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9:29 a.m.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Welcome to our California  
3 Redistricting Commission Business Meeting. And we will  
4 open with roll call, please.  
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6 MS. MANOFF: Good morning, Commissioners.

7 Commissioner Vazquez. No?

8 Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

10 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Ahmad?

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

13 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

15 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Alic -- Fernández?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

17 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I am here.

19 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

21 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Le Mons?

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here. Here.

23 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

25 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Sinay?



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

2 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Taylor.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

4 MS. MANOFF: Commissioner Toledo?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

6 MS. MANOFF: And Commissioner Turner.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I am here. And with  
8 that, I'm going to turn it over to the Vice Chair.

9 MS. MANOFF: And we have a quorum.

10 CHAIR TURNER: All right. Thank you, everyone. And  
11 thanks for joining us. It's nice to see everyone after  
12 so long. Let's see. Just we are called to order. I'm  
13 going to go ahead and start with the executive director's  
14 report.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Commissioners. It's  
16 been a while since I've seen you last, so I'm excited to  
17 see everyone here. So thank you. Let me start off by  
18 letting you know that at the last commission meeting, you  
19 approved the hiring of a staff service manager. Today, I  
20 would now like to formally introduce to you our new SSM  
21 I, staff service manager I, Corina Leon.

22 She started her role on August 3rd and has been  
23 working with staff to learn different activities we are  
24 working on that will transition over to her in January.  
25 That includes accounting, budgeting, contracts, and other



1 administrative activities. She brings with her a wealth  
2 of state service experience and project management  
3 experience from the IT world. She has a great can-do  
4 attitude and always looks for alternative solutions to  
5 problems. Please join me in welcoming Corina Leon as our  
6 new SSM I.

7 And Corina, would you like to share just a few  
8 words?

9 MS. LEON: Oh, yes. Thank you. Thank you, Alvaro.  
10 I would just like to thank everyone for this opportunity.  
11 I'm very excited to bring my years of IT and accounting  
12 and managerial experience to this role. And Alvaro and  
13 Raul and Terry (ph.), all the staff, have been very  
14 generous and committed to making sure I'm -- I have what  
15 I need to support you when they offboard.

16 So anyway, I wanted to thank all of you for this  
17 opportunity, and I very much look forward to working with  
18 you all.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you, Corina. I'm  
20 going to go ahead and move on. You will find on our  
21 handouts -- or under our handouts today, hiring time  
22 lines. Commissioner Kennedy had requested them to  
23 include in his Lessons Learned report, but I thought it'd  
24 be useful to share it with everyone, so it is available  
25 as a handout.



1           It has executive level hirings, and it shows kind of  
2 the time line when the hirings took place. We also have  
3 the administrative staff and the hiring time frames for  
4 that. And then finally, the outreach staff and the time  
5 frames for that. So I won't share that because we do  
6 have other things that we want to get to, but if you have  
7 any questions, please feel free to send me an email or  
8 ask during this meeting as you get a chance to take a  
9 look at that information.

10           Moving on, I wanted to talk a little bit about some  
11 outstanding -- or just updates on some issues. For  
12 example, our transcripts. We've received most of our  
13 transcripts that were -- have not been transcribed.  
14 There may be a few that are missing that we're just  
15 cleaning up. All of our 2020 has been completed and our  
16 vendor is going through our meeting videos and actually  
17 listening through our videos for those that were missing  
18 from 2021.

19           So we'll be going through the website, making sure  
20 that they're posted. There's a handful that are not yet  
21 posted. We're going to clean that up and make sure that  
22 we're not missing any of them. So just wanted to give  
23 you an update on that. Move that along.

24           As far as the website, Martin has been working on  
25 building the 2020 website in the new state templates to



1 transition our NationBuilder platform to the CA.gov  
2 platform. So that is moving along. He's done most of  
3 the work and transitioned it over. He'll be working with  
4 the Website Committee to review, take a look at that  
5 information for them to then presented to the commission.

6 We are trying to make sure that it has a similar  
7 color scheme as we currently have and the layout is as  
8 much what it currently is as possible so that it helps us  
9 and the public transition to the new template. Our main  
10 goal is to ensure that the content is available and  
11 reflects the work of this commission to create the maps.  
12 It's kind of a place in history, all the things that were  
13 done to complete the maps. We will continue to work with  
14 the Website Subcommittee to provide updates and  
15 additional information as they become available.

16 Moving on to the database, as I had mentioned at the  
17 previous meeting, we are looking at long-term database  
18 solutions beyond Airtable to store our public testimony  
19 that we received and to improve access for the use of the  
20 public. We met with the Cybersecurity Subcommittee to  
21 discuss data storage, our possible security issues,  
22 possible solutions, and next steps to move forward.

23 Our goal with the proposed solution is to provide  
24 secure storage for CRC data in one location. That  
25 includes the public testimony and the commission videos





1 among others. The maintenance and security of the data  
2 is another concern, and its access to be easy for the  
3 data that we currently have in Airtable. So those are  
4 the things that we're kind of focusing on. With that,  
5 I'm going to defer to the Cybersecurity Subcommittee to  
6 share more information on our discussion and our proposed  
7 solutions.

8       Moving on to State Archives, I wanted to share that  
9 staff has been communicating with State Archives  
10 regarding our website files and other files, and we are  
11 ready to send to them. We are waiting to figure out the  
12 best way in which to send them or transfer the files. We  
13 have a large volume of files, and they're not easily  
14 transferable via email. So we're looking at possible  
15 options to transfer that information, including our  
16 videos.

17       Currently, those videos are stored within our  
18 videographer services, and they're large files. So we're  
19 trying to figure out how to do that. Our proposed  
20 solution for the data storage would allow for those  
21 videos to be housed potentially within that data storage  
22 solution and make it much easier and accessible to  
23 everyone from there. So that's part of the reason that  
24 we're looking at those solutions.

25       We did ask for a listing of materials from the 2010



1 from the State Archives and received some information.  
2 This morning, I posted three different documents. One of  
3 them is the instructions on how to use the State Archives  
4 to access the 2010 CRC information. And then the other  
5 two documents are just report details of the CRC 2010  
6 information for you to use or reference moving forward.

7 Let's see. Are there any questions? I think I see  
8 Commissioner Kennedy.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy,  
10 I see your hand up.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you very much. One  
12 further question on this. You know, I'm very happy to  
13 hear that all of this has been happening in the  
14 background, and it seems like we're making good progress.

15 One of the items that a number of people had  
16 inquired about, and I would certainly endorse, is finding  
17 a way to also include the content from the recruitment  
18 website, the -- what was it? The California State  
19 Auditor's website that was set up for the recruitment of  
20 this commission because that really and truly is an  
21 integral part of this cycle's redistricting process.

22 And I do believe that also needs to be available  
23 since it's already been taken, Shape California's Future.  
24 So since it's already been taken down from its original  
25 location, I would hope that we can find a way to include

1 it in this new iteration of our website. Thank you.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
3 We'll look into that. I know that the documents -- many  
4 of the documents that were posted, we do have those, and  
5 we'll be including those as part of our archived  
6 information. But we'll reach out to State Auditors to  
7 get more information if we don't have what they were  
8 posting or what they had on their website at the time.  
9 So thank you for that.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Just for clarification,  
11 Commissioner Kennedy, are you also suggesting that the  
12 website as it stood when the recruitment was happening  
13 should also be part of the, I guess, data or documents or  
14 material that should be also either transferred to the  
15 archives along with our website?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, I think it would be  
17 CSA's responsibility to ensure that that is transferred  
18 to the archives. I'm talking about the public access,  
19 and there does seem to be interest out among the public  
20 in having ongoing access to the Shape California's Future  
21 website.

22 You know, while we're on that, I've also, you know,  
23 consistently advocated for restoring as much of the 2010  
24 website as possible. You know, I am fully supportive.  
25 I've advocating for, you know, the rights to people with

1 disabilities for more than a decade. But I don't think  
2 that website accessibility standards should preclude us  
3 from ensuring that what existed as far as the 2010  
4 Commission's website before we took office remains  
5 available to people.

6 Again, that's an important part of the historic  
7 record, and I think we need to find a way with the State  
8 to say, this is not a living website, this is an historic  
9 resource, and people have a right to have ongoing access  
10 to that historic resource. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Kennedy. Executive Director Hernandez, do you have  
13 anything else that you want to report on?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, I have a few more things to  
15 report on.

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: And thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
18 We'll make note of that. I wanted to update you on the  
19 fund request. We met with legislative staff and JLBC  
20 in -- two weeks ago to discuss our request for funds and  
21 our legal services contract. We just met with the  
22 Department of Finance yesterday, and we are continuing to  
23 work through and make sure that all the T's and I's are  
24 crossed.

25 This process is very different from what happened in



1 2010, and so this is new ground that we're treading. And  
2 so we want to make sure that we have all our T's and I's  
3 taken care of. So more information will come on that.  
4 We're still pursuing it, and it is still in the works.

5 I also wanted to bring up this issue for you to  
6 consider a full-on agenda item and discussion at a future  
7 commission meeting, not today. We have other things to  
8 discuss today. But as you know, moving forward, the  
9 commission has very limited funds available to work with.  
10 And so beginning on fiscal year '23/'24 and thereafter,  
11 the Commission was only funded for four commission  
12 meetings per year. That does not include any of the  
13 subcommittee work or anything like that.

14 So I want to bring it up for the discussion and to  
15 start thinking of how and what the Commission is going to  
16 be doing for the next eight years. So I just wanted to  
17 uplift that as a conversation for later.

18 And with that Chair and Vice Chair, I -- that  
19 concludes my report unless there's any questions.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I see that Commissioner  
21 Fernández has a question for you.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Sorry. I have to get used  
23 to this, where -- which button I push. Just a couple of  
24 things. Thank you for the updates on the fund request.  
25 I am concerned that it's been, I guess, probably two

1 months since we submitted that request. So I'm --  
2 hopefully with the chair's permission, I think I would  
3 need to track this closely within the next two weeks  
4 because it's obviously taken too long, and we do need to  
5 know what our status is with our request.

