tell by the accent,
16 and I serve on the committees for the Visitor's Bureau
17 for Huntington Beach and the Board Achievement
18 Conservancy (ph.). And my interest, of course, is the
19 coast.

20 I'm a former world professional surfing champion, so
21 I know a little bit about surfing the waters from San
22 Clementi to Seal Beach. And of course, the beach is one
23 of Orange County's greatest assets, and one of its
24 assets, of course, for the tourism economy that visits
25 us. Which unfortunately, on an international scale, has



1 been shut down from COVID for quite some time.

2 The global surf industry, if you're not aware, is
3 also centered in Orange County. The Surf Industry
4 Manufacturer's Association, which you probably have heard
5 of, it's SIMA. And it has an annual event calls the
6 Waterman's Ball that raises hundreds of thousands of
7 dollars every year for the environmental organizations
8 that try to keep our ocean water clean. Organizations
9 like the Surf Rider Foundation. And they do an
10 incredible job keeping our ocean so that people want to
11 come to the beach.

12 And it seems like they surely did want to come to
13 the beach last weekend for the Fourth of July. I think
14 the whole of Orange County was at the Beach.

15 Annually, though, too, on this coastal area, we host
16 some of the world's most major surfing championships,
17 from the WSL World Championships, which we held in San
18 Clementi in September, and of course the US Open in
19 Huntington Beach this year, rescheduled to later in the
20 year to the end of September.

21 I think it's really important, also, to note that
22 surfing's going to be in the Olympics for the first time.
23 And USA surfing is headquartered in San Clementi. This
24 is going to be huge for just going to the beach and
25 surfing, in general. Probably no one's heard of Kelly



1 Slater, and -- probably the greatest ever in surfing.

2 But whoever wins the gold medals in the men's and
3 the women's in the Olympics, I believe they'll be the
4 most famous surfers in the world. Kind of, if you think
5 about it, like Sean White was in snowboarding in the
6 Olympics. And the Olympic training center -- and also
7 the selection of all Olympians for surfing -- is also
8 based in San Clementi.

9 The collective voice of the coast, I think, is
10 really important in this consideration of the
11 redistricting. And it just seems to make sense to me
12 that we have all of the coast from Seal Beach to San
13 Clementi in the same district.

14 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. TOWNEND: Thank you for listening,
16 commissioners.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

18 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we will have 017. And
19 up next in the queue will be 019. Right now is 017. Up
20 next in the queue will be 019.

21 017, your speaker order number will be number 15.
22 If you will please make note of that for future
23 reference. And if you'll please remind the mapper of
24 what area you would like to discuss today.

25 With that, the floor is yours.



1 MS. NGUYEN: This map is good, thank you.

2 Good afternoon. My name is Caroline Nguyen. I'm a
3 Garden Grove resident, and I'm here on behalf the
4 California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative. Our
5 organization works to improve the health, safety, and
6 rights of the nail and beauty care workforce to achieve a
7 more sustainable and just industry. We're also a member
8 of the People's Redistricting Alliance, which is a
9 coalition of fifteen community-based organizations
10 established to promote a greater community voice in
11 statewide and local redistricting processes here in
12 Orange County.

13 Our community of interest is nail salon workers, who
14 have a deep spiritual connection in Orange and in
15 Southern California. In the 1970s, a group of twenty
16 Vietnamese women were trained on how to do manicures at a
17 refugee camp. Afterwards, they became licensed and found
18 jobs at salons across Southern California.

19 As the war continued to drive an influx of Southeast
20 Asian immigrants and refugees into the U.S., many sought
21 financial security by taking on low wage jobs, such as
22 those in nail salons. Today, a little under seventy
23 percent of nail technicians in California are Vietnamese.

24 As many of us know, Little Saigon in Orange County
25 is home to the largest Vietnamese population in the U.S.



1 This means that while nail salons themselves may be
2 geographically dispersed across Orange County, a
3 significant proportion of its workforce live in the
4 cities that make up Little Saigon, most notably Garden
5 Grove and Westminster.

6 Nail salon workers experience chronic exposure to a
7 host of chemicals that are known to be cancer-causing
8 agents. For six days a week, ten hours a day, they
9 handle glues, polishes, acetones, and other products that
10 cause symptoms like skin rashes and asthma, as well as
11 more long-term complications, like miscarriages and
12 infertility. Sorry, excuse me.

13 Beyond the environmental impacts, manicurists also
14 experience wage theft and labor violations. They earn an
15 average of 25,000 dollars a year and have often been
16 misclassified as independent contractors instead of
17 employees and are therefore denied critical protections,
18 such as sick time, worker's comp, and breaks.

19 A recent example of how this could be a barrier is
20 during California's first lockdown last year, manicurists
21 were misclassified as 1099 workers instead of W-2
22 employees and were not eligible for unemployment
23 insurance.

24 Because of these shared challenges, the cities in
25 which many nail salon workers live, Garden Grove and

1 Westminster, should be kept together. The nail salon
2 industry has tripled over the last two decades, and now
3 generates over 7 billion dollars in revenue annually.

4 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. NGUYEN: As the demand for nail services
6 continues to rise, it is vital that we sustain the
7 political presence and cohesion of a workforce that has
8 been facing a long-overlooked epidemic of health,
9 economic, and labor concerns.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

12 MS. MANOFF: Thank you.

13 And right now, we will have 019. And up next in the
14 queue will be 015. Right now will be 019, up next, 015.

15 0 -- are they here? 019 -- did they disappear?

16 One moment, please.

17 Okay, it looks like 019 got disconnected. They
18 dropped off somehow. So please rejoin, if you can hear
19 me somehow. But they will be back, I am sure.

20 So we will go to 0 -- no, they're -- they just --
21 they're back. All right.

22 So 019, you will be speaker number 16. If you'll
23 please make note of that for future reference. You can
24 now enable the audio and video in the lower left of your
25 screen. Please remind the mapper of what area you would



1 like to discuss.

2 And with that, the floor is yours.

3 MS. SAAVEDRA: Thank you. If we could go to Santa
4 Ana here in the Orange County area.

5 So hi, my name is Luisa Saavedra (ph.). I was born
6 and raised in Santa Ana. I am part of Resilience Orange
7 County, a nonprofit here based in Santa Ana. We are a
8 youth organization that works to build a movement of
9 resilient youth leaders of color that work towards social
10 systemic transformation by engaging in healing with
11 culturally relevant practices that are inclusive of all
12 members of our community.

13 Our work includes mentorship, youth leadership
14 programming, youth participatory research, auction,
15 organizing, and advocacy. As part of our organizing and
16 advocacy, we are members of the People's Redistricting
17 Alliance, a coalition of fifteen community-based
18 organizations established to promote a greater community
19 voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here
20 in Orange County.

21 Our community of interest is Santa Ana. We are
22 predominantly Latinx. Most of us are first generation
23 Mexican immigrants. We are limited English-proficient,
24 while -- our first language being mostly Spanish.

25 We're disproportionately low-income workers in the



1 service industry, and a lot of our population includes
2 youth, including children and teens, who often rely on
3 free and reduced school lunches. But we do lack access
4 to other kinds of public programming and supportive
5 resources. Our community lives in fear of law
6 enforcement. A greater voice is needed to both improve
7 access to critical services and address issues with law
8 enforcement, including deportation, detention, ICE,
9 juvenile justice, and probation.

10 Our communities are often forgotten because they are
11 not reached out to, like other cities in Orange County
12 and counties. But our residents are interested and
13 engaged and -- once approached to and talked to about
14 local issues.

15 Our community of interest in Santa Ana is similar to
16 that of Anaheim and Garden Grove. Both cities are home
17 to large immigrant populations and first-generation
18 families. We face challenges associated with social and
19 economic status, access to affordable housing, and
20 language access.

21 The city of Santa Ana should be kept together
22 because our communities of interest share around the
23 immigrant experience, and are youth fighting for better
24 lives for themselves and their immigrant families.

25 Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

2 MS. MANOFF: Now, we will go to 015. And then up
3 next in the queue will be 026. Right now will be 015.
4 Up next will be 026.

5 015, your speaker order number will be number 17.
6 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
8 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
9 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today.

10 And with that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. ASATO: This is area is fine.

12 Hello, my name is Kayla Asato. I am the
13 redistricting organizer for O.C. Environmental Justice.
14 As our name suggests, OCEJ fights for environmental
15 justice in water quality, cleaning the lead from our
16 soils, better air quality, and electoral change to make
17 all of this happen.

18 We mostly do work in the cities of Santa Ana,
19 Anaheim, and Fullerton. In addition, we are a member of
20 the People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 15
21 community-based boards established to promote a greater
22 community voice in statewide and local redistricting
23 processes here in O.C.

24 Because of the work that we do, especially with
25 disadvantaged communities dismissed by our political



1 establishment, our communities of interest typically
2 include low-income communities of color facing
3 environmental justice concerns, many undocumented. Our
4 communities in Fullerton, Anaheim, and Santa Ana are
5 similar impacted by soil lead levels, sometimes exceeding
6 fifty times the recommended limit, ignored when voicing
7 their concerns about water quality due to poor pipes and
8 other structure concerns, or even horrendous air quality
9 from traffic and oil plumes.

10 These devastating environmental justice issues are
11 often overlooked by policy makers, while low-income and
12 mostly Latinx communities already facing problems, like
13 housing injustice and police brutality, end up paying the
14 price.

15 In Fullerton, our communities of interest are
16 generally south of Chapman Avenue near the Anaheim
17 border. In Anaheim, they are located west of the 55
18 freeway in Santa Ana. And in Santa Ana, they are located
19 throughout the city.

20 While these areas face similar environmental justice
21 challenges, they are different than cities to the north
22 and east, like Yorba Linda, areas that face substantially
23 less environmental burdens and have more housing
24 security, as a result.

25 Despite in these cities -- across these cities,

1 environmental justice is one of many challenges our
2 communities face. In Santa Ana, communities have been
3 demanding change and remediation for the soil lead crisis
4 for over four decades, but it is still not seeing
5 substantial progress in the general plan.

6 In Anaheim, communities aren't even getting
7 acknowledgement of Little Arabia, let alone the support
8 for action on the oil plume.

9 In Fullerton, we know that there has not been any
10 justice for Hector Hernandez and other victims of police
11 brutality, nor has there been action on housing, stopping
12 gentrification, or on ethnic studies. These are layered
13 issues impacting those that are ignored the most, heard
14 the least, and lack --

15 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. ASATO: -- representation. (Audio
17 interference) -- electoral strength and voice they
18 desperately need. We need power to offset the harm that
19 has been done to our communities --

20 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen.

21 MS. ASATO: -- and advocate for the changes that --
22 that we need to achieve even a semblance of equity, if
23 not liberation. Let our voices be heard, and allow us to
24 be part of the democratic process.

25 Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

2 MS. MANOFF: Right now, we will have 026. And up
3 next will be 020. So right now will be 026, and up next
4 will be 020.

5 026, your speaker order number will be number 18.
6 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
8 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of
9 what area you would like to discuss today.

10 And with that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. BURROUGHS: Good morning, or good afternoon, I
12 should say. My name is Candice Burroughs. I have been a
13 resident of the coastal region of South Orange County
14 since 1976. Families have owned properties in the area
15 and lived here, my extended family, since the early
16 '500S, so I'm very familiar with the coast. I was the
17 founding board member of Laguna Ocean Foundation. And
18 our -- our -- our -- our mission is to preserve, protect,
19 and educate the public on the environment and the
20 environmental issues that are associated with our
21 expanding population and overuse of the beaches.

22 We are here -- I'm here today to speak to ensuring
23 that our congressional districts extend along the
24 coastline, for including all the cities in South Orange
25 County, from Seal Beach South, so we have continuity with



1 our leaders in Washington, D.C.

2 We have a lot of things in common, including all of
3 our tourism, that affects the visitors that come. Laguna
4 Beach alone has over seven million visitors annually, and
5 we need to ensure that our coastline is protected. We're
6 working on projects now to revitalize estuaries and
7 coastal issues. And we need understanding, because all
8 of these problems that we face are congruent, all the way
9 from San Clementi to Seal Beach.

10 We have infrastructure within those areas that is
11 also unique to the area. We have an airport. We have
12 problems with flight patterns in -- at John Wayne
13 Airport. We also have our areas where we're going to be
14 having problems with sea level rise. And we would very
15 much like to see that we could get that under control and
16 have someone who understands these issues, north and
17 south.

18 Orange County cities have unique issues, and we
19 would like to see that our legislature is representing
20 all of us, not just part of us. Our ocean is one of the
21 largest green energy-producing areas --

22 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. BURROUGHS: -- available anywhere. And we need
24 a representative that can fight for modern green energies
25 in these communities. And rising sea level is an issue.

1 And we hope to ensure the --

2 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. BURROUGHS: -- federal government is taking the
4 proper approach. And we -- for these reasons, we'd like
5 to see all of the cities on the coastal region of Orange
6 County included in one district.