6 And then secondly, with limited funds, I'm just  
7 going to ask Executive Director Hernandez, is now the  
8 time that we should talk about submitting a budget change  
9 proposal? Sorry I've been out of the process for a  
10 while, but I do know that we did submit a budget change  
11 proposal for this year. We did get some funding, and for  
12 future years it wasn't approved. I kind of understand  
13 why because the timing of it. So is now the appropriate  
14 time for us to start that process again?

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: It is the time to start working on  
16 that information. I don't have the specific time frames.  
17 I believe it was January, February when we had to submit  
18 that. I'll have to circle back on that time frame for  
19 you to make sure, but we want to make sure we start  
20 getting all our information together.

21 And that's why I think it's important to start  
22 having those discussions moving forward, you have a Plan  
23 A and also a Plan B. And also the fact that the majority  
24 of the staff will be offboarding in December. And so you  
25 have us now. Let's try to work it out as much now before



1 we're offboarded.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Fernández, are  
3 you -- is this something that you would do as part of the  
4 Finance and Administration Committee?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I think we did it as a  
6 long-term planning, didn't we? I don't remember. I'd  
7 have to ask Commissioner Fornaciari, but I think it was  
8 part of the Long-Term Planning --

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- because we looked at the  
11 future years.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And in terms of the budget  
14 change proposal, it is correct that we did work on it in  
15 January, February. That's kind of -- it's a different  
16 process and time line than other state agencies. Other  
17 state agencies actually start working on it now so that  
18 it's included in the governor's budget -- hopefully  
19 including the governor's budget in January. So if you  
20 wouldn't mind looking into that to see if maybe we can  
21 get on that timetable instead of trying to do it at the  
22 end. Thank you so much.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Fernández. Commissioner Kennedy?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,



1 working on the Lessons Learned report, it's clear and it  
2 will be clear to everyone when we have a draft out later  
3 in the year, there are a lot of things that we believe we  
4 can do to help prepare for the 2030 Commission's work  
5 that would leave them in much better shape when they get  
6 started, especially given that they're going to have a  
7 shorter time frame, or we expect them to have a shorter  
8 time frame.

9       So you know, and I'm -- we're almost finished with  
10 the -- I'm almost finished with the coding of the input  
11 so that if there is a need for a listing of tasks that we  
12 see for ourselves, beginning more or less five years from  
13 now, going up to -- leading up to the handover to the  
14 2030 Commission, I'd be happy to produce that kind of  
15 list so that that can be part of the justification if  
16 we're looking at funding, you know, for that period that  
17 would start probably in 2027. Thanks.

18       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
19 Kennedy. Any other questions? Okay. Seeing none. All  
20 right.

21       Okay. Just for clarity, I just want to make sure.  
22 So Commissioner Fernández, is your -- is it best to start  
23 this budget change process conversation as part of -- I  
24 just want to make sure. I hear what you said. Some of  
25 the conversation did take place as the Long-Term Planning



1 because we were looking further out.

2 On this specific budget change process, I think that  
3 was included separately as Finance and Administration  
4 Committee. So I think just for clarity and transparency,  
5 is this something that you would do under Finance and  
6 Administration? So I guess that would include  
7 Commissioner Fornaciari. Or would it be something that  
8 would be done under Long-Term Planning, which would then  
9 be you and I?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I think, either way. I  
11 don't know if Commissioner Fornaciari would like to just  
12 jump on board. We do have the information already from  
13 the Long-Term Planning. That is what we submitted. So  
14 we do have what our request would be unless it's changed  
15 in some way. So I mean, at this point I'm kind of in the  
16 middle.

17 So if I work with you, Commissioner Akutagawa, or  
18 Commissioner Fornaciari, either way is a win for me, so  
19 you two can fight it out.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll do whatever  
21 Commissioner Fernández wants me to do.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Do you think Finance and  
23 Admin, maybe? Should we move it over? I'm sorry. I'm  
24 directing it to Executive Director Hernandez.

25 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: He looks like he wants to

1 comment, too.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. No, I just got confirmation  
4 from Terry that the Department of Finance has already  
5 bookmarked us for late September, early October for the  
6 initial submission. Obviously, it takes a lot of back  
7 and forth from that point forward, but that's the time  
8 frame that we're looking at now, September and early  
9 October, for it to go formal in January.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. I  
11 think I'm going to take the prerogative, and I'm going to  
12 say that since the previous budget change process was  
13 worked out between Finance and Administration, I'm going  
14 to ask Commissioner Fornaciari, he looked like he was  
15 ready to go and help out.

16 So Commissioner Fernández, I'm going to -- I'm going  
17 to delegate this to the Finance and Administration  
18 Committee. Thank you, both, for working on this for us.

19 All right. All right. So let's go to the next --  
20 Chief Counsel's report. And then I believe, after that,  
21 Commissioner Turner -- or Chair Turner is ready to take  
22 back over. I do want to just state so that everybody is  
23 aware, after Chief Counsel does his report, we will vote  
24 on accepting the reports. I did also -- it's been a  
25 while. I did forget to ask for announcements. So after

1 Chief Counsel gives his report, then we'll come back to  
2 announcements, and then we'll turn it over to Chair  
3 Turner.

4 And Commissioner Sinay, I see that you have your  
5 hand up.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted, just so that it's  
7 public, that I still am missing some of my reimbursement  
8 checks -- travel reimbursement checks, especially my  
9 September one, which was my biggest one. I have spoken  
10 to Corina, but it's just kind of ridiculous that it's  
11 taken over a year. And I just wanted to check if anybody  
12 else was still missing some.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So far, it doesn't look like  
14 it.

15 Executive Director Hernandez, perhaps you could just  
16 follow up and help facilitate this for Commissioner  
17 Sinay. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: I'm missing some as well. But part  
19 of that is, you know, something that I may not have  
20 followed up on. But yeah. I'm missing some as well,  
21 Commissioner Sinay.

22 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Great. Thank you.  
23 And I believe Commissioner Taylor may also be missing  
24 some reimbursements as well, too. So Executive Director  
25 Hernandez, we have at least three that need to be

1 followed up on as well, too, so.

2 All right. Let's go to -- let's go to Chief  
3 Counsel. Is anybody else missing? Anybody wants to say?

4 Commissioner Yee, are you also missing  
5 reimbursements, too?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Going back to November.

7 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So we now have four.  
8 And it looks like Commissioner Toledo?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. I am, too, but it's  
10 not --

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- a rush.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. We're up to five now.  
14 Okay. So quite a few have missing reimbursements. So  
15 we'll try to -- Executive Director Hernandez, I hope that  
16 we can get these resolved sooner rather than later,  
17 especially given that staff is going to be offboarding up  
18 for you very soon, and we would prefer not to have to  
19 transfer that over to our new SSM manager.

20 Okay. Let's go back to our Chief Counsel's report.

21 MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair. Good morning,  
22 everyone. Good to see everyone. One issue I did want to  
23 bring up, and it's not particularly significant, more of  
24 the typical State Department bureaucracy. The next  
25 meeting -- not this meeting, but next meeting, Chief

1 Counsel's report will be providing an update, and we'll  
2 probably be seeking your approval to pursue an amendment  
3 to the Department's -- or the Commission's conflict of  
4 interest code.

5 Just as a heads up, the change is not going to  
6 affect disclosure status for any of the commissioners.  
7 It is simply a change to staff as to the level of  
8 disclosure and the appropriate categories. But we are  
9 going to seek approval for you to delegate to the  
10 Executive Director to make that change, and we'll want to  
11 make sure that we have that approval first before we  
12 start that process.

13 With that, that's all I have, but I'm happy to  
14 answer any questions anybody has.

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chief Counsel.  
16 Okay. I'm not seeing any hands raised. Okay. Let's go  
17 ahead and let's -- we need to take a vote to accept the  
18 reports. And also we -- or not accept the reports. We  
19 need to take public comment, sorry. Not votes. Public  
20 comment.

21 So I will ask, Katy, if you could, if you could call  
22 for public comment before we move on.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The  
24 Commission will now take public comment on agenda item  
25 number two. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247

1 and enter the meeting ID number 81282239720. Once you  
2 have dialed in, please press star nine to enter the  
3 comment queue. The full call-in instructions -- oh. No,  
4 no, no. I apologize. And for those that had called in  
5 at the start of the meeting, if you do wish to make  
6 comment at this time, please press star nine. This will  
7 raise your hand.

8 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised hands  
9 or new callers. We'll give them a few minutes.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Katy, has the instructions  
11 also finished scrolling on the screen?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions have  
13 completed, Chair. And we still do not have any raised  
14 hands.

15 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you very much.  
16 All right. We will go ahead and move back up. It's been  
17 a minute for me, so I did forget to call for any  
18 announcements or sharing from the commissioners at the  
19 very top of the agenda. So I will call for any sharing  
20 or announcements, anything that the commissioners want  
21 to -- want to share with all of us and the public. And  
22 then after this, I will turn it over to Chair Taylor.

23 Okay. Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll start it off, but three of  
25 us, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Sadhwani, and I

1 attended -- I call it the democracy conference, but I  
2 forgot the full name. So I'm sure Commissioner Kennedy  
3 can fill you in on the right name. But it was fun to  
4 meet a lot of the democracy advocacy groups, the  
5 individuals that had been calling in, meeting them face-  
6 to-face, even though we were all wearing masks, and just  
7 talking to them and hearing from them.

8 I think one of the panels that all three of us  
9 attended that was kind of surreal for me as having been  
10 more on the other side my whole career was one on where  
11 organizations shared how they did outreach during  
12 redistricting. And it was a mixing of redistricting at  
13 the local level and at the state level.

14 So sometimes we had to parse it out, but it was  
15 interesting how they focused on us and how did -- how did  
16 we let the state commissioners know what we were  
17 thinking. And there's some lessons learned in just  
18 hearing from them that, you know, things that we can  
19 apply in our reports and such.

20 One of the things was we created certain -- and I've  
21 said this over and over again, but it was confirmed by  
22 being at this conference that we created certain  
23 processes, but we didn't create the policy. So for  
24 instance, we said the way to communicate to the  
25 commissioners was through the database.

1           And we created the forms and all the -- and to call  
2 in and stuff. And we were very clear from the very  
3 beginning. We were trained that we can't take  
4 redistricting information via different -- other venues.  
5 But the public noticed, oh, some commissioners are  
6 online. Some commissioners are on Twitter and this. And  
7 so they were purposely sending out saying, hey, these are  
8 the best strategies. And so I think for 2030, they all  
9 just need to create a policy and an agreement and stick  
10 to it.

11           I think the other piece -- and life is going to be  
12 different in 2030 than it was in 2020. And as we talked  
13 at the very beginning, you know, in the world of social  
14 media and technology, you know, we're continuing to  
15 muddle through it, but sharing our lessons learned is  
16 important.

17           There was a lot of excitement about democracy.  
18 There was a lot -- I think one big piece that kept coming  
19 up was what was really difficult for everybody was that  
20 the state redistricting efforts were happening at the  
21 same time as the local redistricting efforts.

22           And usually, the state is mid-August and local is  
23 mid-December, so there's time to parse it out. But that  
24 groups were really stretched and had to choose to either  
25 do one or the other. So just to keep that in mind in the





1 conversations we have later about time lines and  
2 deadlines and stuff like that.

3       They had some great conversation around evaluation  
4 and how they're all doing evaluation that could be  
5 helpful. And one point I really liked was redistricting  
6 is a jackhammer to status quo. And that was from the  
7 Dolores Huerta Foundation. And I love it because I've  
8 been doing a lot of work with different clients around  
9 systems change, and we usually try to make tweaks to the  
10 system.

11       And the reality is the redistricting commission was  
12 actually throwing out the old system and creating a whole  
13 new system. And sometimes that's what you need to do.  
14 And it was just a reminder to continue to embrace how  
15 innovative the folks who created that redistricting  
16 commission and that legislation -- and legislature and  
17 all that were. And that, in the work that we do outside  
18 of the redistricting commission, to sometimes remember  
19 that you need to take a jackhammer to systems and just  
20 rebuild them.

21       I'm going to stop there because I'm sure I've got  
22 tons and tons of notes. One thing that people kept  
23 saying is, we found your conversations around communities  
24 of interest and the playbook very helpful. They found  
25 that us struggling with things was very helpful to watch



1 that in public because then that increased their trust  
2 and understanding of what we were doing and helped them  
3 in their thought process. And I will leave it there.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
5 Sinay. I see Commissioner Fornaciari.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you, Vice Chair  
7 Akutagawa. Let's see. Three of us, myself, Commissioner  
8 Akutagawa, and Commissioner Sinay, I believe, were  
9 contacted by a consultant, Kathryn Hazelton (ph.). She  
10 is writing a report for Philanthropy California, giving  
11 them feedback on funding for nonprofit work specifically  
12 for redistricting.

13 And so I don't know. Commissioner Sinay and I spoke  
14 with her for a couple of times for an hour each time or  
15 so, maybe. So the first time was even a couple of hours,  
16 but just giving her our thoughts and feedback. And she's  
17 drafted a report with some feedback, and I think, some  
18 really good insights and approaches for the next time  
19 around, and some lessons learned. So just wanted to let  
20 you all know that we participated in that. I'm not sure  
21 when the report will be coming out, but I think she's  
22 doing a nice job.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for sharing that.  
24 I do know that it's in the current draft phases and  
25 are -- she is doing her fact-checking to make sure that

1 what we said was properly represented as well, too. I'm  
2 not sure when it's intended to be released, though.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani, I see you next.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. And hello to  
5 all. Great to see you all. I'm back after a summer not  
6 doing a whole lot of work, which was really nice for  
7 once. But I did want to share a little bit.

8 I think, as I had mentioned previously this fall,  
9 I'm on leave from Pomona College, not teaching, and I  
10 will be a visiting professor at Stanford University's  
11 Bill Lane Center for (indiscernible) with Bruce Cain,  
12 who's a political scientist and a longtime, you know,  
13 person involved in redistricting here in the State of  
14 California.

15 And so a part of that work, we're still kind of  
16 hammering out the details of what exactly that will  
17 entail. Some of what we have discussed is an assessment  
18 of not just California's redistricting process but of  
19 commissions nationally, and doing some writing and  
20 possibly even a survey of that. Though I know that --  
21 and I believe most of you have already talked with  
22 Christian Grose from USC who is, of course, also writing  
23 a report, I believe, in behalf of Common Cause on the  
24 redistricting cycle as well.

25 My understanding is that there's conversations



1 between Professor Grose and Professor Cain to have some  
2 sort of joint meeting or conference. I think all of  
3 those details are still being worked out, and I'm not  
4 terribly involved in them. But I think that there is  
5 some interest in doing some sort of joint meeting for  
6 that, and certainly probably someone else will let you  
7 all know. But if I hear anything, I will certainly let  
8 you know as well because I'm not really organizing all of  
9 that. But I think there's -- there are assessments  
10 underway here in the state as well as nationally.

11 I've also, quite some time ago, I had had a  
12 conversation even with Megan Gall, who of course, had  
13 been crunching a lot of the numbers behind the scenes  
14 from our VRA work, and talking about what is that process  
15 and what might we be able to add to the scholarly  
16 literature about that process.

17 So many conversations underway but not a lot yet  
18 that's formalized, but I'll be happy to kind of report  
19 back and involve anyone who wants to be engaged in that  
20 process.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Thank you, Commissioners  
22 Sadhwani, Fornaciari, and Sinay. And are there any other  
23 announcements before we move?

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Actually.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Vice-Chair Akutagawa.

1           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'll just make one  
2 announcement, myself. And I'm glad that you took over  
3 because then it doesn't make it so awkward. I just  
4 wanted to share with the full commission. I did share  
5 this with Chief Counsel Pane about a email that I  
6 received. It was just one of those blast emails from the  
7 Census.

8           They're taking public comment now around the 2030  
9 census, and my thought in sharing it with him and whether  
10 or not it should be shared with the full commission was  
11 about what we, individually or as a commission, want to  
12 make any comments about the inclusion of federally  
13 incarcerated people numbers in the 2030 census so that,  
14 then, when the 2030 Commission receives numbers, it will,  
15 you know, possibly already be incorporated into the  
16 numbers.

17           I may be representing it wrong, but that was just  
18 generally my intent for sharing that email about the  
19 public notice of taking comments for 2030. Thank you.

20           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari?

21           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just wanted to  
22 comment on Commissioner Sadhwani's idea of working with  
23 Megan Gall to, you know -- I guess my comment is anything  
24 we can do to sort of open the veil on the analysis for  
25 VRA, I think would be helpful and let people help

1 everyone understand a little bit more what is going on  
2 behind the scenes there. So thank you for that.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two things  
5 in relation to -- first of all, in relation to what  
6 Commissioner Akutagawa had mentioned. There's not only  
7 the issue of the federally incarcerated population. I  
8 fully support the Commission, as a whole, taking a  
9 position and submitting it to the Census Bureau in -- as  
10 part of this process.

11 One of the Lessons Learned inputs that I had noted  
12 was that the Commission was interested also in having  
13 some input regarding the treatment of populations  
14 originally from the Middle East and not treating those as  
15 simply white, allowing for a greater understanding of our  
16 population through making a change such as that. So on  
17 both of those counts, I would very much support the  
18 Commission taking a position and sharing it with the  
19 Census.

20 I also wanted to share that there was a recent  
21 posting on Sam Wang's newsletter entitled Gerrymandering  
22 on the Decline. Sam is with the Princeton Gerrymandering  
23 Project, and I read the posting but had a few comments to  
24 share. And I basically ran my thoughts through to Chief  
25 Counsel Pane, and so have -- I have posted a comment to

1 the -- to that article in Sam Wang's newsletter basically  
2 saying, you know, it's not just the fact of having a  
3 citizens commission that, you know, can resolve a lot of  
4 the problems with gerrymandering. It's the actual  
5 parameters that are set for the redistricting process.

6 And that my own sense is that our shared  
7 understanding of and deep commitment to the parameters  
8 set out in the State constitution was the key factor in  
9 our success, not just the fact that we were a citizens  
10 commission. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Excellent. Thank you for that,  
12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 Okay. So with that, on the balance of our day, we  
14 will, to just kind of set expectation for those that are  
15 listening in -- thank you for that -- we will attempt to  
16 go to break by 11:00. We're going to go into our  
17 subcommittee updates. We'll be breaking, of course, by  
18 11.

19 And I do want to announce that, after lunch, which  
20 we're striving for lunch about 12:45, we will go into  
21 closed session so that we can prepare for that. And  
22 we're expecting our closed session to last about an hour,  
23 hour and a half or so. And then we'll be back to  
24 complete our subcommittees. So we will, at this time,  
25 start with our subcommittee updates, and we will begin

1 with Cybersecurity. So Commissioner --

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Taylor?

3 CHAIR TURNER: -- (indiscernible) Commissioner

4 Fornaciari --

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Taylor, do you  
6 want me to go or you? I'll go. That's fine. Is that  
7 okay? Or do you want to go?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. Go ahead, Neal.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm here for support, always.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. So let's  
12 see. As Director Hernandez mentioned in his report,  
13 we're working on identifying a database. They have  
14 identified a database in which to store our data to get  
15 it out of the Airtable and into a database. There's a  
16 state -- let's see. Snowflake is a database that is  
17 supported by the State. You know, the folks who are  
18 going to put our website and help -- or help manage our  
19 website now.

20 And so the plan would be to move the data out of the  
21 Airtable into Snowflake, which again, is already on  
22 contract with the State and supported by the state  
23 entities. And so, you know, and it's fairly reasonably  
24 priced. So but what we need to do is put forward a  
25 contract for -- put out a request for proposals for a





1 contract to put together the -- to have somebody put  
2 together the user interface.