7 Thank you for your time.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

9 MS. MANOFF: Right now, we will have 020. And then
10 up next in the queue will be 024. Right now, 020. Up
11 next in the queue, 024.

12 020, your speaker order number will be number 19.
13 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
14 If you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would
15 like to see today.

16 With that, the floor is yours.

17 MS. CHENG: This map is great, thank you.

18 MS. MANOFF: You'll have to speak up.

19 MS. CHENG: This map is great, thank you.

20 Okay. Good afternoon. My name is Susan. I am
21 speaking on behalf of AHRI for Justice. Our organization
22 serves low-income individuals and families, undocumented
23 workers, young people, and survivors of domestic violence
24 throughout many programs, such as civic engagement,
25 reorganizing, and direct legal services.

1 In addition, we're a member of the People's
2 Redistricting Alliance, which is a coalition of fifteen
3 community-based organizations, established to promote a
4 greater community voice in statewide and local
5 redistricting processes here in Orange County.

6 The communities of interest we serve in Fullerton
7 primarily consist of Asian American, Latinx, Pacific
8 Islander, undocumented, and immigrant communities, LGBTQ
9 folks, and low-income communities of color. Many of
10 these communities face similar issues due to the lack of
11 resources provided, such as lack of affordable housing
12 due to gentrification, and even lack of resources and
13 support when cities were shut down due to stay-at-home
14 orders back in March of last year. Yet these communities
15 are the backbone of Fullerton's abundant small business
16 and cultural landscape.

17 We are also seeing more and more young people from
18 the large student populations of Cal State Fullerton and
19 Fullerton College being actively involved in the civic
20 life of Fullerton. These young and working-class
21 Fullerton residents want nothing more than to have their
22 fair share of resources so that communities can thrive.
23 Many of the students we work with want to see ethnic
24 studies implemented in K through 12 schools. They want
25 community gardens, affordable housing, and accessible



1 mental health resources.

2 Again and again, the needs of our underserved
3 community, such as Asian American, Latinx, Pacific
4 Islander, immigrant, and low-income communities of color
5 are not addressed. Even when immigrant communities do
6 want to get involved, there are obstacles such as
7 language barriers, accessibility, time restraint -- time
8 restraints, and even more that further distance folks
9 from being able to use their voice.

10 Instead, the focus tends to be on the downtown
11 Fullerton business district, rather than prioritizing
12 Fullerton's marginalized communities. So now, more than
13 ever, we believe that it's time for this to change.

14 It's crucial that our communities are kept together,
15 because they share similar struggles and experiences.
16 And by staying together, we have a stronger voice to
17 ensure that policy makers will address our needs.

18 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. CHENG: Thank you.

20 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Right now, we will
21 have 024, and up next will be 021. Right now will be
22 024, and up next will be 021.

23 024, your speaker order number will be number 20.
24 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
25 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left



1 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
2 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today.

3 And with that, the floor is yours.

4 MS. ORTIZ: Thank you. Can the map be zoomed into
5 Santa Ana and Anaheim, please?

6 Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Hilda
7 Ortiz. I'm speaking today on behalf of Latino Health
8 Access, or LHA. LHA is a community organization that has
9 been offering healthcare, health education, and
10 prevention services to residents in the county since
11 1993. Our mission has two focus areas. One, to deliver
12 culturally appropriate health-related services and
13 programming to address the urgent health concerns. And
14 two, at the same time, engage individuals in low-income,
15 low-opportunity areas and transforming their environments
16 by providing tools, training, and mechanisms for civic
17 engagement and participation.

18 Ultimately, we at LHA work toward a system where
19 healthcare and access to opportunities to develop one's
20 potential can be viewed as a right and not a privilege.

21 We see redistricting as critical to achieving our
22 goals and are a member of the People's Redistricting
23 Alliance, a coalition of fifteen community-based
24 organizations that was established to promote a greater
25 community voice in statewide and local redistricting

1 process -- processes here in the county.

2 Our community of interest is low-income, Latinx
3 families in the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim. Many of
4 these families are mixed-immigrant status families,
5 including undocumented U.S. residents and citizens.
6 They're extremely hardworking, with many employed in what
7 we call essential jobs that are unfortunately also low
8 paying.

9 This, along with lack of tenant protections and
10 affordable housing, has forced many families to have to
11 decide between basic needs. More than eighty percent of
12 residents in -- in the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim
13 are tenants that are spending a majority of their incomes
14 on rent only.

15 Yet, they share a very strong sense of community,
16 with a large number of community organizations and
17 resident-led groups that have come together over the
18 years to promote equitable policies and celebrate the
19 Latinx culture through events and activities, year after
20 year, that attract residents from all over the county.

21 Our community of interest has many shared needs.
22 Low-income Latinx families' need for accountability and
23 transparency from public officials and city departments,
24 especially the police department. They need strong
25 tenant and immigration protections through policies,



1 funding, and programs to support the demographics and
2 needs of the community; they need the city to invest in
3 affordable housing in its -- for its existing residents;
4 they need the right to participate in local city and
5 school district elections, regardless of immigration
6 status; and they need community control --

7 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. ORTIZ: -- and decision over (indiscernible).

9 Santa Ana and Anaheim residents have not been able
10 to access funding for important programs and resources,
11 because the city's demographics many times get lost
12 within the countywide data, such as area median income.
13 Splitting the cities of Santa Ana Anaheim as a community
14 of interest would keep these already impacted families
15 from gaining access to the resources many rely on to
16 support it.

17 Thank you for your time.

18 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we will have 021. And up next in the
20 queue will be 025. Right now will be 021. Up next in
21 the queue will be 025.

22 021, your speaker order number will be 21. If
23 you'll please make note of that for future reference.
24 You can now enable your audio and video. If you'll
25 please remind the mapper of what area you will be



1 discussing today.

2 With that, the floor is yours.

3 MS. VALENCIA: This map is fine.

4 Hi, everyone. My name is Cynthia Valencia. My
5 pronouns are she/her, and I am a senior policy advocate
6 at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern
7 California. I am also a resident of Orange County. I
8 grew up in Cypress and now live in Huntington Beach.

9 Our organization is a civil rights and civil
10 liberties organization, and we are also happy to be a
11 member of the People's Redistricting Alliance, which is a
12 coalition of fifteen community-based organizations here
13 in O.C. trying to promote greater community voice in
14 statewide and local redistricting processes.

15 So the communities of interest that we advocate for
16 are historically underrepresented communities in Orange
17 County. More specifically, communities of color,
18 immigrant communities, low-income people, people
19 experiencing homelessness, and people impacted by the
20 criminal/legal system.

21 And growing up in Orange County, I know that these
22 communities and my community have -- continue to be
23 historically marginalized and not sufficiently
24 represented by the people elected into the -- into
25 office, mostly representing affluent people who live in



1 Orange County. And I appreciate the dynamic work of the
2 different diverse communities that my coalition partners
3 have already been advocating for.

4 Here and throughout Orange County, I hope that, with
5 this year's redistricting process, the CCRC and community
6 members will be able to draw lines that will empower our
7 historically marginalized communities to better elect
8 representatives with -- that have our lived experiences,
9 and who will -- and if they don't have our lived
10 experience, who will at least better represent the
11 diversity of our needs, and not just the affluent
12 stakeholders in the county.

13 So I look forward to continue communicating with the
14 Commission throughout this process. Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

16 MS. MANOFF: Thank you. And right now, we will have
17 025. And then up next will be 005. Right now, we have
18 025, and up next, we will have 005.

19 025, your speaker order number will be number 22.
20 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
21 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
22 of your screen. Please remind the mapper of what area
23 you would like to discuss today.

24 And with that, the floor is yours.

25 MS. LIU: This map is fine.



1 Good afternoon. My name's Lisa Liu, and I'm data
2 strategist coordinator at Orange County Civic Engagement
3 Table, or OCCET. We wanted to thank you again for the
4 opportunity to share community of interest, especially
5 around the low-income community of color. Our alliance
6 members are throughout the county.

7 Together, our alliance member have identified over
8 18 community of interest that will -- that we will share
9 with you in both written testimony from every member
10 organization and in a set of supporting table and map.
11 We use tables and maps. We'll use American Community
12 Survey data from U.S. Census Bureau and other reliable
13 sources of information to help you better understand O.C.
14 and show similarity and difference between city and
15 neighborhoods throughout Orange County. We hope these
16 serve as resources as you begin to consider which cities
17 and neighborhood should be drawn together and not drawn
18 together in legislative district in -- at each level of
19 government.

20 If you have any question about our testimony, please
21 feel free to reach out to our members for additional
22 insights about our communities. No one knows them
23 better. The Alliance can be reached at
24 redistricting@occivic.org.

25 Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

2 MS. MANOFF: And right now, we will have 005. And
3 up next in the queue will be 008. Right now will be 005,
4 and up next in the queue will be 008.

5 005, your speaker order number will be number 23.
6 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
8 of your screen. If you'll please remind --

9 MR. SCHWARTZBERG: Hello, good afternoon. Can you
10 hear me okay?

11 MS. MANOFF: Yes, we can hear you. If you'll please
12 let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss
13 today.

14 With that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

15 MR. SCHWARTZBERG: Hi, can you hear me okay?

16 MS. MANOFF: Yes, we can.

17 MR. SCHWARTZBERG: Good, sorry about that. Thank
18 you.

19 My name is Jake Schwartzberg. I live in San
20 Clemente, California. I'm a high school math teacher. I
21 teach at Dana Hills High School, where I'm -- also served
22 as the department chair to seven years. I promise not to
23 make anybody do math today. I'm -- I'm certain that's a
24 concern of everyone's.

25 As a -- as a -- as a resident of San Clemente, I'm



1 here to advocate that you keep all beach communities
2 together. We are clearly a community of interest. And
3 specifically, I'd like to ask that the -- the -- that the
4 communities of San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and --
5 and San Clemente be included with all of the other beach
6 communities. Obviously, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach,
7 Laguna Beach, Long Beach, Newport Beach. We -- we are
8 clearly a community of interest. And as you guys know,
9 the more people who care about an issue, the greater
10 likelihood that our elected official will respond in a
11 timely manner.

12 Specifically -- and -- and everybody knows the --
13 the beach issues. I care about water quality, and I care
14 about sand erosion. I'll make one small point, and then
15 I'll -- and then I'll -- and then I'll get out of here.
16 Sand replenishment is supposed to take place, on average,
17 every five to seven years. In San Clemente, it hasn't
18 happened since 2010.

19 Now, I don't know if it's specifically because of
20 that, but I think there would be a greater likelihood
21 that we would get services from our representative if --
22 if we were part of a longer chain of beach communities.

23 I want to thank you very much for your time. I
24 again advocate that all beach communities --
25 specifically, San Juan Capistrano, Dana Point, and San



1 Clemente -- be included in the same congressional
2 district.

3 Thank you very much for your time.

4 MS. MANOFF: Okay. Right now, we will have 006.
5 And then up next, we will have 016. So right now will be
6 006, and then up next in the queue will be 016.

7 And I'd also like to remind those that have joined
8 via Zoom to use the raise your hand button.

9 008, if you intentionally lowered your hand --
10 there's your hand up again, okay.

11 So right now, it will be 006, and up next, it will
12 be 016. And then 008, we've got your hand up again, so
13 you're in line.

14 006, your speaker order number will be number 24.
15 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
16 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
17 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of
18 what area you would like to discuss today.

19 With that, the floor is yours.

20 MS. ENDO: Good afternoon, commissioners. And I
21 would like to address the area of Irvine in Orange
22 County. Thank you.

23 Good afternoon. I am Joyce Endo. I am a realtor
24 who works in Irvine.

25 Irvine is a big city, with a population of nearly



1 300,000 that has grown rapidly in the last decade and is
2 scheduled to grow even bigger, with more housing for
3 these residents in the next decade.

4 I know districts must be pretty equal, in terms of
5 population, and that you don't need to consider future
6 growth. But if the intention of the law is one man, one
7 vote, parts of the City of Irvine will be under
8 representative -- underrepresented by the end of the
9 decade, as we know it is going to grow.

10 The I-5 freeway is a natural dividing line that
11 separates two distinct atmospheres of the city. The
12 portion of the city that is northeast of the I-5 is what
13 we call the Portola district, and are single-family
14 homes. People have higher incomes than those who live
15 off the 405 near the UCI campus.

16 They have a different set of concerns. There are
17 fewer renters and very little commercial activity. The
18 neighborhoods are similar to Lake Forest, Rancho Santa
19 Margarita, Anaheim Hills, and part of the City of Orange
20 that is near the Cleveland Forest.

21 I ask that you split Irvine because of current or
22 future trends, that you look at it with a perspective of
23 what parts fit better with the other cities of Orange
24 County surrounding Irvine. Thank you very much for your
25 time.

1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

2 MS. MANOFF: So right now, we will have 016. And
3 then up next in the queue will be 008. Right now will be
4 016. And up next in the queue will be 008.

5 016, your speaker order number will be number 25.
6 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.