3       So the idea would be to have a similar user  
4 interface -- or similar capabilities that we have now for  
5 folks who search the database, the COI data, and you  
6 know, by all the various fields. Look at the maps, look  
7 at the shapefiles, you know, et cetera. Whatever can be  
8 done now, we want to have that capability for the future.

9       So we wanted to put forward a motion to authorize  
10 the staff to go ahead and put together that request for  
11 proposals. So I'll pause. I see we have a question at  
12 this point.

13       COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: If I can interject just a  
14 little bit. I think one of the key components that we  
15 have to say is that -- is that Snowflake will have the  
16 manpower to man this while we're off. Knowing that we're  
17 going to -- that we're going to scale down our staffing,  
18 Snowflake has the staff to manage this as we move forward  
19 in the next cycle.

20       CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Thank you. Commissioner  
21 Yee?

22       COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Just curious.  
23 So with Airtable, what is the limitation or why the need  
24 to migrate out of it? Thanks.

25       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So it's not -- so Snowflake

1 is supported by the Department of Technology right now.  
2 It's part of a -- it's under state contract, and there  
3 are people who work for the State who can support it.  
4 Airtable is not. And so we will have, you know,  
5 resources that we can reach back to, to make upgrades and  
6 modifications. And if something breaks, they can fix it.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Executive Director Hernandez?

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. The other thing about Airtable  
9 is the cost. I mean, the cost is considerable, and the  
10 cost for this other solution is a lot less. And they do  
11 a lot of the maintenance. Whereas, here with Airtable,  
12 we need to have a technical person to be able to go and  
13 change anything or modify anything. And again, it's just  
14 a table, a database.

15 The other thing, as we're transitioning over to more  
16 of an archive, Airtable's not that product. And right  
17 now, it's just static information, but it's linking to  
18 different sources. We have AWS storage. We have  
19 Microsoft -- our Office 365 where we have some of the  
20 documents that are linked to. So centralizing all the  
21 information in one location would be ideal and also  
22 allowing us to put the links to the videos there is what  
23 we're looking at.

24 And Snowflake, the vendor that we're looking at, has  
25 the capability. We have a tremendous amount of files.

1 And you know, I don't know the terabytes, gigabytes, it's  
2 a large volume of that. And so we need to have somewhere  
3 to store all of that information in one location versus  
4 having it in multiple locations.

5 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And --

7 CHAIR TURNER: -- Fernández?

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm sorry.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead,  
10 Commissioner Taylor.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. My understanding, too,  
12 from the research done by staff, is that the cost to us  
13 will be somewhere between \$300 to \$600. And that's not  
14 counting what may be the cost to build a unit -- a UI  
15 interface, correct, user interface?

16 CHAIR TURNER: Is that correct, Executive Director  
17 Hernandez? He's asking.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: That is correct. Sorry.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

20 Commissioner Fernández? Nope. That's what you  
21 wanted?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I was going to ask about  
23 the cost --

24 CHAIR TURNER: Yep.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- so thank you.



1 CHAIR TURNER: Yep. Beautiful.

2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I was actually asking  
4 about the cost as well. Is that annually or is this a  
5 one-time deal, this 300, 600? And you know, there's an  
6 ongoing cost. Is that to us or, you know, every year,  
7 i.e. items we need to put in our budget for yearly, or is  
8 this something that the State pays for? If you could  
9 give us a bit more information on that, please.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: So if I may, Chair. Sorry.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: The cost is annually for the  
13 Snowflake. Right now, we're paying monthly approximately  
14 \$700 for Airtable. And there's other add-ons that we  
15 have included in there that probably up to \$1,000 that  
16 were -- we're paying for. It would be part of the  
17 Commission funds. We have included those costs in our  
18 estimates, and they were included as part of the BCP, the  
19 funds that we have received.

20 The other part of it, for the UI, we don't know what  
21 the exact amount is going to be, but we do have funds  
22 available for that as part of our website transition.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just want  
25 to make sure that when this RFP goes out, that USDR is



1 among those that would receive it. I mean, we received  
2 such strong support from USDR in getting to where we are,  
3 and you know, their mission is to support entities such  
4 as us in carrying out our mandate. So I would think  
5 that -- and they do so much of their work on a pro bono  
6 basis that that might be a low-cost solution for getting  
7 a user interface developed for the Snowflake backend.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. And with that, there is a  
10 motion on the floor that we would look for second. Can  
11 you repeat the motion, Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Sure. Let me get  
13 it. I didn't actually say that there was a -- the  
14 motion.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Oh. You just said needed one. I  
16 thought you --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We need a motion, yeah.  
18 So here's the motion. I motion to approve staff to  
19 pursue contracting for data storage services for the  
20 website and COI data, including any user interface  
21 services to allow for user access via the CRC website  
22 with necessary vendors.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And I would second that  
24 motion.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Beautiful. So we have a



1 motion and we have a second. And if there's more  
2 discussion, we'll have that, and then we'll go to public  
3 comment before a vote.

4 Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'm having  
6 trouble with the hand motion this time. Yes. I would  
7 like to make sure that our -- who this RFP goes out to is  
8 an extensive list because there's not just, say, state  
9 items, but we have to have -- we have to cover both state  
10 and private. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you for that.

12 Commissioner Fernández?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner  
14 Fornaciari and Taylor, maybe I got confused. But the RFP  
15 process, is the State, the OES or whatever they're  
16 called, they're the ones that send out the RFP and go  
17 through that process, correct? It's not us, right? I  
18 just want to make sure whose responsibility it is. Thank  
19 you.

20 CHAIR TURNER: You're on mute, Commissioner. There  
21 you go.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So the intent --  
23 maybe I misspoke about the process, but the intent is to  
24 give the staff -- allow the staff to go through the  
25 process to get somebody in here to make a UI for us. So

1 I'm not sure exactly what that process is, but.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Executive Director --

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
4 speech) --

5 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Go ahead, Commissioner Taylor  
6 or Executive Director Hernandez. You can respond to  
7 that, and then we have Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. The motion, as I  
9 understand, is to approve staff the ability to seek out  
10 those contracts, to empower them to do so. The  
11 contracting for the data storage services.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And I think there's a  
13 time element involved that would make that beneficial if  
14 that' the wishes and the vote of the Board.

15 Executive Director Hernandez, were you going to add  
16 in to that?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: I was. So this is --

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- a process, an RFP process. We  
20 would have to put a statement of work together and post  
21 it. And we will work with DGS to get that posting. As  
22 far as sending it to individuals or specific groups, we  
23 can then forward the link for them to have access to that  
24 information, but it will be public information. It goes  
25 through a process that is essentially the contracting



1 process.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I  
4 did, indeed, want to distinguish if it is an RFQ or RFP.  
5 That's a very specific process, and I want to make sure  
6 whatever it is, that we're actually voting on the  
7 correct -- what we're saying and voting on is, indeed,  
8 the same thing. And I think Executive Director Hernandez  
9 has clarified that, and I'd be happy to help out with  
10 reviewing any of the wording in that before it goes to  
11 DGS.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Executive Director  
13 Hernandez?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to clarify two  
15 things. The RFP would be a statement of work for the  
16 user interface. As far as Snowflake they are already a  
17 vendor with the State, and we would not need to go  
18 through that process.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Are there any other  
20 questions or comments? Then I'd like to go to public  
21 comment, please.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now  
23 be taking public comment for the motion on the floor. To  
24 give comment, please call 877-853-5247, enter the meeting  
25 ID number, 81282239720. Once you have dialed in, please





1 press star nine to enter the comment queue.

2 At this time we do not have any raised hands, and I  
3 will let you know when the instructions are complete.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And while we're waiting  
5 on that, we'll hear from Executive Director Hernandez.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. I just wanted to ask if  
7 I can share my screen. It has the motion so everyone can  
8 take a look at it.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Please do.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: And Katy, how are we doing on the  
12 announcement on the livestream?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are  
14 complete and we do not have any raised hands at this  
15 time, Chair.

16 CHAIR TURNER: So the motion reads "Motion to  
17 approve staff to pursue contracting for the  
18 (indiscernible) services for the website and COI data,  
19 including any user interface, UI, services to allow for  
20 user access via the CRC website with necessary venues."

21 Executive Director Hernandez? Your hand is still  
22 up.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, hand will go down.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I'm



1 agreeing with Commissioner Andersen. Let's make sure  
2 that we have our wording right and are actually voting on  
3 what it is that we think we're voting on. I mean, to me,  
4 data storage services for the website and community of  
5 interest data doesn't capture all the input on the  
6 mapping, for example. That was -- that came after the  
7 communities of interest data. And I don't know, it seems  
8 to me that we need to massage this a bit. I don't know  
9 whether the subcommittee wants to do that or if we want  
10 to just hash it out here.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Well, I'm hoping we'll hash it out so  
12 if there is an approval, we can set them forth to do the  
13 work. So let's see how much time it takes.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would have Commissioner  
16 Fornaciari go ahead of me as I think he probably has  
17 (indiscernible) what I'm about to say.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So Director Hernandez,  
20 it's my understanding that -- and I believe what you just  
21 said was we don't need to go out for an RFP for data  
22 storage services since it's already -- since Snowflake is  
23 already part of the state system. So what we need to go  
24 out for is someone to build us a user interface. So if  
25 we just eliminate "data storage services for the website

1 COI data," and then eliminate "including any," and  
2 eliminate those two words, too, it will just say "pursue  
3 contracting for user interface services." And that's my  
4 understanding of what we're doing here, right?

5 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Taylor? Well, no.  
6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Is it user  
8 interface services or user interface development? And I  
9 would also suggest we replace approve authorize -- a  
10 motion to authorize staff to pursue contracting for user  
11 interface development services to allow for user access  
12 to all CRC data. And it's user face -- user interface  
13 development services.

14 Again, my understanding is once the user interface  
15 is developed, the state's Snowflake people would be able  
16 to maintain what it is that we manage to get through this  
17 contract to develop a user interface. But the  
18 subcommittee can correct me if I'm wrong. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TURNER: I think services was still -- the  
20 suggestion was for services to still be active  
21 development.

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I really like where  
24 this is going. Development and services to allow for  
25 user access to all CRC data. Do we need to include --

1 say including the website but also say the Shape  
2 California? Is CRC data covering all of it? And do we  
3 need to mention through the transition to the State  
4 archives?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. So does this cover  
7 it?

8 CHAIR TURNER: Well, all perhaps would. When it  
9 says all CRC data, but maybe it wouldn't hurt for  
10 clarity.

11 Commissioner Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, I would be somewhat  
13 hesitant for the Shape California because that's -- we  
14 don't necessarily own that. The CRC data is what we own  
15 and we have control of. We argued that that might be  
16 inclusive in the data, but again, I would -- I would be  
17 more inclined to say CRC data because that's what we  
18 directly control.

19 CHAIR TURNER: And how are we feeling about, for me,  
20 when it says access to all CRC data, I think it covers --  
21 and I could rest with all, and how are we feeling? Yeah?  
22 Okay.

23 Commissioner Taylor, you have more?

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I do not. I did it  
25 (indiscernible).



1 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And then,  
3 this is now down to fine tuning, if we can replace "allow  
4 for" with "facilitate," because just because something is  
5 allowed for doesn't necessarily mean it's all (audio  
6 interference). I'd prefer --

7 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- facilitate user access.  
9 So remove the "for." There you go.

10 CHAIR TURNER: All right. We're looking good.  
11 We're looking good. Motion to authorize staff to pursue  
12 contracting for user interface development, services to  
13 facilitate user access to all CRC data.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think it's development and  
16 services, right? Because user interface isn't just --  
17 we're not just developing it to -- but it's also sort of  
18 an ongoing. Isn't that -- the contractor is going to  
19 make sure or is it just a one-time connection and then  
20 they're gone? That's a question actually for the  
21 subcommittee.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum, um-hum.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari, you want to answer that and  
24 then you'll --

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think it's -- I think

1 it's a one-time development and then it'll be maintained  
2 by the State. You know, I had something else to say but  
3 I forgot.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Okay, well keep your hand up. We'll  
5 go Fernandez. And then perhaps you'll remember.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I'm raising my  
8 hand for Executive Director Hernandez, so.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Oh.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's his turn.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Fernandez. When I'm sharing the screen, I can't raise my  
13 hand.

14 So what I wanted to make sure is that we're clear is  
15 that it's not so much to just pursue the contract. I  
16 want to make clear that we want to go ahead and enter  
17 into the contract as necessary because time is of  
18 essence. I don't want to delay then come back to the  
19 commission September 21 to vote, that would put us back  
20 quite a bit.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

22 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So it's not just to pursue, but  
23 I want to go ahead and enter into contracts or you know,  
24 for the contracting piece. So I wanted to bring that up  
25 and see if we can wordsmith that to allow the staff to go

1 ahead and enter into contract.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you for that clarity.  
3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, (indiscernible)  
5 choose to make that change, to enter into a contract.

6 CHAIR TURNER: And did you think of your other  
7 point, Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, my other point was  
9 going to be that before Chief Counsel Pane asked, I  
10 accept these changes as the person who made the motion.  
11 But I think I'll wait until Commissioner Andersen has  
12 made her comment.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, it  
15 should be just to authorize staff to contract for user  
16 interface. We don't need "to enter into." And then  
17 thank you for that proposal to accept everything.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Taylor?

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And before Commissioner --  
20 before Counsel Pane asks, I accepted -- as a secondary, I  
21 accept the amendments.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Motion to authorize staff  
23 to contract for user interface, development services to  
24 facilitate user access to all CRC data. Looks like it's  
25 a wrap. All right. (Indiscernible).



1 Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just a question, do we need  
3 to specify that this is -- facilitate user access to all  
4 CRC data via Snowflake? I don't know, otherwise, it's  
5 kind of out there floating.

6 MR. PANE: In the user interface, we don't have a  
7 vendor for that. Snowflake would be the data storage.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right, but to access all CRC  
9 data -- or held in Snowflake or something to reference  
10 that we're actually wanting a user interface or a  
11 Snowflake database.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum, um-hum.

13 Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's a very good  
15 point. It's not specific. But rather than saying  
16 Snowflake, in case the State changes that in the next,  
17 you know, eight years, should we would just say to access  
18 all CRC data as held in state databases? In state -- I  
19 mean, Commissioner Fornaciari has the -- in state -- let  
20 me see. Access to all CRC data as in state archives, I  
21 guess. Contained in the State archives will work.

22 Yeah. I'm not quite sure. It's not all going into  
23 a State archive, or is it? And we're trying to get  
24 everything in the State archive, but I don't think --  
25 yeah, I see Commissioner Fornaciari's nodding his head.



1           Okay, save us, Commissioner Fornaciari.

2           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I don't think it's  
3 important where the data is. I don't think it's  
4 important to say where the data is. I think it -- our  
5 user interface just needs to be able to access it  
6 wherever it is. That may change over time. But I think  
7 what's important is that the user interface accesses all  
8 of our data. And it may not all wind up in Snowflake for  
9 whatever reason. There may be some data somewhere else.

10           And I think in -- and I think, I mean, I think  
11 there's two separate things here. Right? So we're going  
12 to have our data in this Snowflake database and that will  
13 be ongoing real time access to it. I think a lot of our  
14 information and data will also go to the State archives,  
15 but I think that's two separate things. I think we're  
16 maintaining our website and access to the data ourselves  
17 and meeting our obligations to archive the data with the  
18 State Archive. So I'm comfortable with it as it's  
19 written, that it's going to capture everything that we  
20 are intending here.

21           CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?

22           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm concerned -- well.  
23 Okay. This is not the actual RFQ because this is way too  
24 nebulous. I think that's what we're just talking about  
25 now. As they develop something, they will actually say

1 specifically for Snowflake. And then it also has to say  
2 where it's store -- where in -- all CRC data in its -- in  
3 its storage locations. Because it will be multiple  
4 storage locations. I don't know if we want to go ahead  
5 and add that. And then the details will obviously be  
6 clear in our RFQ.

7 I think we do need to put in a storage locations  
8 because that is what's changing. And right now, it could  
9 go, hey, boom, we're done. We've signed it right now. I  
10 know that's not what the RFQ's going to say, but it could  
11 be implied by this motion. So I would like add access to  
12 all our CRC data in its storage locations.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In its digital storage  
15 locations. In its digital storage location. So if we  
16 can add that now so we can put eyes on it.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?  
18 Vice Chair?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair Turner. I  
20 guess at the risk of just continuing this conversation a  
21 little bit longer, I'll just make this comment real  
22 quick. My understanding is that what's being requested  
23 here is to give the staff the authorization to work out  
24 the details. And I'm wondering if we're going to  
25 continue, if we're going to constrain them if we try to

1 too clearly or too narrowly define what it is that  
2 they're doing.

3 And I see that Commissioner Fornaciari has his hand  
4 up, so perhaps he can give a further clarification. But  
5 my understanding is that what we're just trying to do is  
6 to authorize the staff so that they can move on this  
7 given our time frame.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I'll stop here. Thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: That's right. Thank you, thank you  
12 Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that's basically  
15 what I was going to say. I think, you know, Commissioner  
16 Andersen was right. The details need to be included in  
17 statement of work. We're just authorizing them to go  
18 forward and put together a statement of work and get it  
19 out there. So I don't -- I mean, I was fine with it  
20 without the "in its digital storage location." I mean,  
21 that all needs to be clarified in the statement of work.  
22 And I think, you know, I agree with Commissioner  
23 Akutagawa that I think we're -- you know, we want to  
24 leave it open-ended enough for the staff to do their  
25 work. Yeah.

1 CHAIR TURNER: So with that, I'd like to thank our  
2 cyber security team for giving us all of this latitude  
3 and discussion time. But we're feeling good about this  
4 motion and second as it currently reads. And so at this  
5 point, I'd like to go to a vote.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. We'll go  
7 ahead and begin here. Commissioner Vazquez?

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Turner? Chair

9 Turner?

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The motion's  
12 passed.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Wonderful. And with that,  
14 cybersecurity, do you have anything else?

15 Okay. So we're at about 17 minutes, 18 minutes  
16 before break. But we will go ahead and move on now to  
17 our next subcommittee, which is our legislative and long-  
18 term planning. Perhaps in that time period, we can set  
19 it up and get ready for that discussion. Thank you.

20 So who's going to take the first? Commissioner  
21 Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, I see. All  
23 right. I guess I -- so we -- there were three or four  
24 documents -- four handouts that were posted. Hopefully  
25 you can hear me. The first one that we'd like to go



1 over, since we're in this motion mode, is the proposed  
2 legislative changes move forward, 8/31/2022. It's the  
3 one-page document. Is Anthony still on? I can't see  
4 him. Oh, Anthony, would you mind sharing that one, that  
5 page?

6 MR. PANE: Sure. I'm just going to pull it up here  
7 from --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, it's just the  
9 webpage.

10 MR. PANE: -- the website.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I did want to report,  
12 it is on the report, but I wanted to report out that AB-  
13 1848, that's the one requiring reallocation of state  
14 incarcerated people to their last known place of  
15 residence, has moved forward to the governor's office and  
16 is waiting for his signature. So hopefully that will  
17 happen soon.

18 And so on -- this was a similar document that we've  
19 had in the past. And what we did this time is we moved  
20 up items number 5 and 6. We went through all of this  
21 last time, and 5 is clarifying what a day is and defining  
22 mapping deadlines. And based on our conversation last  
23 month at our last meeting, the Commission agreed with  
24 Option B, which is the uninterrupted 24-hour day. And  
25 then number 6 is the ability to hire outside counsel

1 without the attorney general's prior approval. Again,  
2 that language was shared with the Commission last time  
3 and there were no comments. That was actually a really  
4 simple edit.

5       And so what our goal today -- and then, I will  
6 briefly go over 7 and 8, three-days public notice three  
7 months prior to the final map date in the year and in  
8 number one. And then also number 8, clarifying that  
9 taking public comment during regular non-mapping business  
10 meeting does not constitute receiving input on  
11 redistricting matters.