7 You can now enable your audio and video. Please let
8 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
9 today. And with that, the floor is yours.

10 MR. PAVIA: Thank you. I'll be talking about The
11 City of Stanton. Awesome.

12 Hello, Commissioners. My name is O'Neil Pavia
13 (ph.). I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Voter
14 Information Project, OCVIP for short. We are a
15 nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that aims to
16 facilitate the voter registration process and also inform
17 voters about the importance of civic engagement. OCVIP
18 does this through presentations, dialog, canvassing, phone
19 banking, text messaging, you name it.

20 OCVIP believes that increasing voter turnout is key
21 to making Orange County more representative of its
22 constituents, their beliefs, values, and personal
23 situations.

24 Because redistricting can promote or limit effective
25 civic engagement, we are a member of the PRA, the



1 People's Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of fifteen
2 community based organizations established to promote a
3 greater community voice in the statewide and local
4 redistricting processes.

5 Our community of interests is the City of Stanton.
6 Stanton is, diverse racially and ethnically, consisting
7 of primarily Latinx community folks, which make up about
8 half of the city's residents.

9 Stanton is home to many working class families and
10 individuals. The average median home income is about
11 56,506, which is low compared to the county average of
12 89,759 dollars.

13 Given the cost of Orange County -- given the cost of
14 living in Orange County, you can imagine how hard it
15 might be to sustain yourself, let alone a family on
16 56,000 dollars.

17 In fact, according to the Orange County Community
18 Indicators report released last year in 2020, Stanton,
19 Santa Ana, and Midway City had the highest concentrations
20 of family financial instability, with scores of four on
21 the 2018 FFISI OC index. This is apparent not only in our
22 city but throughout the North Orange County region, where
23 homelessness, overcrowded housing units, and lack of
24 good, stable employment opportunities are rampant, while
25 housing, rent prices, and the cost of living in general

1 continue to rise.

2 If you look at the map of Stanton, you see that it
3 is a small city along Beach Boulevard where primarily
4 most of its local economy is concentrated. Many
5 businesses are not flourishing despite being located on a
6 great stretch where traffic is located and always is
7 flowing heavy.

8 Our city has the potential to attract more
9 businesses, development to help generate good paying jobs
10 and local revenue for services we drastically need. Case
11 in point, the lot where Sam's Club used to be located on
12 Beach Boulevard and Lampson remains empty to this day for
13 a couple of years now. This is just wasted potential for
14 the local residents.

15 It is important that in this round of redistricting
16 that Stanton residents do not feel like their voices are
17 not being heard.

18 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. PAVIA: To ensure this, we need to keep it
20 together with cities that it's close to -- similar, like
21 Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Westminster.

22 Thank you so much. And that is it.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

24 MS. MANOFF: Thank you. All right. Now, we will go
25 to 008. And then up next in the queue, we have callers.

1 And I'd like to remind those calling in to please press
2 star nine to raise your hand. We do have several raised
3 hands from callers. So right now will be 008. And then
4 we will be going to caller with the last four 3100.

5 So right now, 008. 008, your speaker order number
6 will be number 26. If you will please make note of that
7 for future reference. You can now enable your audio and
8 video in the lower left of your screen. If you will
9 please remind the map of what area you would like to
10 discuss. With that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. PEARLSON: Hi. Good afternoon. I would like to
12 see the 39th District up, please.

13 We are very unique in the 39th District, as we have
14 Orange County represented such as Diamond -- Brea,
15 Alhambra, Fullerton, Yorba Linda, as well as the northern
16 part of El -- of our district, which reflects L.A.,
17 Diamond Bar, Industry, Walnut, and San Bernardino, such
18 as Chino Hills.

19 So that district, the 39th District, reflects a rich
20 diversity of roughly a third Latinx, a third Asian,
21 primarily Chinese, and a third Caucasian.

22 So my name is Susan Pearlson. I have lived in Brea
23 for over thirty years. I've raised two kids in good
24 public schools. We've enjoyed the parks and sports
25 fields. And I have traveled throughout the county on



1 good public roads as a social worker. I have advocated
2 for affordable housing and environmental causes as long
3 as I have lived in Orange County. I value integrated
4 communities and the richness of diversity that our
5 northern region reflects. I want to preserve Chino Hills
6 State Park and The Puente Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor
7 that ties our communities together.

8 We do share common problems, as in the traffic
9 bottleneck on the 57 and the 60 freeways, which requires
10 regional collaboration. We share the fire danger by
11 living near privately owned oil properties and the open
12 space that requires regional collaboration and
13 coordinated fire responses as well.

14 So that's the extent of my comments. Thank you very
15 much.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

17 MS. MANOFF: So now, we will be on callers at this
18 time. Right now we have a caller with the last four,
19 3100. And then we will have caller with the last four,
20 8309.

21 Caller 3100, if you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute. Caller 3100, you are currently unmuted. I
23 have a couple of brief instructions for you.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

25 MS. MANOFF: Your speaker order number will be



1 number 27. If you'll please make note of that for future
2 reference. And then if you will please let the mapper
3 know what area you would like to discuss today. And with
4 that, the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My
6 name is (indiscernible) and I represent Orange County
7 Congregation Community Organization, also known as OCCCO.
8 OCCCO works to empower individuals and congregations to
9 use their voice to make positive, lasting change within
10 low-income communities of color.

11 In 2017, we have trained over 200 faith-based
12 community members through our leadership academy. We've
13 had over 30,000 conversations with voters in low-income
14 communities of color during the past five years and
15 involved hundreds of youth in civic engagement.

16 Our current work focuses on housing just -- housing
17 with dignity, education justice, and immigration rights.

18 We're also a member of the People's Redistricting
19 Alliance, a coalition of fifteen community based
20 organizations established to promote a greater community
21 voice in statewide and local redistricting processes here
22 in Orange County.

23 Our communities of interest are predominantly
24 marginalized low-income residents of Santa Ana,
25 especially working class immigrant communities.



1 Unfortunately, what brings our communities together
2 (indiscernible) far too often in working class, minority
3 communities a lack of representation, double standards in
4 housing equity, and lack of code enforcement.

5 Nevertheless, with all these multi-generational and
6 systemic misfortunes, our communities have been part of
7 monumental achievements, including the implementation of
8 district based, countywide -- citywide Santa Ana growth
9 and demographic exchange. Our communities continue to
10 (indiscernible) and develop that takes away from our
11 culture in Santa Ana.

12 Our community boundaries are the city -- Santa Ana
13 city limits. Santa Ana is home to the University of
14 Irvine, UCI County Medical Clinic, and Santa Ana Regional
15 Transportation Center. Its rail lines are used by
16 Amtrak, Pacific Surfliner, and Metrolink's Orange County
17 line, and Inland Empire Orange County line trains.

18 It's also the greenhouse station and hub for Orange
19 County Transportation Authority bus system, as well as
20 the terminal for several Mexican bus tour companies.

21 Santa Ana is home to historic downtown corridor in
22 the historic fourth street, currently known as Calle
23 Cuatro Marketplace, the (indiscernible) across from the
24 Ronald Reagan building and consists of lounge, cafes,
25 breakfast, lunch and dinner -- dinner dining, coffee



1 shops, (indiscernible), craft breweries, bars, retail
2 barbershops and movie and concert theaters.

3 Santa Ana is similar to parts of The City of
4 Anaheim, west of the 55. The area includes historic
5 Latinx neighborhoods such as the (indiscernible)
6 Community, the --

7 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ponderosa community and our
9 communities of interest in Santa Ana are much different
10 than those in the areas to the east, which is the Anaheim
11 Hills neighborhood and the City of Yorba Linda.

12 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In conclusion, in keeping
14 Santa Ana together in legislative districts, it is
15 imperative for low-income Latinx communities throughout
16 the city who need to speak collectively with one voice.
17 As Santa Ana continues to grow, the culture and history
18 of these historic communities --

19 MR. HOPKINS: Time.

20 MS. MANOFF: Right now, we will have caller 8309.
21 And I'd like to remind those who have called in to please
22 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish
23 to comment.

24 Right now we have caller 8309. If you will please
25 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 8309, you are



1 currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief
2 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number
3 28. If you would please make note of that for future
4 reference. And if you please remind the map of what area
5 you would like to discuss today. With that, the floor is
6 yours.

7 MR. BROWN: Thank you very much.

8 Hi, everybody. I'd like to focus on the areas of
9 The City of Anaheim and Anaheim Hills, please.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go ahead, please.

11 MR. BROWN: Thank you. My name is Carlos Brown
12 (ph.). I'm a longtime resident of the City of Anaheim.
13 I very much appreciate the opportunity to speak with
14 everyone today.

15 I grew up in the southwest area of town, off of Ball
16 Road and Magnolia Avenue, down the street from the resort
17 area and Disneyland here in Anaheim.

18 Our community is largely made up of working and
19 middle class families who often have to work two to three
20 jobs just to make ends meet. Representation has been a
21 large issue in our city and our communities. We found
22 that there's a lack of Latino and immigrant community
23 representation.

24 At the local level, we recently moved from at-large
25 city council seats to district based council seats in an



1 effort to increase representation from all areas in the
2 city, as many, if not all, of the council members at that
3 time actually lived in Anaheim Hills.

4 Now, if you're not familiar with that area, although
5 it is a part of the City of Anaheim, it's a significantly
6 different part of the city, especially when compared to
7 the flatlands. It's a much wealthier, well-off
8 neighborhood because residents have the time and
9 resources to be more involved at the political and policy
10 level.

11 I'd like to ask the Commission to consider keeping
12 the Anaheim Hills area separate from the Anaheim
13 flatlands, because I fear if a district was merged with
14 those two areas, then the Latino and working class
15 representation that we have worked for would be lost. It
16 would be more difficult to get folks in our area engaged
17 because we simply don't have the tools or the financial
18 resources to compete with residents who live in that
19 area.

20 Now, I heard a previous caller mention that the
21 Anaheim flatlands is much more similar to The City of
22 Santa Ana and other areas in the region. And I'd like to
23 ask the Commission to draw the lines to keep this
24 community of interests whole based on similar economic,
25 family, cultural, ethnic and immigrant backgrounds.



1 Like I said, I agree with the previous caller that
2 the Anaheim flatlands is similar to Santa Ana. I also
3 would say that it's more similar to parts of Garden Grove
4 and Orange as well. And I know I speak for many of us
5 who have lived here almost our entire lives, that we
6 would very much appreciate keeping our area here together
7 so that we and the hardworking families and neighbors in
8 our area continue to have that representation and that we
9 don't lose crucial support and resources that our
10 community relies on.

11 And so again, appreciate the opportunity and hope
12 you take that into consideration.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

14 MS. MANOFF: Thank you.

15 Up next, we have a caller with the last four, 4574.
16 And I would like to remind those calling in to please
17 press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to
18 comment.

19 Right now, we have caller 4574. Caller 4574, if you
20 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
21 six. Caller 4574, you are currently unmuted. I have a
22 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
23 number will be number 29. If you'll please make note of
24 that for future reference. If you'll please let the
25 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.



1 With that, the floor is yours.

2 MS. NGUYEN: Thank you.

3 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Deirdre
4 Thu-Ha Nguyen. I'm a currently councilmember for City of
5 Garden Grove, and the community of interest I'm concerned
6 about is the Little Saigon community in central Orange
7 County.

8 I grew up in central Orange County and a longtime
9 resident of Garden Grove, of which is in the heart of
10 Little Saigon. I'm currently Garden Grove council member
11 District 3. I also serve on a numerous board, including
12 (indiscernible) California Cities API caucus, and I'm
13 very involved in our local nonprofit organizations
14 helping the underserved communities.

15 I also very active with the local ethnic media for
16 community outreach purpose.

17 I first ran and won the city council in 2016. And
18 what the main reason I was able to run first time and win
19 because of the district thing and how the map were drawn
20 appropriately and fairly represent the diverse community
21 at the city level.

22 I just want to share a few key landmarks of Little
23 Saigon that will help reflect the community of interest
24 in Orange County. A little bit of a Little Saigon is
25 have been growing for the past forty years and continue

1 to grow steadily in the next ten years and so.

2 However, Little Saigon, including city like Garden
3 Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Santa -- little bit
4 of Santa Ana. And when I -- when we talk about Santa
5 Ana, I would say the cross street -- Fourth Street in
6 Fairview or Westminster in Fairview and some surrounding
7 city -- neighbor city like Stanton, Midway City.

8 And Little Saigon is the home of the largest
9 Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam. Some of the
10 key streets that in Little Saigon will be including --
11 should be including is Bolsa Avenue and Garden Grove
12 Boulevard, Chapman, Beach, Booker Street, Euclid,
13 (indiscernible), Harbor, and I would say a little bit of
14 Warner on the Fountain Valley City.

15 Our Little Saigon community is very active in civic
16 engagement, religious, educational and -- and all the
17 educational activities. We have a large Buddhist temple
18 and churches.