12       Those two, numbers 7 and 8, there wasn't consensus,  
13 there was lots of discussion. So what we're going to do,  
14 we left it on this spreadsheet for today, but we're going  
15 to do -- and as you'll see in the other spreadsheet, is  
16 we're going to move it to the other spreadsheet because  
17 we still require further discussion. And then maybe --  
18 the discussion, maybe we don't do anything with it.

19       CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

20       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So for now, we're going  
21 to -- we want to have this one-page document with items  
22 that, as a Commission, we've agreed to move forward with.  
23 Items 1 through 4, as a Commission, we've already voted  
24 on as a Commission to move forward. And what I'm  
25 asking -- what Commissioner Akutagawa and I are asking

1 for is a motion to move forward with items number 5 and  
2 6.

3 And when I say move forward, that's to move forward  
4 with working with trying to find someone to author a bill  
5 for the next cycle for us. And so we would include items  
6 2 through 6. That's what we would try to include for the  
7 next round of the legislative process.

8 CHAIR TURNER: And Commissioner Fernandez, let me  
9 just check in.

10 Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I have a  
12 question regarding number 6. Having reread it -- and  
13 this is a question directed to Chief Counsel Pane -- if  
14 we go to -- I mean, if we look at the Government Code  
15 Section 11-041, it says "Section 11-042 does not apply  
16 to" and the long list. And then down at the bottom it  
17 says, "nor to any other state agency, which by law  
18 enacted after Chapter 213 of the statutes of 1933, is  
19 authorized to employ legal counsel." And so if I look at  
20 Article 21 of the State Constitution, Section 3,  
21 subsection A, where it says "the Commission has sole  
22 authority to determine whether the attorney general or  
23 other legal counsel retained by the Commission shall  
24 assist in the defense of the certified final map."

25 I mean, are we -- to me, that begs the question, are



1 we already authorized to employ legal counsel? And  
2 therefore, we don't need to be included in this  
3 specifically because we're already included essentially  
4 by reference. So I'd appreciate Chief Counsel Pane's  
5 thoughts on that. Thank you.

6 MR. PANE: Sure. Commissioner Kennedy, I'll --  
7 truthfully, I'll have to look at that piece you just  
8 cited. I'll let you know that we -- just as a bit of a  
9 background on this, we've tried to engage the Attorney  
10 General's office just to take their temperature on this,  
11 just to make sure, you know, they're comfortable being  
12 added to the list. I will absolutely get back to you and  
13 let you know if this is something that's -- I think what  
14 you're saying isn't moot, essentially. You know, at  
15 first glance, I'm not clear that it is, but I'm happy to  
16 look into that and circle back with you on that.

17 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 Oh, I'm sorry you had more.

20 MR. PANE: Well, if I could share just a quick brief  
21 and aside, I think, nevertheless, we could still move  
22 forward to recommend this today. And if it's something  
23 that we're clear on, and that would -- frankly, would be  
24 something I would also want to run by the Attorney  
25 General's office to make sure that they're on the same

1 page. If that's the case and it truly is moot, then I  
2 think that's something we can -- that can come off the  
3 list.

4 I will tell you just by prior -- and this is just an  
5 indication, it's not definitive -- the Attorney General's  
6 office currently is of the opinion that we would need an  
7 exemption. But that's not to say that we couldn't have  
8 further discussions about what the existing law is.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I was just going to  
12 say I also read it as Commissioner Kennedy did and  
13 thought the same. But I was going to propose what Chief  
14 Counsel Pane says. Let's leave it on and clarify, and if  
15 it is moot, pull it off at that point. So if you'll just  
16 keep me in the loop as well, I'd appreciate that. Thank  
17 you.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. If there aren't any  
20 other questions, I would like to -- I think Commissioner  
21 Andersen just made a motion. Was that a motion,  
22 Commissioner Andersen? Or was that --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Not quite. Would you like  
24 me to make one?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. That'd be great.



1 Only if you're comfortable, of course.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I move that we move of --  
3 clarification before I try to make a motion. What is --  
4 no, I will make a motion. I move that we forward items 2  
5 through 6 -- we move forward with items 2 through 6 as  
6 suggested by the subcommittee.

7 CHAIR TURNER: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would recommend that it  
9 just be that we move forward. And it really is just 5  
10 and 6, but we can include 2 through 6, that's fine with  
11 me, we can do it twice. That the Commission move forward  
12 with items 2 through 6 in the proposed legislative  
13 changes moving forward document dated August 31st, 2022.  
14 Because I wouldn't want to say as suggested by the  
15 subcommittee, because I just want to show that we're just  
16 moving forward with those topics. To be --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- (audio interference)  
19 it's process.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm going to pull my motion  
21 and allow Commissioner Fernandez to make that lovely  
22 motion she has put on the table.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know. Commissioner  
25 Akutagawa, did that sound about right?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, that sounds about  
2 right.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TURNER: And Executive Director Hernandez, did  
5 you capture that?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He's asking me right now.  
7 That we move forward with items 2 through 6 in the  
8 proposed legislative changes move forward document dated  
9 8/31/2022.

10 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Keep going.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I will second.

13 CHAIR TURNER: For the -- where are we? For the  
14 legislative subcommittee, are there other items that will  
15 require a vote?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That is not our intent,  
17 Chair Turner.

18 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay. So we're at 10:53.  
19 What we can try and do is let's see if we have any other  
20 discussion. We'll do public comment, anticipating that  
21 it perhaps will not take us past break, and maybe we can  
22 get this voted on and completed before we go to break.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to make sure  
25 that our Chief Counsel Pane was -- is that the correct --

1 or actually, Executive Director Hernandez, if you could  
2 share the motion? I just want to make sure the language  
3 is correct.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. He's correcting  
6 spelling errors. I don't know if he wants Linda, Jane,  
7 and Ida.

8 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we have it reading motion  
9 that we move forward with items 2 through 6 in the  
10 proposed legislative changes move forward.

11 (Indiscernible) because that's the name of it. Okay.

12 Motion that we move forward items 2 through 6 in the  
13 proposed legislative changes moved forward document. And  
14 you want it M-O-V-E-D if we're going to match the sheet  
15 dated 8/31/22.

16 So for the motion and the second, does that appear  
17 correct?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it looks good.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Public comment, please.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission is now  
21 taking public comment for the motion on the floor. To  
22 give comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter the  
23 meeting ID number 812-8223-9720. Once you have dialed  
24 in, please press star nine to enter the comment queue.

25 And we'll let you know when the instructions are



1 complete, Chair.

2 The instructions are complete and we do not have any  
3 raised hands at this time.

4 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Then let's take a vote,  
5 please. Executive Director.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. Commissioner  
7 Vasquez.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Ahmed?

12 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Andersen?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?



1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

4 HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

7 COMMISSIONER Toledo: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Turner, Chair

9 Turner?

10 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The Motion is passed.

12 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. At this time, we're going  
13 to go ahead and take our break. We will return at 11:15  
14 and continue with the legislative long-term planning  
15 subcommittee.

16 Thank you, we'll see you at 11:15.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:56 a.m.  
18 until 11:15 a.m.)

19 CHAIR TURNER: And we'll -- we'll go, Katy.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 we are live.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Good morning still and welcome back  
23 to our August 31st California Redistricting Committee  
24 Business Meeting. We are returning now from break. And  
25 if you are just now joining us, you're joining us at a



1 time where we're on agenda item number three, having our  
2 discussions in regards to the subcommittees. And we will  
3 continue at this time with our subcommittee, Legislative  
4 and Long-term Planning.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I am going to take  
6 over from here for a portion of this, I think. I want to  
7 direct everybody to a document. It is a five-page  
8 document titled, "Potential CRC Legislative Changes -  
9 August 31, 2022 meeting." I don't -- let's see, I  
10 think -- ABP edit, et cetera, et cetera. So I just want  
11 to make sure that we are all on the same document. I  
12 believe that is the document. It's opening up a lot of  
13 them today. Okay. And on the website, I'll just name  
14 what's on the website, too. On the website it is -- it  
15 is titled "Potential Legislative Changes - 8/31/22" --  
16 "8/20/2022."

17 I just want to make sure that everybody is on the  
18 same document. So it isn't a five-page document. And  
19 you'll see that it is rather colorful. And I wanted to  
20 just start by just explaining our color coding. So  
21 you'll see at the very top it is labeled "C-1: Areas  
22 moving forward or resolved." We just completed this part  
23 before the break. And as you'll see on line A, it is in  
24 one color, that is the one that is now moving forward and  
25 has reached the governor's desk in the form of AB-1848.





1           The color-coded hot pink ones for B, C and D were  
2 just voted as part of the previous motion to move forward  
3 with further discussions with the legislative side to  
4 find a potential sponsor or author in the legislature --  
5 in the legislature. The two in gray, it is labeled  
6 number 1- and 3-B. These were just numbers that reported  
7 over from previous documents. These are the other two  
8 that were discussed as part of B, C and D that just moved  
9 forward as part of the vote. So I just wanted to just  
10 name that.

11           Number -- in the kind of teal blueish, I don't know  
12 if that's the right color for it, but aqua, that's the  
13 right color, aqua-colored coding. They're the two -- two  
14 rows. We have number 2- and 3-C that again labeled --  
15 labels that were ported over from before. This is  
16 around, "fully functional and strikes by the  
17 legislature." These were also noted on the previous  
18 documents as one that -- ones that are being tabled from  
19 right now requiring further discussion. And so I just  
20 wanted to note that.

21           In the next one you'll see it's kind of like a  
22 reddish-brown color. Again, these two were -- these  
23 colored ones, 4-B, and then there are two that are not  
24 labeled. These were ones that were also tabled as well,  
25 too.

1           Next, I want to just take us down to the area that  
2 is noted or labeled. "C-2: Areas requiring further  
3 discussion." This is the labeling at the top. This is  
4 on page number 3 of the document. These are the areas  
5 that in previous Commission meetings we hadn't had much  
6 other discussion or there's further discussion that is  
7 required from previous discussions. And so just starting  
8 at the top, we have one that is labeled E, this is,  
9 "Three days public notice, three months prior to the  
10 final map date in the year ending in the number one."

11           And our previous discussion took place at the  
12 meeting that we held on July 13, 2022, draft language was  
13 shared with the full Commission and where we ended was  
14 that further discussion was required by the Commission on  
15 this particular issue.

16           And so Commissioner Fernandez, is there -- is there  
17 anything else that you might want to add to what I've  
18 said so far on the previous sections or on this one? I  
19 was just thinking we could just go in order, as we've  
20 been doing in previous meetings and then just trying to  
21 move these topics along. Okay.

22           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

23           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So --

24           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So just want --

25           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- yeah.



1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to add just a little  
2 bit. So that was -- thank you, that was wonderful. Our  
3 goal is to try to at least get through the remainder and  
4 then put them in categories if we need to put them in  
5 categories in terms of maybe -- maybe it's something that  
6 we are just not going to pursue further, which is fine.  
7 Then we move it up to another -- or we discuss it at a  
8 future meeting but the goal is to try to get through  
9 them. And if not, if -- if time doesn't allow, that's  
10 fine, too. We can always finish at the next meeting.  
11 Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

12           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
13 Fernandez. So let's just start with this line E, "Three  
14 days public notice, three months prior to the final up  
15 map date in the year ending in the number one." And I  
16 want to just invite any comments. Commissioner  
17 Fernandez.

18           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If we do move forward with  
19 something similar to that -- I know in the last meeting  
20 there was discussion about maybe just noting between the  
21 draft maps and the final maps. But regardless of how we  
22 move forward, I do recommend we remove the language, "in  
23 the year ending in the number one," because we don't know  
24 what the future is going to hold. If there's going to be  
25 some other type of pandemic or delay in census. But I

1 would just recommend that we remove, "in the year ending  
2 in the number one." Thanks.

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
4 Fernandez.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner  
7 Akutagawa. There are two -- two things here. One is,  
8 we've gotten a lot of input from community groups who are  
9 concerned that we would not be allowing sufficient time  
10 for public review of maps. So what we have to do, I  
11 think, is a better job of distinguishing between public  
12 notice of a meeting and the time allowed for inspection  
13 of draft maps.

14 And to clarify that, as I understand it at least,  
15 we're not shortening any existing requirement for a  
16 public -- appearing for public inspection of maps. The  
17 only thing that we are trying to do with this, as I  
18 understand it, is to reduce the number of days required  
19 for any commission meeting during that period.

20 And to clarify that by having a shorter requirement  
21 for notice of meetings during that period, we would also  
22 be able to provide greater specificity in the agendas for  
23 such meetings, because we've also heard from some folks  
24 that, you know, it's hard to make a determination whether  
25 to follow a meeting or what part of a meeting to follow

1 if the agendas are just generic.

2       So if what we really are trying to do is to simply  
3 shorten the amount of time required for public notice of  
4 any meeting, which would enable us to provide greater  
5 detail on what we will be discussing during those  
6 meetings and when we will be discussing it, I think we  
7 could lay to rest a lot of the concerns that have come to  
8 us in relation to this proposal. Thank you.

9       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
10 Kennedy, for calling out that distinction.

11       Commissioner Fornaciari.

12       COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just want to add  
13 on to -- I agree with everything that Commissioner  
14 Kennedy said. I think that this might require a  
15 conversation with those who organized -- a sit-down  
16 conversation with those organizations to provide that  
17 kind of clarity.

18       But I agree with the clarity that he provided. But  
19 there may need to be some back and forth with those  
20 organizations to hear what their concerns are and to see  
21 if we can come up with language that alleviates those  
22 concerns.

23       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Fornaciari.

25       Commissioner Kennedy.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY:  If I'm not mistaken, we have  
2 received public comment from them in writing that has  
3 been posted on the website for a meeting a couple of  
4 months back.  And we are certainly here, open to public  
5 comment, you know, here and now is a great time to have  
6 that back and forth.  Thanks.

7           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA:  Thank you, Commissioner  
8 Kennedy.  You're right.  We did receive public comment  
9 from some of the CBOs.

10           Commissioner Sinay, I think you had your hand up.  
11 Okay.

12           COMMISSIONER SINAY:  I would say we received  
13 comments, but it wasn't a back and forth like we have  
14 done in the past when we're trying to create changes in  
15 policy and we could invite them to the actual meeting and  
16 have a dialog versus using the -- they can call in but  
17 calling in, we're actually not supposed to do back and  
18 forth during call-in.

19           So I would rather, we do invite them in and have a  
20 clarification.  Because as I was reading this and then  
21 reading what the prior wording was, I think there's some  
22 confusion in the public what we're changing and what  
23 we're not changing.  And so I think that it would be good  
24 to invite more than one person to come and speak to us  
25 from several different organizations just to have a

1 broader perspective and see if we come up with something  
2 in the public. And if we don't, then we as a Commission  
3 make our decision.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
5 Sinay.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner  
8 Akutagawa.

9 Commissioner Kennedy, I just want to make sure -- I  
10 kind of cut out a little bit. I just want to make sure I  
11 understood what you said. And it had to do with, we  
12 would still adhere to the 10- or 14-day agenda but just  
13 the ability to amend the agenda. Was that correct? No.  
14 Okay. All right. Thanks. I'm sure you'll clarify it  
15 for me.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If I may, Chair.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes, go ahead, Commissioner  
18 Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. The distinction is  
20 that we are seeking to change the number of days required  
21 for public notice of a meeting. We are not trying to  
22 change the number of days that we are required to have  
23 maps out for public review. Because it, my sense from  
24 the feedback that we've gotten from community-based  
25 organizations is their concern is that we are shortening

1 the time that they have to review draft maps at that  
2 stage in the process. And they don't want that and I  
3 wouldn't want it. But what we are proposing is merely  
4 reducing the number of days' notice required for us to  
5 have a meeting.

6 And as I said, that would enable us to provide  
7 greater detail in the agenda rather than just having  
8 aboilerplate agenda and scheduling meetings every day  
9 because we don't know which ones we're going to be able  
10 to use or need to use and which ones we're not going to  
11 be able to use. If the requirement is three-days' notice  
12 for a meeting, we would be able to provide greater  
13 detail, greater certainty, both in the number of meetings  
14 scheduled, and in the detail of the agendas for those  
15 meetings. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
17 Kennedy.

18 Commissioner -- Chair Turner.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Vice Chair. I certainly  
20 am not against inviting public in for -- if a back and  
21 forth is needed but that -- that is what, Commissioner  
22 Kennedy, what I understood you to say. And my initial  
23 question was to just state on this particular topic, if  
24 we see three days' public meeting notice, I wonder if  
25 just inserting "meeting" would clarify our intent so that



1 it's not misunderstood or -- or, you know, the mapping  
2 process -- none of that's tied. So if we're as to say  
3 the request would be three days notification for public  
4 meetings prior to the final map, if that'll clear some of  
5 it up?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I see Commissioner  
7 Kennedy nodding his head in agreement, Commissioner --  
8 Chair Turner, thank you.

9 Okay. I think what I -- what I've heard is to what  
10 Chair Turner just suggested and -- and also what  
11 Commissioner Kennedy has brought up as a distinction is  
12 that, if this were to be amended to specifically state  
13 that the three-days' notice would be for the public  
14 meeting, not for the review of the draft maps -- if this  
15 were to be amended in that way, would this be the intent  
16 of the proposal to change this?

17 And I can't remember who actually proposed this  
18 particular change. And is there any other comments from  
19 the other Commissioners about this clarification? And  
20 would this be something that would be acceptable to the  
21 Commissioners? And then we would also, of course, want  
22 to hear from the different organizations on whether or  
23 not this clarification, this distinction about it being  
24 about the noticing of the public meetings.  
25 Commissioner -- Chair Turner.

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I think it addresses it. And  
2 so I just wanted to respond to your question. I think it  
3 does address and brings a lot of -- so it gets rid of all  
4 of the ambiguity as far as what we're talking about. So  
5 thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Great. So with that,  
7 Commissioner Fernandez, if we were to make a  
8 clarification on this, I believe then, it seems like just  
9 from -- perhaps I'm going to take silence as consensus in  
10 this case and also the affirmation from Chair Turner. If  
11 we were to make this change, it seems like we might be  
12 able to move forward on this particular topic area.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. What we can do is we  
14 can draft some language and then bring it back to the  
15 next meeting. And then if the Commission is comfortable  
16 with moving forward, we could vote to move forward. But  
17 yes, so we could go back and if there's other items as  
18 well, we can also bring those forward at the next meeting  
19 as well. Thank you.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you very much.  
21 And just as a reminder to the organizations or anybody  
22 who's listening in, we will be taking public comment  
23 afterwards -- after all the subcommittees are done. So  
24 you'll have time to listen to everything. So why don't  
25 you just note that?

1           Okay. So that means we can move on from row E.

2 We'll now move on to Row 3-A --

3           CHAIR TURNER: Vice Chair, you have a hand up.

4           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner  
5 Fornaciari, sorry, I missed you there.

6           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let's see, I would  
7 just offer to have you also look back at the letter from  
8 the League of Women Voters from May 12th. I just briefly  
9 browsed through it. And I'm not sure those changes will  
10 address their concern but it's worth looking at in more  
11 detail.

12          VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you for flagging that.  
13 And we will go ahead and we will -- we will review that  
14 letter again and see if that, if -- if what we just  
15 discussed might address their concerns. Okay?

16          Okay. Let's move on to row 3-A. This one is  
17 "Clarify taking public comment during regular non-mapping  
18 business meetings does not constitute receiving input on  
19 redistricting matters subject to a 14-day meeting  
20 notice."