19 And when I say about large Buddhist temple, I would
20 say, Phuoc Quang Temple on the 17th Street in Euclid, the
21 new temples (indiscernible), Vietnamese Catholic Center
22 on Fourth Street in Westminster.

23 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. NGUYEN: So I just -- just want to consider
25 please with all the facts and community input, I'm very

1 hopeful that the redistrict map will reflect fairly and
2 well represent of our diverse community.

3 MR. HOPKINS: Fifteen.

4 MS. NGUYEN: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

6 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

7 And I'd like to remind those calling in to please
8 press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to
9 comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand
10 indicating you wish to comment.

11 And as for caller with the last four, 7547. Caller
12 with the last four, 7547. If you called in to make a
13 community of interest public comment today, please press
14 star nine. If you are just listening, that is just fine.

15 Chair, I believe we do not have any raised hands at
16 this time.

17 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. We've definitely
18 had a lot of activity during this session, which is
19 fantastic.

20 Katy, could you go ahead and read the call-in
21 instructions one more time just in case there's anyone
22 out there looking to -- all right.

23 MS. MANOFF: Absolutely. In order to maximize
24 transparency and public participation in our process, the
25 commissioners will be taking community of interest input

1 by phone.

2 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
3 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247 for this --
4 no -- when prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided
5 on the livestream feed. It is 98685577200 for this
6 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
7 press the pound key.

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

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

21 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
22 hands in the queue.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, thank you. Let's stand
24 at ease for two minutes, and we'll just wait and see if
25 anyone else happens to call in.



1 (Pause)

2 MR. HOPKINS: We are at two minutes, Chair.

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great.

4 So for anyone out there watching today's
5 proceedings, I'll just go ahead and offer this reminder
6 that we have a busy week coming up. We have two
7 additional community of interest public input meetings
8 scheduled, one this Saturday, July 10th at 10 a.m.,
9 focused on Imperial and San Diego counties and the
10 surrounding areas, with registration closing at 5 p.m.
11 today. So if you're looking to give community of input
12 testimony, please make sure to get yourself registered.

13 It will be followed by another COI meeting on
14 Monday, July 12th at 10 a.m., with a meeting focused on
15 Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin,
16 Stanislaus and Tulare Counties and the surrounding areas.
17 Registration for Monday's meeting closes this Saturday at
18 5 p.m.

19 Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday,
20 July 13th at 4 p.m. You are not required to make an
21 appointment to provide input at the COI meetings, however
22 it is recommended. You can also call in the date of the
23 meeting. At this time our meetings are still held
24 virtually, so anyone in California can provide input.

25 Please go to our website at, wedrawthelinesca.org



1 for meeting information.

2 In addition, as a reminder, requests for
3 interpretation must be submitted at least five days prior
4 to the meeting. You can submit your request via email to
5 interpreter.request@CRC.ca.gov on the COI meeting
6 appointment form. Or you can call our office at 916-323-
7 0323.

8 And with that, Katy, do we have any additional
9 callers?

10 MS. MANOFF: We do not have any callers in the queue
11 at this time, Chair.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

13 So with that, I'm going to suggest we take a --
14 watch a five minute video at this time, and we'll come
15 back and right before our lunch break and see if we have
16 any additional callers at that time.

17 (Video played)

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Welcome back to the
19 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community
20 of Input Session.

21 Katy, do we have any callers?

22 MS. MANOFF: I believe we do, Chair.

23 027, if you could please use the raise-your-hand
24 button at the bottom of your screen indicating you are
25 ready at this time to give your public input. If you



1 could please use the raise-your-hand button at the bottom
2 of your screen, indicating you are ready at this time to
3 give your input.

4 Well, sometimes those raise-your-hand buttons can be
5 kind of finicky. So I'm going to -- because they came in
6 early. I would assume they're here to make their input.

7 One moment, Chair.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure. No problem.

9 MS. MANOFF: 027, if you could check the chat and
10 see if -- respond that you are prepared to comment at
11 this time.

12 Perfect. We do have a raised hand at this time.

13 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect.

14 MS. MANOFF: 027 will be right now.

15 027, your speaker order number will be number 30.

16 If you could please make a note of that for future
17 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
18 the lower left of your screen. Please let the mapper
19 know what area you would like to discuss today. And with
20 that, the floor is yours.

21 MR. SHAW: Hello, everybody. I hope you can hear
22 me. My name is Tim Shaw. I serve on the Orange County
23 Transportation Authority Board of directors. I also work
24 as a professor of American government.

25 What I wanted to talk about was Orange County and



1 how our -- our major freeways do unite similar
2 communities. So maybe we could look at the
3 transportation corridors when drawing the lines.

4 The 405 freeway serves as a connector between
5 Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Newport Beach, and Costa
6 Mesa. And the populations of these communities are
7 largely similar.

8 The I-5 runs up the middle of Orange County and
9 connects heavily Latino populations of Santa Ana and
10 Anaheim and would be a natural fit together.

11 Highway 57 links Placentia to Brea and up to Diamond
12 Bar in L.A. County. Those communities share the desire
13 to fix one of the most congested roads we have in
14 America.

15 The 91 links Buena Park to Fullerton and on to
16 Corona out in Riverside County. And you could look at
17 the State Route 22 runs east to west and links the
18 heavily Vietnamese cities of Westminster and Garden
19 Grove.

20 I'd like to maybe bring attention to what happened
21 ten years ago in that area. Unfortunately, the heavily
22 Vietnamese City of Garden Grove got split between 8072
23 and 8069. 8069 is a Latino predominant district. Of
24 course, 8069 should be protected. It can be improved
25 upon by taking Latino populations, perhaps from Tustin,

1 the southeast corner of Orange or some other city.

2 I would hope we could respect both minority groups
3 and not favor one over the other while still abiding by
4 the Voting Rights Act.

5 So those are my comments. Thank you so much for
6 hearing me.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

8 MS. MANOFF: And with that, Chair, we do not have
9 any other callers at this time.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great.

11 Katy, we are up against a lunch break. Would it be
12 appropriate to read the call-in instructions one last
13 time before we head to break?

14 MS. MANOFF: Sure, if you'd like me to.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Sure.

16 MS. MANOFF: Do you want the full instructions or
17 the abbreviated ones?

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: The abbreviated ones, I think,
19 would be fine.

20 MS. MANOFF: The Commission is now taking community
21 of interest input at this time by phone. To give
22 comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting
23 and number 98685577200 for this meeting. Once you have
24 dialed in, please press star nine to enter the comment
25 queue.



1 The full call-in instructions have been read
2 previously in this session and are provided in full on
3 the livestream landing page.

4 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any callers
5 in the queue.

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. We will wait just a
7 moment for that to finish on the livestream. And if no
8 one is calling in, then we'll begin our lunch break just
9 a smidge early today.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. MANOFF:. Chair, the instructions are complete
12 on the stream.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you so much. So
14 with that, why don't we begin our lunch break, and we
15 will be back at 2 p.m.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right, thank you. Good
18 afternoon. Welcome back, California, to the California
19 Citizen Redistricting Commission Communities of Input
20 meeting. We're happy that we had a robust morning. We
21 hope that we will have a robust afternoon.

22 We do encourage you -- if you don't have time to
23 provide communities of interest testimony on the phone
24 but have been listening in, we encourage you to visit the
25 communities of interest mapping tool to draw your map and



1 describe your community by visiting
2 drawmycacommunity.org.

3 And as we noted at the start of our meeting this
4 morning, every ten years after the federal government
5 publishes updated census information, California must
6 redraw the boundaries of its congressional, state senate,
7 state assembly, and state board of equalization district
8 so that each of the districts correctly reflect the
9 state's population. Our fourteen-member independent
10 commission was authorized by the California voters to
11 redraw or draw the new district lines. So we're here
12 today to obtain communities of interest information from
13 Californians directly, and while what we need to know is
14 we need to hear from you, so we encourage all
15 Californians to participate in this process.

16 So in terms of a communities of interest, what you
17 might want to say, there are no clear rules on how to
18 define a community of interest; however, we have some
19 identified ways for you to describe your community. One,
20 begin with your town or your city. Two, mention the
21 street names and significant locations in your
22 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters or your
23 community. Three, what are your shared interests? Four,
24 what brings you together. Five, what is important to
25 your community. Six, are there nearby areas you want to



1 be in a district with? Seven, are there nearby areas
2 that you don't want to be in a district with and why or
3 why not? And number eight, has your community come
4 together to advocate for important services such as
5 better schools, roads, or health centers in your
6 neighborhood.

7 And again, if you would rather submit something your
8 communities of interest input over the -- online, you can
9 do so from our website or by visiting
10 drawmycacommunity.org. Again, skip the line, and go
11 online.

12 All right, Katy, I'm going to pass this over to you.
13 Katy is our comment moderator and she will give you
14 instructions and will continue our public input.

15 MS. MANOFF: Thank you, Chair.

16 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
17 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to
18 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will
19 be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You
20 will be reconnected to the session with the -- with the
21 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will
22 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
23 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
24 number for future reference.

25 The commission will be enforcing a three-minute time



1 limit with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
2 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at
3 the end of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen-
4 and-view-only mode. At the beginning of your input,
5 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
6 the see on the screen.

7 And right now, we have 028. 028, your speaker order
8 number will be number 31, if you will please make note of
9 that for future reference. You can now enable your video
10 and audio in the lower-left corner of your screen, and if
11 you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would
12 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

13 028? You are --

14 MR. VILLA: I'm hoping that's me.

15 MS. MANOFF: There you are. It is you.

16 MR. VILLA: Hello there.

17 MS. MANOFF: Hello.

18 MR. VILLA: First, thank you very much for the
19 opportunity to speak this afternoon. My name is John
20 Villa, the executive director for the Huntington Beach
21 Wellness Conservancy. I also hold the offices of chair
22 elect and interim CEO for the City of Huntington Beach,
23 and last, I'm a board member of Visit Huntington Beach.

24 So the city, obviously, is Huntington Beach we're
25 talking about. The parameters for my first area I'm



1 going to be talking about the -- the (indiscernible)
2 parameters for Huntington Beach what it's conservancy is
3 between the Santa Ana river bed and Beach Boulevard.

4 So most of you probably don't know about us, but we
5 are a 501(c)(3), have been in existence since 1985 with
6 the intent of buying property, restoring it back to a
7 wetlands and maintaining it. We are currently the
8 largest private landowner in the City of Huntington Beach
9 at 190 acres, and so far, we have restored 127 of those
10 acres, and we're going to be completing, because we just
11 acquired 49 acres from Caltrans, another restoration of
12 those acres within the next four to five years.

13 So as the executive director for -- for Huntington
14 Beach Wetlands Conservancy, it's always difficult for us,
15 as we seek to try to get funding at a state or at a
16 federal level, and when we have to cross over
17 congressional seats in order to get that accomplished, it
18 just makes that -- the -- it -- that much more difficult
19 for us.

20 We work with a number of other wetland communities
21 like ours, not only in the city, which is also Chico
22 wetlands, which is further west of us, we also work with
23 the City of Long Beach with the Los Cerritos Wetlands.
24 We work with Seal Beach with the Seal Beach weapon
25 station and the Seal Beach wildlife refuge is there, and



1 all the way down into Newport Beach when we work with
2 Newport Back Bay and the nature center that's in Newport.

3 And we all have a number of common goals. I'm
4 trying to do what we can to make sure that we have the
5 funding that we need in order to get our job done to
6 maintain these restored wetlands, but more importantly,
7 to make sure we have the laws associated with protection
8 and preserving that property as much as possible. So an
9 example where we've had issues recently is with Bolsa
10 Chica, they have the two drones that crashed within the
11 site, and unfortunately, a lot of nests were vacated by
12 the parents, and a number of -- of birds were families
13 and eggs were destroyed. We're really lucky it did not
14 happen on the leased-term preserves because that's an
15 endangered species, but by -- we'll be able to have a
16 sing -- single point of contact to work with, it would
17 make us a lot easier for us to work to try to get new
18 laws in place to stop the drones flying over the -- the
19 facilities to protecting the wetlands and protecting the
20 endangered and threatened species that are there.

21 MR. HOPKINS: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. VILLA: Most (indiscernible) reports saw that it
23 was a bird issue, but there's also endangered and
24 threatened plants that are in the area, too, that we're
25 trying to protect, so we work very closely with all the



1 groups out there to make sure that we maintain what we
2 have projected for the future --

3 MR. HOPKINS:. Fifteen.

4 MR. VILLA: -- and continue to protect it as we do
5 more preservations within the area. So it looks like my
6 time is up, and I want to thank you very much.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Before you hang up, we do have
8 some questions for you. Can you --

9 MR. VILLA: Just a moment. Just a moment, Chair.

10 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

11 MR. HOPKINS: Welcome back, 028. The Chair has some
12 additional questions for you.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Can you hear me?

14 Katy, is he unmuted?

15 MS. MANOFF: 028, you can now unmute yourself,
16 and --

17 MR. VILLA: I'm still here --

18 MS. MANOFF: -- there you go.

19 MR. VILLA: -- and --

20 MS. MANOFF: Yep. There you go.

21 MR. VILLA: -- yeah, I'm unmuted.

22 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, I've just been asked to get
23 some further clarification --

24 MR. VILLA: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- on the boundaries specifically

1 that you're speaking about. We just need -- what we're
2 did is we're digitizing maps, and so the boundaries would
3 be very helpful in just being able to accurately reflect
4 the boundaries --

5 MR. VILLA: Uh-huh.

6 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- of the regions where the
7 community of interest that you're specifically talking
8 about.

9 MR. VILLA: So the Huntington Beach Wetlands
10 Conservancy owns property, 190 acres, between Highway 39,
11 which is Beach Boulevard, and the Santa Ana riverbed.
12 It's about -- yeah, that's Beach Boulevard, and if you
13 head southwest, that's the Santa Ana riverbed, and 190
14 acres along the baseline of that where PCH is is what we
15 currently own.

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, thank you. that's perfect.
17 We appreciate --

18 MR. VILLA: Uh-huh.

19 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- that.

20 MS. MANOFF: All right. And with that, Chair, we do
21 have a caller. They do not have their hand raised at
22 this time. Would you like me to read the instructions
23 for all callers or how would you like to proceed?

24 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, let's go ahead and let's do
25 that since we may have had some new people perhaps



1 listening in on the livestream after we came back from
2 lunch, and yeah, let's just -- would you read the full
3 set of instructions, please?

4 MS. MANOFF: Yes, yes. In order to maximize
5 transparency and public participation in our process, the
6 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
7 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the
8 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
9 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
10 feed. It is 98685577200 for this meeting. When prompted
11 to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.

12 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a
13 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
14 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
15 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
16 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
17 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
18 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
19 required to provide your name to give public comment.
20 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
21 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
22 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
23 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
24 down the livestream volume.

25 And at this time, we do have a raised hand, and it's



1 caller 9839. If you can please follow the prompts to
2 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 9839, I have a
3 couple of brief instructions. You are unmuted. Your
4 speaker order number will be number 32, if you'll please
5 make note of that for future reference, and if you'll
6 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
7 discuss, and with that, the floor is yours.

8 Caller 9839, you are unmuted. The floor is yours.
9 Hello? Caller 9839, you are unmuted. Hello?

10 NANCY: Are -- am I unmuted now?

11 MS. MANOFF: Yes, you are. The floor is yours.

12 NANCY: Oh, thank you.

13 MS. MANOFF: You're welcome.

14 NANCY: I'm Nancy from Laguna Beach, California, and
15 I'm right here after the white spot and Laguna Beach. I
16 live on Wendt Terrace, and I've lived here over fifty
17 years, and I love the community that I work with. I've
18 lived in the same home for fifty-odd years, and it's
19 important that we keep our boundaries fairly close to
20 what it's been. We love Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, the
21 area of -- of Aliso Viejo, part of Newport Beach, parts
22 of Costa Mesa.

23 We have a very good area that we do business in back
24 and forth up and down. It is a community that is helpful
25 and loving, and we -- we like this -- this group. Of



1 course, it is important that you know that I have been a
2 letter carrier for thirty years, before that, fifteen
3 years in the banking business in Laguna Beach, and I know
4 and feel comfortable in my residence, so it's important
5 that we keep that information helpful, and that's what
6 I'd like to say, and I'm proud of it, and let's go from
7 here.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

9 NANCY: Thank you. I'll mute myself again.

10 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

11 And with that, Chair, we do not have any other
12 callers at this time.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Why don't we do this?
14 Christian, have we played the other five-minute video
15 yet?

16 MR. HOPKINS: I have a five-minute video ready to
17 play, Chair.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Why don't we go ahead and
19 let's see if anyone is watching on the livestream if the
20 five-minute video might inspire somebody to call in.
21 Hopefully, we'll get more, and we have plenty of spots
22 now for anybody who is interested in calling in and
23 giving their communities of interest testimony.

24 So in the meantime, Christian, let's go ahead and
25 let's play the five-minute video, and we will be back

1 after it finishes.

2 (Video played)

3 MR. HOPKINS: You're muted.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Hi, there. Thank you
5 for coming back. If you're watching us on the
6 livestream, hopefully that video was helpful in terms of
7 helping you understand how you can participate in this
8 redistricting process by giving communities of int --
9 communities of interest input.

10 Just a reminder that you can visit our website
11 anytime at wedrawthelinesca.org. Again,
12 wedrawthelinesca.org. On there, you can sign up for
13 emails to learn more about commission meetings, updates,
14 and announcements. Please also connect with us on social
15 media. We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,
16 and YouTube. Our handle is [wedrawthelinesca](https://www.facebook.com/wedrawthelinesca), and if
17 you're listening and you've given us testimony, public
18 input, testimony, thank you very much for doing that.
19 Please encourage those in your networks to also call in
20 and give us input about their communities of interest.
21 There are multiple ways in which anyone can participate
22 by providing us with public input. One is they can do
23 what perhaps you and others have already done: take
24 part, call in to a meeting like this. They will be
25 taking place throughout the summer, and anyone can either



1 call in now -- you will see the call-in number on the
2 livestream or you can visit wedrawthelinesca.org for
3 more information. Anyone can also provide the Commission
4 with communities of interest mapping -- with communities
5 of interest input on the communities of interest mapping
6 tool, and that is at this website:

7 drawmycacommunity.org, and do you want to say that the
8 online communities of interest tool is available in
9 multiple languages: English, Spanish, simplified
10 Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog,
11 Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese,
12 Punjabi, (indiscernible), Hmong, and Thai. Tutorials are
13 also available in each of these languages, as well, too.

14 You can also go to the Commission website at
15 wedrawthelinesca.org and click on the Draw My CA
16 Community icon. You can also send us an email to this
17 email address: votersfirst@crc.ca.gov, and you can also
18 do snail mail, and you can send your public input to the
19 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and our
20 address is 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento,
21 California 95814.

22 I do also want to remind anybody who's listening if
23 you know somebody who has a need for interpretation, you
24 can or they can request interpretation at least five
25 business days in advance prior to a input meeting. You



1 can submit your request via email to
2 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov on the communities of
3 interest meeting appointment for -- or you can call our
4 office to request the interpretation at 916-323-0323.

5 And I'll also mention that we do have a busy week
6 coming up. We have two additional communities of
7 interest public input meetings. We have one this
8 Saturday, July 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. focused on
9 Imperial and San Diego Counties and the surrounding
10 areas. Registration will close today at 5:00 for an
11 appointed -- an appointed time to give your public input.
12 It'll also be followed by another communities of interest
13 meeting this coming Monday, July 12th, beginning at 10
14 a.m. with that meeting focused on Fresno, Kern, Kings,
15 Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare
16 Counties and the surrounding areas.

17 Registration for the Monday meeting closes this
18 Saturday at 5 p.m. Our next business meeting for the
19 Commission is on Tuesday, July 13th, beginning at 4 p.m.
20 You are not required to make an appointment to provide
21 input at any of the communities of interest meetings;
22 however, it is recommended so that you do know that you
23 can call in within a certain time frame. You can call in
24 on the day of the meeting. You do not need to have an
25 appointment to call in and provide public input. At this



1 time, our meetings are still being held virtually, so
2 anyone in California can provide input at any of the
3 meetings. Please go to our website at
4 wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

5 Okay, I'm not seeing anybody in the queue yet.

6 Okay. Let me just ask -- I will continue to ask our
7 commissioners what are some of your memories of vacations
8 if you've come to Orange County vacations or do you have
9 a fond memory of a place that you ate at that you'd want
10 to share and perhaps use as a informal Yelp review for
11 others who are listening.

12 Oh, Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And so I'm going to go with the
14 professional memory. I've had the honor and privilege to
15 work with a veteran and military community in Orange
16 County for the past five years, and so it's just been
17 amazing to see how well they collaborate and engage with
18 each other, and I -- yeah, shout out to all of them, and
19 I hope that they do join us and call in, but it -- I've
20 also started my career in Southern California working in
21 Orange County, San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, and -- San
22 Bernardino/Riverside, all five counties doing
23 naturalization of illegal immigrants twenty years ago,
24 and so it's been great to see just how much the nonprofit
25 community has grown and has -- collaborates in Orange



1 County.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, definitely. It's great to
3 know that. Thank you for sharing your memories.

4 Commissioner Taylor, I see that you've joined us
5 now. Could I put you on the spot because I know you're
6 probably -- you probably have some recommendations on
7 some memorable meals that you've had in Orange County?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Akutagawa. Yes, I do believe love is in food, and while
10 it might be sort of touristy, the Pancake House in -- I
11 think it's Orange, but it's right off the freeway.
12 Frequently people go there before and after Disneyland or
13 Knotts. Much like Commissioner Turner, I might have a
14 preference for Knott's Berry Farm, but they have a Dutch
15 Betty pancake there -- a Dutch Baby, that's what it's
16 called, and I just -- I cannot cross the Orange County
17 line without figuring out an excuse to go there to order
18 that Dutch Baby, so that is a frequent treat for my
19 family.

20 I've -- I spend -- like most of us in L.A. County, I
21 spend a lot of the time in Orange County. Another memory
22 I have that's not quite so fond is that -- is -- if I
23 take it back to high school, Westminster High School
24 defeated what I thought was the best high school baseball
25 team ever that I played on in 1987, so I'm still smiting

1 from that, from a sound defeat from Orange County to LA
2 County, but no, I spend a fair amount of time in Orange
3 County: Lots of food, lots of meals, lots of fellowship,
4 many families, and many family and friends reside in
5 Orange County, so you know, they are almost synonymous
6 distinct communities. I think we're better for it.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for sharing that.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I do love the Pancake House, too,
10 although, I will say that that Dutch Baby, I don't know
11 if that's what they call it, but there's a
12 restaurant/cafe called Plums in -- I guess it's Newport
13 Beach. It's on the Costa Mesa/Newport Beach border, and
14 so I'm not sure which city it actually reside -- it sits
15 in, but they have a pretty nice Dutch Baby -- Dutch
16 pancake there, too, so -- but it's always crowded, so get
17 there super early if you've not been there.

18 All right, Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I'll share my wife's
20 favorite story about Disneyland. She's -- my wife and my
21 son are not a big fan of crowds, but I coerced them into
22 going to Disneyland with me for my birthday a number of
23 years ago, and we were wandering around the park. We
24 were down by It's a Small World, and a parade was
25 starting so everyone was gathering on the street, so we

1 thought, well, the line at It's a Small World is going to
2 be short, so we'll go, you know, while there's -- people
3 are doing something else, right? So we go. No line. We
4 right up to the front.

5 So normally when I get on rides, I just transfer out
6 of my wheelchair into the ride, and then when it's done,
7 I transfer back, but the ladies there are no, no, no. We
8 have this new wheelchair-accessible boat that you should
9 ride. We just got it done. We're really proud of it.
10 It should be here any minute. Okay, we'll wait, right?
11 So we wait and wait and wait and wait, and the parade
12 starts. It's still not there. It finally shows up, and
13 what they've done is they built a platform on the back of
14 the boat. So for those of you who have been on the ride,
15 you know the ride's really low. The platform is about
16 two feet higher than the seats, and they had this big
17 contraption to get me out on there with a foldout ramp
18 and this huge process to go through.

19 Well, by the time the boat shows up and we start
20 this process, the parade's over and everyone turns around
21 to look at what's at the Small World, and it's me because
22 the ride's stopped to get me on the boat, and my wife and
23 my son are sitting down in front and they're just
24 thinking the most -- it's the most amusing thing they've
25 ever seen because I looked like a king up on his platform

1 up there, and they start calling me King Julian from
2 Madagascar, and they're laughing hilarious, it's the
3 funniest thing. I want to crawl into a hole, but they
4 started calling me King Julian, so when the ride took
5 off, I started waving, giving the queen wave to the
6 people watching me. So that -- my wife really, really
7 loves that story.

8 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Fornaciari. That was -- that really was funny, and I
10 could just imagine what it must've been like and what all
11 those people must've been thinking as they were waiting
12 for you to be loaded onto the boat. Thank you for
13 sharing that.

14 Oh, on that, anyone else want to share? Maybe
15 something other than Disneyland. They are getting a lot
16 of love right now.

17 Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, not an E ticket ride at
19 Disneyland, but a different kind of ride which is the
20 takeoff from John Wayne Airport. You know you -- you do
21 that brakes locked, full engine thrust, release, rocket
22 off the runway and you climb steeply, and then they cut
23 the engines to get you over Newport Beach, and it's
24 better than a Disneyland ride. I think I want to visit
25 again just to take that -- just to take that takeoff

1 again.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Have you done the landing there?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I must have. I don't remember as
4 much about that.

5 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Well, that's a pretty memorable
6 landing, too.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay, I'll have to pay attention
8 next time.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: But I could -- but a completely
11 separate memory in Costa Mesa and thinking of Calvary
12 Chapel church in Costa Mesa, which figured in my
13 childhood quite significantly even though I never visited
14 it. It was kind of the epicenter of what became known as
15 the Jesus People Movement, and it was an early kind of
16 hippie-flavored, you know, revival movement, and among
17 other things, it generated a lot of what's become known
18 as contemporary Christian music, so that's back when
19 guitars were pretty radical and you would never see them
20 at church, and those things were debated, but I was just
21 coming of age around then in late '60s, early '70s, and
22 that became our music. You know, we just had these
23 images in our imagination of the bands -- the church
24 bands that were coming out of that church, and it meant a
25 lot to us growing up that we had a music to call our own,

1 and that's where it came from, so it's Calvary Chapel,
2 Costa Mesa.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That's very cool. I didn't
4 realize that it was the epicenter of the movement.
5 That's great to know. All right. I'm going to ask,
6 perhaps, if Commissioner Kennedy or Commissioner Toledo,
7 either of you might want to share a memory?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I attended the California
9 Association of Clerks and Election Officials meeting in
10 Newport Beach. I think it was 2014, and just have
11 pleasant memories of walking around Balboa Island during
12 the break.

13 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, definitely. And you've
14 heard from a number of callers about the coastline for
15 sure, so all right.

16 Commissioner Toledo, can I put you on the spot, too?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sure. Certainly Disneyland.
18 We go every year, and it's -- except for last year,
19 but -- and it's always a lot of fun and interesting.
20 I've flown into John Wayne many times, and it's -- I
21 actually like that airport a lot because it's very
22 smaller. It reminds me of the Sonoma County airport, but
23 Newport Beach is where we have quite a few conferences,
24 so it's always a nice getaway and the place for food and
25 all. I mean, the coastline is amazing. The weather is

1 always great. Never had a bad experience out there, so
2 that -- you know, in terms of hospitality, it's a -- but
3 that's -- you know, Disneyland, I think it's just where,
4 like, the kids all want to go to Disneyland, so we always
5 go with our nephews and nieces and enjoy Disneyland and
6 the heat because it's always in the summer.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm wondering if I -- if it
8 would -- if I were to ask -- since everybody -- it seems
9 like most everybody had a Disneyland story. I'm
10 wondering if anybody wants to speak about their favorite
11 ride at Disneyland, and I see that Commissioner Sinay, I
12 think that you -- she just shared that Gilligan's Island
13 was filmed in Newport Beach, which I did not realize that
14 it was filmed there, so that's kind of a fun factoid to
15 know. I did watch that quite a bit growing up as a kid.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I actually looked up films that
17 were -- movies that were filmed in Orange County and have
18 a laundry list of things to add to this conversation --

19 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- should we need them, yes. I
21 was very inspired by one of our callers in our Los Angeles
22 COI input who was sharing a COI input via movie, so some of
23 the -- some of the top ones that I'm seeing here include
24 the Fast and the Furious from 2001 had a portion of it
25 filmed in Little Saigon. The notable location was the

1 Cultural Court and the Vietnamese Gate, and then Jerry
2 Maguire in 1996, actually, was filmed in John Wayne Airport
3 when they meet in the airport, and there's a whole bunch of
4 other interesting ones, things on the UCI campus and the
5 courthouse, I believe, in Santa Ana, I think was mentioned,
6 so certainly a hotspot for films and film locations.

7 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I was wondering if the -- I don't
8 know if you remember that movie Fast Times at Ridgemont
9 High. Was that filmed there in Orange County? No? I
10 don't know my film history enough, so.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: South Bay, L.A.

12 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We'll, I've heard two stories.
14 I've heard South Bay, L.A. and Clairemont, San Diego.

15 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh. Okay. Commissioner
16 Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Back on the food front, I
18 can't -- the reason I sort of didn't say right away is
19 because I don't remember the name of the place, but one
20 time we were down in Newport and we had one of the best
21 fish sandwiches. It was just amazing, but I do not know
22 the name of the place. It was one of those that you
23 could walk up to it, and wow, it was good. It was just
24 the right combination of everything. It was wonderful.
25 You know, whoever -- you would never know from that area,

1 you probably know the place I'm talking about because
2 it's famous for its fish sandwiches. Just don't know the
3 name of it.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Was it on Balboa Island?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. No, it wasn't. It was
6 actually on the -- you know, it was just off the beach.
7 I just -- I can't remember the name of it. It was really
8 good. Really good.

9 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That's going to be good to
10 know. All right, let's see. Perhaps before I put
11 anybody else on the spot, Katy, I'm going to ask you if
12 you could would you read the short instructions? Maybe
13 those who are listening in and are now tired of hearing
14 about our food experiences and Disneyland experiences
15 maybe they might want to call in. Let's give them the
16 instructions so that they'll know, and we'll see where we
17 can go from there.

18 MS. MANOFF: Sure, Chair.

19 The Commission will now be taking community of
20 interest public input by phone. To give comment, please
21 call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number
22 98685577200 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,
23 please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The
24 full call-in instructions are read previously in the
25 session and are provided on the livestream landing page.

1 And we do not have any callers in the queue at this
2 time.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, we'll just give it a few
4 minutes for the livestream instructions to catch up, and
5 if we don't get any callers, I think what I'll do is --
6 let's -- we'll go to the twenty minute -- a full
7 redistricting basics video. For those who are watching
8 and you've not seen the redistricting basics video, I do
9 encourage you to stay on and watch it. It is
10 informative, and hopefully, it'll give you some
11 additional insights that may be helpful in providing your
12 communities of interest testimony.

13 MR. HOPKINS: Those instructions are caught up on
14 the livestream, Chair.

15 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let's do -- oh, hey, it
16 worked. We got -- somebody just popped in. All right.

17 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Caller 6312, one
18 moment. Caller 6312, if you will please follow the
19 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

20 Caller 6312, I have a couple of brief instructions.
21 Your speaker order number will be number 33, if you will
22 please make note of that for future reference. If you'll
23 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
24 discuss today, and with that, the floor is yours.

25 MR. NEVIN: Hi, this is -- this is Miles Nevin. Am



1 in in queue?

2 MS. MANOFF: Go ahead. The floor is yours.

3 MR. NEVIN: Okay, thank you. Well, thanks, all for
4 your time today, and my name is Miles Nevin. I'm a
5 resident of Long Beach and have been since 2002, also
6 work at Cal State Long Beach in the area of student
7 affairs, and I -- I work with our student groups here and
8 across the state, and I've done a lot of organizing
9 throughout the years of students on legislation and local
10 issues, then it's during that time that I really
11 appreciated that our current congressional district is
12 intact within the City of Long Beach, and I wanted to
13 speak today in support of keeping Long Beach together in
14 that context and perhaps just give a little bit of a
15 different perspective to you and one from our student
16 leadership here at the university from -- from our other
17 sister universities where we regularly engage with our
18 legislators, including our congressperson and really
19 appreciate the ability to talk about issues with them
20 that are -- that are localized and really within the
21 boundaries of our city. So just wanted to offer those
22 comments and -- and add that I agree that preserving the
23 geographic and demographic integrity of our city is
24 important for those reasons, and again, just appreciate
25 your time. Again, it's Miles Nevin, a resident of Long



1 Beach and administrator at Cal State Long Beach.

2 Appreciate your time.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

4 MS. MANOFF: And that was all of our callers at this
5 time.

6 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay, let's do this. I
7 will not subject the commissioners to further story-
8 telling, at least not right now. We'll have a little bit
9 more time. Let's go ahead and let's go to the twenty-
10 minute redistricting basics video. It is something that
11 I recommend that anybody who is watching the livestream.
12 If you haven't watched it, please take that time to watch
13 it. It is very good, and it's very informative.

14 All right, Christian?

15 (Video played)

16 MS. MANOFF: Chair, you're on mute.

17 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry about that. All right,
18 welcome back, everyone. I hope those of you who are
19 watching -- I hope you found the video instructive and
20 interesting. I know that we do have a couple callers in
21 the queue, and we'll go ahead --

22 Katy, I'm going to turn it over to you.

23 MS. MANOFF: Awesome. Thank you so much, Chair.

24 Caller -- right now, we will -- oh, excuse me so
25 much. I have hiccups right now.



1 Caller 3645 will be right now, and it will be caller
2 60 -- all of this is ridiculous -- caller 6066 will be up
3 next in the queue.

4 Caller 3645, if you could follow the prompts to
5 unmute?

6 Caller 3645, your speaker order number will be --
7 forgive me -- will be number 34. If you could please
8 make note of that for future reference. If you could let
9 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
10 With that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. SETATA: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Paula
12 Setata. I am from the community -- I'm the community
13 relationship manager for the Long Beach & Convention
14 Visitors Bureau. I would like to voice my support for
15 keeping Long Beach together and congress and the state
16 district. Doing so preserves the integrity of our
17 community and ensures that our major industries are
18 presented with unity. Long Beach hospitality and tourism
19 industry generates more than 1 billion dollars in
20 economic impact to the city and LA. Ensuring that this
21 industry and other major sectors are presented as one
22 community is key to their success. I ask the Commission
23 to keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines for
24 the benefit of its working residents and this specific
25 community. Thank you very much.



1 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

2 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, thank you.

3 MS. MANOFF: Please forgive me. Okay.

4 We have caller 6066 right now. Caller 6066, if you
5 will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 6066,
6 if you will follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
7 six. Thank you so much. Your speaker order number will
8 be number 35. If you'll please make of that for future
9 reference, and if you'll please let the mapper know what
10 area you want to discuss, with that, the floor is yours.

11 MS. LINGARO: Yes, hello. I would like to point out
12 Long Beach. My name is Gabby Lingaro, and I'm the
13 communications manager for the Long Beach Convention &
14 Visitors Bureau. I came here to speak today in strong
15 support of keeping Long Beach together in congress and
16 state districts. Keeping Long Beach within its current
17 lines will ensure our interests are advocated for in a
18 way that accurately reflects our community. The
19 hospitality and conventions industry is the second
20 largest employer in the city, and it is key for the
21 businesses and residents employed by the industry to
22 maintain their collective voice. I ask the commission to
23 keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines. I would
24 also like to say this in Spanish, if that's possible.

25 MS. MANOFF: We have --



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish). Thank you,
2 all.

3 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

4 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Right now, we have
5 caller 1032. If you will please follow the prompts to
6 unmute.

7 Caller 1032, I have a couple of brief instructions.
8 Your speaker order number will be number 36, if you will
9 please make note of that for future reference. If you'll
10 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
11 discuss, with that, the floor is yours.

12 MS. TRAYON: Hi, good afternoon, everybody. My name
13 is Cammy Trayon, and I'm a resident and homeowner in the
14 City of Westminster, and I'd like to speak to the area on
15 the map known as central Orange County, the cities of
16 Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, parts of
17 Santa Ana, and I'd like to share that I'm -- I'm very
18 fortunate to -- to have lived most of my life here in
19 Orange County.

20 So I currently live in Westminster, but I've also
21 lived for a number of years in Garden Grove and Santa
22 Ana. I've also worked in and served in communities of
23 Orange County having had jobs in both the public and the
24 private sector, and -- and I'm very engaged in our
25 community here.



1 So for most of my -- the forty years of my life I've
2 lived in an area affectionately known as Little Saigon,
3 and I know that we've had previous public comment about
4 the area of Little Saigon. Historically, it started in
5 Santa Ana, and -- at least with my family, there was a
6 Vietnamese-owned supermarket that was located on 17th
7 Street in the City of Santa Ana. I believe there is a
8 taqueria there now, but the Little Saigon area has grown
9 from this -- this small area in Santa Ana to include a
10 larger area: Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley,
11 and you know, there's still parts of Santa Ana that I
12 would consider and many would consider part -- part of
13 Little Saigon. It's home to the largest Vietnamese
14 population outside of Vietnam, and -- and it is a
15 community of interest.

16 I know that this commission will have some
17 challenges on the edges of these communities as
18 residential communities are integrated with -- you know,
19 it's not just Vietnamese, but Latino, Korean, and other
20 populations are in this area, too, so I don't envy your
21 decision-making in terms of where the -- the lines are
22 drawn on the edges of some of these cities, but the other
23 thing to consider is our schools. In the Westminster
24 School District and Garden Grove Unified School District,
25 as well as Anaheim Oceanview School District, you see a

1 lot of Vietnamese students that are not only -- make up
2 the student population, but they're also participating in
3 a program that my kids are in, Vietnamese language school
4 immersion, and I think that's an indicator that there's
5 going to be growing interest, and this community of
6 interest will continue to grow.

7 My kids now are -- are fairly young, but by the time
8 that Census 2030 comes around, they'll be able to vote,
9 and -- and I -- and I think that this -- this Little
10 Saigon area will continue to grow and thrive in this
11 area, so just wanted to make sure that I was able to
12 provide that comment.

13 Again, I know there is -- there's other things that
14 you'll have to consider, especially as we've seen more
15 diversity in this -- this area in the central Little
16 Saigon area. Thank you.

17 MR. HOPKINS: Thank you so much.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

19 MR. HOPKINS: And that is all the callers that we
20 have at this time, Chair.

21 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. We'll go ahead and we
22 will continue to hold for just a little bit. I know that
23 we are going to be coming up to our official break time
24 at 3:30, so in the meantime, we can just wait just a
25 little bit longer. I know that we've shared some

1 stories. I think one of the things to remember is that
2 there's a lot to Orange County. I just say that
3 affectionately as an Orange County resident but also one
4 that has been a lifelong Southern Californian, as with
5 many of the other communities we've heard from, lots of
6 diversity here, and so it's great to hear from those who
7 have called in. I hope that those who are listening to
8 the livestream, please consider calling in if you have
9 not yet called in, or if you have called in, please
10 encourage others that you know to call in and tell us
11 about your communities. In the meantime, I will continue
12 to see if our fellow commissioners would like to share
13 additional stories of their experiences in Orange County.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I am happy to help with some
15 additional --

16 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- stories.

18 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: All right.

20 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- Commissioner Sadhwani. All
21 right.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Fill up some of the time,
23 here. So we've heard a lot about the coastal regions.
24 We've heard a lot about Disneyland. You were asking
25 about food, and I got to tell you, actually for me, like

1 when I think of Orange County, I actually think of
2 people's homes.

3 The Indian-American community -- there is a large
4 Indian-American community in Orange County, though not
5 necessarily geographically concentrated, so you know, we
6 hear callers from the San Jose/Cupertino kind of area,
7 and we hear about the concentrations of Indian-Americans,
8 but -- or South Asians more broadly. That's not entirely
9 the case in Orange County. I -- I would -- I think I
10 don't actually know the demographics of the community
11 there, but there is a Little India region just across the
12 border in -- in southern Los Angeles County in Norwalk
13 and Cerritos along Pioneer Boulevard, and so, you know,
14 we have many friends and family members who live
15 throughout Orange County with -- with Little India kind
16 of being a central hub where people go shopping and --
17 and eat, and -- and I think because the community
18 isn't -- isn't geographically concentrated, we tend to
19 celebrate birthdays and holidays in people's homes and
20 certainly there are -- you know, from my own family
21 and -- and friends network, we have a lot of folks
22 throughout Fullerton, Yorba Linda, Anaheim, Irvine, and
23 other areas, so definitely that adds to some of the --
24 some of the diversity there, but often we hear -- we're
25 hearing about, you know, the Vietnamese community in



1 Garden Grove/Westminster or Chinese-Americans in Rowland
2 Heights, so certainly, there's a -- there's a large mix
3 of folks throughout the region.

4 CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: There certainly is, and I know
5 that, from a Chinese community perspective, if most
6 people think about Chinese food, dim sum and other things
7 like that, there's actually a robust Chinese-American
8 community in Irvine, and you can get some pretty good not
9 only dim sum but it's not necessarily mainland Chinese.
10 I believe it's a Taiwanese in origin, so distinctly
11 different from the Chinese community, but I believe some
12 of you may be familiar with the 85 Degree bakery went
13 there, very tasty but also very reasonably priced baked
14 goods, and so I think that they have spread throughout
15 California, but I know that there's -- I remember my
16 first introduction to the 85 Degrees bakery was down in
17 Irvine and seeing a humongous line and just wondering why
18 would people be lined up for bakery, and it was another
19 opportunity where there was no line at a different 85
20 Degree bakery that I thought, all right, I have to try
21 this out because this is -- I don't understand why people
22 are waiting in line, and I could now see why. The baked
23 goods are really good and they're very reasonably
24 inexpensively priced, so it makes it tempting to go in
25 and walk out with quite a bit of baked goods if you are

1 not on a low-carb diet. And also there's quite a --
2 quite a size of a Korean-American community, as well,
3 too, in Irvine, so to Commissioner Sadhwani's point, I
4 think there's a lot of mixing of multiple diverse
5 communities. Someone did also mention that Little Arabia
6 section of Orange County, as well, too. There's the
7 historically Japanese-American community, many who were
8 strawberry farmers, which interestingly, Orange County
9 was a rural community at one point, and I used to live in
10 San Diego so I would drive from my home in L.A. down to
11 San Diego back and forth on -- end of the week and
12 beginning of the weekend. I remember those orange trees
13 and the best part, and this was around Tustin, and so if
14 you're around Tustin, some of you might remember it, but
15 it was the best part, and it was the best time to drive
16 with your windows down and smell when the flowers -- the
17 trees were flowering, and you could smell the oranges or
18 the smell of the orange flowers. It was just really
19 quite lovely in terms of the -- you know, that fragrance
20 there. Sorry to say when I saw them get rid of the
21 trees, I was really sad. It was just something that
22 feels a little bit got lost in that time.

23 All right, well, I think -- let's do this. I know
24 that we're about ten minutes to our break time. Why
25 don't we go ahead and do this? Let's just go ahead and



1 let's take a break. I believe that we will be starting
2 back up at 3:45, and when I -- when we all return,
3 Commissioner Sadhwani will be taking over as chair. So
4 3:34 we'll return. We'll just take our break early.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

6 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: All right, welcome back to the
7 California Citizens Redistricting Commission COI Input
8 Meeting. We also encourage you to visit the communities
9 of interest tool to draw a map and describe your
10 community by visiting drawmycacomunity.org. Again,
11 that's drawmycacomunity.org.

12 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
13 moderator, to open the phone lines for public input.
14 This session is specifically dedicated to those that did
15 not have an appointment; however, if you had an
16 appointment and were unable to call in during your time
17 block, we encourage you to call in now.

18 Katy?

19 MS. MANOFF: Chair, I just wanted to clarify. Are
20 we doing community of interest input and public comment
21 at this time?

22 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, that would --

23 MS. MANOFF: General public comment?

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: -- right.

25 MS. MANOFF: Uh-huh.



1 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Absolutely. Thank you.

2 MS. MANOFF: In order to maximize transparency and
3 public participation in our process, the commissioners
4 will now be taking community of interest input by phone
5 and general public comment by phone. To call in, dial
6 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It
7 is 877-853-5247.

8 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided
9 on the livestream feed. It is 98685577200 for this
10 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
11 press the pound key.

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

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

25 And at this time, we do have a caller in the queue



1 with their hand raised.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. We can let them in.

3 MS. MANOFF: Caller 5600, if you'll please follow
4 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

5 Thank you so much. You are currently unmuted. I
6 have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order
7 number will be number 37, if you'll please make note of
8 that for future reference. If you'll please let the
9 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, and with
10 that, the floor is yours.

11 HERDLAND: Hi, this is Herdland at Chico and caller
12 37 and would like to discuss community interests. You
13 know, I've been a Long Beach resident for over two
14 decades. I also served as vice president of the Long
15 Beach Community College District Board of Trustees, and
16 I'm speaking today in strong support of keeping Long
17 Beach together in congress and -- and state districts. I
18 believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and
19 demographic integrity of my city and -- and allow for our
20 unique strengths as a city to contribute to the success
21 of California.

22 For the past two redistricting cycles, the City of
23 Long Beach has largely been kept intact with a vast
24 majority of Long Beach represented by predominancy, and
25 we have seen that the advocacy improves and the resources



1 increase when we are represented as a whole community,
2 and this is why various Long Beach interest groups have
3 coalesced in an effort to keep Long Beach together, so I
4 stand with the NAACP Long Beach branch, (indiscernible),
5 Equity for Cambodians, the Long Beach Economic
6 Partnership. The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and so
7 many other community groups, large and small, in asking
8 that the Commission please keep Long Beach together when
9 drawing the district lines. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

11 Katy, do we have any additional callers?

12 MS. MANOFF: I would like to remind those calling in
13 to please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating
14 your wish to comment. And for those who just called in,
15 please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you
16 wish to comment.

17 Chair, we do not have any raised hands at this time.

18 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

19 MS. MANOFF: Oh.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

21 MS. MANOFF: Spoke too soon.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

23 MS. MANOFF: Caller 6492, if you'll please follow
24 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 6492,
25 you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions.



1 Your speaker order number will be number 38. If you'll
2 please make note of that for future reference. Please
3 let the mapper know what area you would like to have
4 brought up on the map. With that, the floor is yours.

5 Sorry. We're having a small earthquake. Sorry.
6 That's why I was thrown off right now. So caller --

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, wow.

8 MS. MANOFF: -- 6492 please go ahead. Caller 6492,
9 you are unmuted. Go ahead. Caller 6492, if you will
10 talk, you are unmuted. Go ahead. Caller with the
11 last --

12 ISABELLA: Hello.

13 MS. MANOFF: Hello. Go ahead.

14 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes, can you hear me?

15 MS. MANOFF: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead.

16 ISABELLA: Hi. My name is Isabella,
17 I-S-A-B-E-L-L-A. I am calling about the two cities east
18 of the 57, Placentia and Yorba Linda.

19 Good evening, commissioners. I am a resident of
20 Placentia. And I am speaking today to express support to
21 keep the community east of the 57 together in federal and
22 state districts. As you can see on the map, the 57
23 corridor is the main thoroughfare between the northern
24 part of the County toward the County Central area. The
25 City of Placentia is almost completely east of the 57, so



1 is the City of Yorba Linda. And communities east of the
2 57 are very different from those of the west. The
3 communities west of the freeway are most urban like,
4 denser, and more diverse, where the communities of the
5 east of the freeway are more suburban. Placentia shares
6 both school district and water district with the City of
7 Yorba Linda. These cities share -- should definitely
8 stay together. They share many similar -- similar
9 interests between communities and those further along the
10 Foothills, such as Anaheim, Tustin, and Orange. All of
11 these east of the 57 make a strong case for a cohesive
12 district.

13 Thank you for your time and for listening to my
14 comments. I hope the redistricting commission is able to
15 keep these communities together. Have a great day.

16 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

17 MS. MANOFF: Hi. Live action earthquake. All
18 right. For those calling in, please press star nine to
19 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Please
20 press star nine, indicating you wish to comment. And we
21 do have a caller with their hand raised. 5621 will be --
22 if you'll follow the prompts. Press star six to unmute.
23 Caller 5621, you are unmuted. If you'll -- your speaker
24 order number will be number 39. If you'll please make
25 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please



1 let the mapper know what area you would like brought up
2 on the map to discuss. With that, the floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. So first I would like
4 to discuss the area around Westminster and Garden Grove.
5 I think it's important to keep the Asian communities in
6 that area, including Fountain Valley, Cypress Point, and
7 Park all together in one district. I know last time the
8 commission did not do that. I'm not sure why. But I
9 think it's important those communities are kept together,
10 based on having similar ethnicity.

11 Another part of the map I would like to discuss is
12 the coastal cities, Seal Beach, going down to San
13 Clemente is a similar area with lots of beach cities,
14 similar suburban-style housing, similar ethnic groups
15 that should be kept together. And also, another
16 community to talk about, the previous -- one of the
17 callers to before me mentioned Long Beach. And I agree
18 with her that area should definite -- Long Beach should
19 be kept whole. And it -- it goes best with the Long
20 Beach port area, which contains San Pedro and Wilmington.
21 So it's important to keep those communities together.
22 And yeah, that's -- that's it.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much for
24 your call.

25 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Up next, we have



1 caller 1888. If you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute. Caller 1888, your speaker order number will be
3 40. If you will please make note of that for future
4 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
5 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the
6 floor is yours.

7 MR. LONG: I would like to discuss Orange County in
8 California. I -- my name is Joe Long. I am a former
9 member of the California Language Accessibility Advisory
10 Committee. And I would like to bring to your attention
11 the increases in the Vietnamese language communities
12 within the last ten years, especially in the Orange
13 County and Santa Clara County. One particular district
14 that I would like to bring your attention to is Assembly
15 District 72. Currently, the population of the Vietnamese
16 community in this particular district is 130,000, with --
17 with the large increase of 100,000 within the last ten
18 years. I think there might have been redistricting for
19 this particular district. That's why it shows a large
20 jump in the Vietnamese community in this particular
21 district. All the districts in Orange County now have a
22 large Vietnamese population, with a large increase within
23 the last ten years.

24 I used the American survey by the Census using the
25 data from 2010. I understand Census 2020 is not



1 available yet. So I was using only the data from 2019 to
2 calculate the changes, the increases. So I would like to
3 bring to your attention the rapid and sizable increases
4 in the Vietnamese community in Orange County and in Santa
5 Clara County, in Alameda County. I already submitted my
6 report to your website. I hope you will take a look at
7 my report. Thank you very much.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for calling
9 in. And we will certainly be taking a look at those
10 submissions.

11 MS. MANOFF: I'd like to remind those calling in,
12 please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you
13 wish to comment, please press star nine. Thank you so
14 much. Caller 8093, please follow the prompts to unmute
15 by pressing star six. Caller 8093, you are currently
16 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 41.
17 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
18 And if you'll please let the mappers know what area you
19 would like to discuss today. With that, the floor is
20 yours.

21 ROBERT: Perfect. Thanks so much. My name is
22 Robert. And I live in Irvine, specifically in the Oak
23 Creek neighborhood near the 405, Sand Canyon, and the
24 Hoag Hospital. And I'm a young professional in the
25 financial sector and a proud UC Irvine alumnus. And I



1 find that my section in Southern Irvine near the freeway
2 is -- it's a fairly fast-paced type of environment. And
3 relative to the quieter and more suburban parts of
4 Northern Irvine above the 5, and specifically it's faster
5 paced, as in dominated by the UC Irvine campus. It has a
6 high concentration of rental units and has a significant
7 commercial activity, whether it's office complexes, the
8 hospitality sector. And in general, is the more
9 commercial district than the Northern Irvine, where it's
10 quieter, more suburban and more likely that the people
11 there own their homes, whereas Southern Irvine is more of
12 a rental and younger community. We like being near the
13 freeway. We like being close to the beach. And we
14 consider our -- we identify ourselves more with the
15 coastal area of Orange County, as opposed to say Oak --
16 say from the neighborhoods that are closer to the
17 Foothills, such as Orchard Hills.

18 So with that in mind, I feel like it would be very
19 important to retain the district lines that were already
20 made in -- in 2012, in terms of grouping Southern Irvine
21 with a likeminded and faster-paced district, like -- like
22 the coastal Orange County. So for example, with the 74th
23 District, maintain the character of that area. And yeah,
24 please include South Irvine with the communities near
25 the -- near Newport Beach and Costa Mesa and Laguna



1 Beach, since those areas share our world much more than
2 those who live in Northern Irvine. Thank you.

3 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. All right.

4 Caller 1393, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute at this time by pressing star six. Caller 1393,
6 you are currently unmuted. Your speaker order number
7 will be number 42. If you'll please let the mapper know
8 what area you would like to discuss. With that, the
9 floor is yours.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Hello.

11 MS. MANOFF: Yes. Go ahead.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes. Hi. My name is Mario Gonzalez.
13 And I'm a resident of Long Beach. And I've been here in
14 Long Beach my entire life, which is thirty-nine years.
15 And a little bit, just I wanted to say that, you know, as
16 a person that's from Long Beach and that's been involved
17 in my community with neighbors, different neighborhood
18 associations, different nonprofits. I'm currently the
19 chair of Centro CHA, which is the largest Latino-serving
20 agency here in our city.

21 I came to speak today in strong support of keeping
22 Long Beach together in Congress and in state districts.
23 I believe that by doing so it'll preserve the geographic
24 and demographic integrity of my city and my neighborhood
25 and for myself and also my neighbors, and allow for our



1 unique strength as a city to contribute to the success of
2 California. For the past two district -- districting
3 cycles, the City has largely kept intact, with a vast
4 majority of the Long Beach represented by prominent
5 seats. I ask that the Commission to keep Long Beach
6 together when drawing the lines. Thank you so much for
7 allowing me to speak.

8 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

9 MS. MANOFF: And that was all of our public comment
10 at this time, Chair. And Chair, you are on mute.

11 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, I apologize for that.
12 Thank you so much. Katy, can I ask you to read the
13 instructions for a general public comment?

14 MS. MANOFF: Absolutely. In order to maximize
15 transparency and public participation in our process, the
16 commissioners will be taking general public comment by
17 phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
18 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
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20 feed. It is 98685577200 for this meeting. When prompted
21 to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.
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23 indicate you wish to comment, please press star nine.
24 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is
25 your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the



1 host would like you to talk, and to press star six to
2 speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
3 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
4 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
5 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent
6 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you
7 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your
8 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the
9 livestream volume.

10 And at this time, we do not have anyone in the
11 queue, Chair.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. We will go ahead
13 and wait for a little while and see if anyone else calls
14 in. We certainly had a flurry of calls and -- when we
15 started this session. So hopefully, we'll have a few
16 more folks trickle in. While we have this time, I'm
17 happy to take the lead from Commissioner Akutagawa and
18 see if we have any additional stories that anyone might
19 want to share about Orange County travels or adventures?

20 Commissioner Sinay? Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Why don't we talk about our
22 favorite earthquake story, as long as we're in earthquake
23 mode?

24 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, my goodness. Yes. Well,
25 I'm -- I was so shocked, actually, to hear that there was



1 an earthquake happening in Sacramento. And it sounds
2 like it was felt in San Jose and other places. Is that a
3 fair assumption? I can't see everybody's hands.

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I can tell you there was
6 a -- it was a 4.8 in Farmington, California. That was
7 the first one that hit. It was a -- basically, it's east
8 of Stockton. But then, there was a 5.9 in northern Mono
9 County. And that was kind of about five -- about seven
10 minutes later. And then, that was Falls. We've all had
11 an aftershock after that. So I have lots of earthquake
12 stories, wonderful, wonderful and scary. But I just
13 thought I'd give you a quick update on exactly what was
14 felt. So it obviously rocked our Sacramento office. I
15 didn't feel it in Berkeley. But not that -- that doesn't
16 surprise me. I would wonder if Commissioner Turner was
17 around and where she felt that one.

18 So anyway, but let's hear what other people felt or
19 other stories.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it's just a few miles
21 east of Stockton is where the earthquake was centered. I
22 felt it here really strongly. I'm up, you know, twenty
23 miles further south, probably. But she must have felt it
24 pretty good.

25 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Wow. Incredible. And I'm

1 noticing Commissioner Turner is not on right now. So I
2 hope -- I do hope that she is safe and doing well. I do
3 see a couple of callers who are joining the queue.

4 Katy, do you want to give instructions for folks who
5 are calling in?

6 MS. MANOFF: Yes, Chair. For those calling in,
7 please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you
8 wish to comment. And caller 4310, I do see your hand.
9 And caller 3111, I see your hand as well. Caller 4310,
10 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this
11 time. And caller 4310, you are unmuted. I have a couple
12 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be
13 number 43, if you will please make note of that for
14 future reference. And if there's an area you would like
15 to discuss and have brought up on the map, please let the
16 mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor
17 is yours.

18 MS. YOW: Thank you. Thank you for -- for hosting
19 this. My name is Jocelyn Yow. I am the mayor for the
20 City of Eastvale, specifically in Riverside County. And
21 I do want to advocate for us to stay -- to keep the City
22 together. And it is crucial that we do that. We are a
23 young city. We are only ten -- eleven years old this
24 year. But we are growing rapidly. And we are a very
25 diverse community. And by staying together, we can



1 thrive together. And there are things that we still need
2 as a city, as a community, whether it be a library or
3 the -- the sheriff's substation. But those are the
4 qualities and things that we have been advocating for
5 together as the City, as a community. So I cannot
6 emphasize enough the importance of keeping us together as
7 a city and to not separate us. So that's -- that's my
8 comment. And thank you again for -- for taking the time
9 to do this and to hear from us.

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Wonderful. Thank you so much.

11 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Up next, we have
12 called 3111. If you could please follow the prompts to
13 unmute. Caller 3111, you are currently unmuted. Your
14 speaker order number will be number 44. If you will
15 please make note of that for future reference. If
16 there's an area on the map you would like brought up to
17 discuss, please let the mapper know what that area is.
18 And with that, the floor is yours.

19 MS. FEENEY: Thank you so much for allowing me to
20 participate. My name is Linda Feeney (ph.). And I live
21 in North Orange County in -- in Brant. And I'm wanting
22 to express my support of keeping communities east of the
23 57 Freeway together for federal and state districts.
24 I -- I live in the 39th Congressional District, the 29th
25 State Senate District, the 55th State Assembly District,



1 all of which straddle three counties currently. The San
2 Bernardino County portion -- it's my belief, the San
3 Bernardino County portion of the districts are better
4 suited to be redistricted with either San Bernardino
5 County -- with other San Bernardino County communities.
6 And communities like La Habra and Brea have -- and
7 Fullerton have very different interests than those of
8 other communities in our district, especially,
9 specifically, Yorba Linda and Placentia.

10 If you look at a map, there's the 57 Corridor. It's
11 the main thoroughfare between the northern part of the
12 County and the County Central area. And Yorba Linda and
13 Placentia are really bounded by the 91 Freeway. So you
14 have the communities. East of the 57 Freeway are very
15 different than those to the west. The west of the
16 freeway are denser, more diverse, and tend to favor
17 government programs, and can utilize government programs,
18 such as medical care, for instance. And the freeways to
19 the other side of the freeway are much, much more
20 suburban in area. In addition, the City of Placentia
21 shares both the school district and a water district with
22 the City of Yorba Linda. There are -- these two cities
23 share a lot of interest.

24 And so I'm hoping that when you make a division
25 of -- and look at the 39th -- current 39th Congressional



1 District, you will look favorably upon keeping the
2 communities east of the 57 freeway intact, and place
3 Placentia and Yorba Linda to the west with Anaheim Hills,
4 Villa Park, Tustin, and Orange. And I want to thank you
5 very much for letting me have my comments today. Thank
6 you.

7 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

8 MS. FEENEY: I'm all finished.

9 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. Up next, we have
10 caller 4068. If you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute. Caller 4068, your speaker order number will be
12 number 45, if you'll please make note of that for future
13 reference. And if you'll let the mapper know if there's
14 an area you would like to discuss. And with that, the
15 floor is yours.

16 MS. WOO: Thank you very much for the opportunity to
17 speak. My name is Jackie Woo. And I live in Orange
18 County. Today, I'm here to share public comment on
19 Little Saigon. Specifically, there is an interest in
20 wanting to keep the cities of Westminster, Fountain
21 Valley, and Garden Grove intact and preferably together
22 in any drawing, if possible, given the large Vietnamese
23 population in these cities. There is a shared culture,
24 community history, holidays that they all celebrate, and
25 traditions, and even food. In the questionnaire, there

1 was mention of some other jurisdictions that may be along
2 with those -- this drawing.

3 So I have a suggestion of perhaps Stanton, some
4 parts of Santa Ana and Huntington Beach. I think, that
5 if you -- the further you go down along the coast, it
6 wouldn't make sense to keep west Little Saigon, such as
7 Newport Beach, including Del Mar or Irvine. And yes, the
8 community has come together in the past to forge
9 community identity. So I think that that is an
10 indication of them wanting to stick together. That's all
11 for my public input. Thank you very much.

12 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

13 MS. MANOFF: Thank you so much. And that was all of
14 our public comment at this time.

15 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. Well, since we
16 have read the call for general public comment, let's
17 stand at ease for two minutes, just to see if we have any
18 additional -- additional callers who are trying to call
19 in.

20 MS. MANOFF: Yes, Chair.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. HOPKINS: And that's two minutes, Chair.

23 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So why don't we go to a
24 five-minute video. And we'll see if we have any final
25 callers at that time.



1 MS. MANOFF: Sounds good, Chair.

2 (Video played)

3 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you. And welcome
4 back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
5 Community Input Session, focused on Orange County.

6 Katy, could you read the instructions for general
7 public comment one last time?

8 MS. MANOFF: Would you like the full instructions or
9 the abbreviated, Chair?

10 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: I think the abbreviated should
11 be fine.

12 MS. MANOFF: The Commission will now take public
13 comment by phone. To give a comment, please call 877-
14 853-5247. Enter the meeting ID number 98685577200. Once
15 you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter the
16 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at
17 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the
18 livestream landing page.

19 We do not have any callers at this time.

20 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Great. We will wait
21 for that just to catch up on the livestream. And in the
22 meantime, I will just remind folks, anyone that's
23 listening, that we again, have a busy week coming up. We
24 have two community-of-interest input meeting -- public
25 input meetings scheduled, one this Saturday, July 10th at



1 10 a.m. focused on Imperial and San Diego counties and
2 the surrounding areas, with registration closing at 5
3 p.m. today. So that's very soon. Then, make sure to get
4 registered, if you -- if you intend to give input. It
5 will be followed by another community-of-interest meeting
6 on Monday, July 12th at 10 a.m., with a meeting focused
7 on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin,
8 Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties and the surrounding
9 areas. Registration for the Monday meeting closes this
10 Saturday at 5 p.m.

11 Our next business meeting is on Tuesday, July 13th,
12 at 4 p.m. You are not required to make an appointment to
13 provide input at the community-of-interest meetings.
14 However, it is recommended. You can also call in the day
15 of the meeting. At this time all of our meetings are
16 still held virtually, so anyone in California can provide
17 input. Please go to our website at wedrawthelinesca.org
18 for meeting information. And again, as a reminder,
19 requests for interpretation must be submitted at least
20 five business days prior to the meeting. At this time,
21 you can submit your request via email to
22 interpreter.request@CRC.ca.gov on the COI meeting
23 appointment form, or you can call our office at 916-323-
24 0323.

25 And Katy, do we have any final callers at this time?



1 MS. MANOFF: We do not, Chair.

2 VICE CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. So with that, we will
3 bring this meeting to an adjournment. Thank you all so
4 much for participating. And we will see you on Saturday.

5 (Whereupon, the Communities Of Interest Meeting
6 adjourned.)

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