21          We did have a prior discussion -- or prior  
22 discussions both at the June 1st meeting and the July  
23 13th, 2022 meetings. Last time we spoke, there was some  
24 disagreement on the definition and it required further  
25 discussion by the Commission. And I want to see if

1 anybody wants to start a discussion on this. And I will  
2 note that there were at least three people who felt that  
3 this was a worthwhile conversation, given that he had  
4 three votes. Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And if -- and  
6 if we don't have further conversation today, that's fine,  
7 too. We can always just move it down on the list and  
8 then continue to discuss the other items. Thanks.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
10 Fernandez. Okay.

11 Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I think I was one of the  
13 votes to continue pushing this. I mean, it just made  
14 sense to me since there was divided opinion about what  
15 constituted receiving public input. And you may recall  
16 our initial counsel advice was to be very conservative on  
17 the matter and to consider any possible public input by  
18 any stretch of the imagination to fall under the 14-day  
19 notice.

20 Just to clarify that, to settle the question and  
21 give the next commission more freedom when it comes to  
22 giving notice to have to not be 14 days out, which, you  
23 know, was always cumbersome. So I still think it's a  
24 good idea.

25 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

1 Commissioner Sinay, I did see your hand up earlier. Did  
2 you still want to comment?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I mean, I guess for me when I  
4 was reading this -- if we were going -- if we would have  
5 been -- let's say looking back, you know, and being a  
6 Monday quarterback or whatever it's called. But if we  
7 were going to be consistent, receiving input on  
8 redistricting matters would have been a narrow definition  
9 like we used in other cases.

10 Our definition of redistricting matters is very  
11 narrow. And so that I agree with what Commissioner Yee  
12 was saying, that it wouldn't be the 14-day meeting  
13 notice. That it would be shorter.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.  
15 Commissioner Sinay, did you want to --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. No, I had a second  
17 thought and that's why I raised my hand again. I guess  
18 my thought is, you know, in a way, I'm putting two pieces  
19 together that we've discussed. What does redistricting  
20 matters mean? And as well as, and then this piece. And  
21 I'm still a believer that what redistricting matter means  
22 should be left to the Commission to struggle with and  
23 come up with their own definition. We as a Commission  
24 had -- yeah, did that -- and we agree that it was the  
25 specific matters around drawing lines. And so I just

1 want to remind us that if we say one thing in one -- you  
2 know, that we just need to be consistent in what we're  
3 saying in this one and what we're saying in the other  
4 one.

5 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: So Commissioner Sinay, just  
6 to make sure that I'm understanding what you just said.  
7 So if I'm hearing you correctly, what you're saying is  
8 that given that we said that redistricting matters and  
9 its definition should be left up to the next commission,  
10 we should also then allow this to also be decided by the  
11 next commission to remain consistent.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sort of -- you're on the  
13 right -- yes, you did. My brain might have not been as  
14 linear as it should be. Yes. But what I think we were  
15 missing was that connection between how we were defining  
16 redistricting matters and this meaning to be changed.  
17 And I'm saying we as collectively because I know  
18 Commissioner Kennedy was very good at bringing it up to  
19 us and we didn't move on it but if there is a way for the  
20 future commissions to know, hey, once you define this,  
21 then you can look at this piece, is kind of what I'm  
22 saying.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you,  
24 Commissioners Sinay.  
25 Commissioner Kennedy.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner  
2 Akutagawa. I'm wondering if another way to -- to  
3 approach this and perhaps get through it is to put more  
4 of a -- rather than saying non-mapping business meetings,  
5 if we said, "Business meeting prior to the receipt of  
6 redistricting data from the statewide database" or "prior  
7 to the release of data by the Bureau of the Census,"  
8 whether that would allow us to make some progress on  
9 this. I mean, I do understand. I do take the point of,  
10 you know, commissions having some margin for discussion,  
11 their own discussions in the future as to what this  
12 means. But in my -- my concern was much more in the  
13 early days when we were trying to make a lot of progress  
14 on a number of things and a 14-day posting requirement,  
15 or what we interpreted as a 14-day posting requirement  
16 just seemed a bit much and excessive.

17           And you know, even if we leave things as they are  
18 for the time period following the release of the census  
19 data by the Bureau of Census, or the receipt of  
20 districting data from the statewide database by future  
21 commissions, that if we can at least make that much  
22 progress and leave the rest to future commissions, I  
23 think we will have made their lives easier. Thank you.

24           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Kennedy.



1 Commissioner Yee.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I appreciate Commissioner  
3 Kennedy's option there. But I'm thinking, you know, even  
4 after the data drops, there are still -- there were still  
5 business meetings. And we're not mapping meetings. So  
6 in which case, you know, the shorter notice could be  
7 useful.

8 Also to Commissioner Sinay's point. Yeah. This  
9 doesn't require shorter notice. It just simply allows  
10 for it. So the future commission still has the option of  
11 having a full 14-day notice from the get-go if they  
12 wanted to. It just allows -- would allow them to give  
13 shorter notice if they chose to do so.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Yeah  
17 the -- this all sort of -- we were all basically in total  
18 agreement on this and just couldn't quite come up with  
19 the wording on it because we kept on being thrown by:  
20 What's public input? What is redistricting matters? And  
21 that's why we consult on non-mapping. And I still sort  
22 of think -- I know that it's nebulous but non-mapping  
23 business meetings is what we're talking about here. And  
24 that's -- if you can -- I like Commissioner Kennedy's  
25 idea of the time frame but I -- it was exactly what



1 Commissioner Yee just said. We also had to some business  
2 meeting right in the middle of, you know, map, map, map,  
3 look, we just have to get the business stuff done here --  
4 didn't talk of maps at all.

5 And so I sort of like the idea if we could come up  
6 of a more linguistically, you know, non-mapping. But  
7 even if we leave it in quotes as "non-mapping business  
8 meeting," the 10-day notice -- it does help the  
9 commission, particularly in those beginning days when we  
10 are trying to -- oh, we didn't realize -- oh, now we have  
11 to put feet together for -- that's how you hire, you  
12 know, our communications director.

13 But you know, that -- we do -- the next commission  
14 and from then on will need that help. You know, they  
15 don't have to take it but I think we should give it to  
16 them. And so I kind of like the non-mapping business  
17 meeting, unless somebody can come up with linguistically  
18 something better. But that is certainly the intent of  
19 it.

20 So I was going to come back and -- I think we should  
21 visit the item we were stumbling on. But I think we  
22 could move forward on some of these. And I would like us  
23 to see -- I would like us to do that.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Andersen.

1 Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm going to make the same  
3 comment I made on the last one talked about. I think we  
4 need to look at the letter from the League of Women  
5 Voters. It touches on this topic, too. And my  
6 recollection of a comment -- the call-in common comment  
7 that said it was a nonstarter for them. And I think  
8 without having a conversation with these organizations,  
9 we're just spinning our wheels here and we're not going  
10 to make any progress. And if we, you know, if we spend  
11 days and days on this in a vacuum without their input and  
12 concurrence, you know, we're not going to make any  
13 progress on it.

14 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Fornaciari. And a good reminder. Okay. I want to  
16 see --

17 Okay, Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just going to say it  
19 because I need to say it. I appreciate the feedback from  
20 other organizations. Also, as a commission, we are  
21 independent and if it's something that we do feel  
22 strongly as a commission, I realize it may be an uphill  
23 battle. But that should also not stop us from moving  
24 forward. We are independent. There's 14 of us that are  
25 very independent thinkers, and I'm very happy for that.

1 But I just want to make sure that because someone tells  
2 us, no, it's a nonstarter, that that doesn't mean it's a  
3 nonstarter for us. Thanks.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner  
5 Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I agree with that 100  
8 percent. We are an independent commission and we should  
9 do what we think is the right thing. I also think that,  
10 you know, having a bloodbath over something like this is,  
11 you know, is something we can avoid, you know. I mean,  
12 we should avoid if we can. You know, again, I'll just  
13 would refer back to the -- this is a nonstarter for them.  
14 And in their comment, their public comment when they  
15 called in -- I don't remember who it was but, you know, I  
16 think -- I think in some ways we need to partner on these  
17 topics or, you know, it will just make it difficult to  
18 make progress.

19 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
20 Fornaciari. Since you've brought it up twice in terms of  
21 having a conversation with them, I think from my own  
22 understanding and clarification, I'm going to ask a  
23 question of Chief Counsel Pane.

24 I think it was also suggested that -- about, perhaps  
25 having a public conversation and inviting some of the

1 different groups in to discuss it publicly with us. Is  
2 that what you were thinking, Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 And then for Chief Counsel Pane. Is it something  
4 that could be done perhaps outside of a commission  
5 meeting? Or is it best to be held within the public  
6 domain of a, you know, a public commission meeting?

7 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: So Vice Chair, just to answer  
8 your question, it's something that could be done both in  
9 a public meeting, at a regularly scheduled commission  
10 meeting. We would -- we could invite -- the Commission  
11 is always free to invite any organization they want to  
12 come and speak. The Commission has done so in the past.

13 On the other hand, there's another way to do it.  
14 You certainly could have that conversation outside of a  
15 publicly noticed meeting. Of course, we just would want  
16 to make sure Bagley-Keene is still satisfied, which would  
17 just mean that instead of all 14 members being part of  
18 that meeting, it would be no more than two.

19 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. And of course,  
20 there's always the letters -- written public comments.  
21 But I think what I heard from Commissioner Fornaciari is  
22 that it doesn't allow for the back and forth,  
23 understanding that may be required. And so -- okay,  
24 thank you very much, Chief Counsel Pane. I just wanted  
25 to just make sure I understood the options.

1           And I'll just set that aside for right now. I do  
2 want to ask any of the Commissioners, is there any  
3 further conversation or discussion on this topic of row  
4 3-A around public comment during regular non-mapping  
5 business meetings?

6           Okay. I'm going to -- I think I'm going to set that  
7 aside for right now. And I'll just move on to the next  
8 row which is row 4-A, which is around "Clarify/provide  
9 definition for what public input means." And as you will  
10 see that we did have a prior discussion on July 13th,  
11 2022. And even prior to that there was a prior  
12 discussion. I'm going to say that it's not dated, but I  
13 will say perhaps it was back at the June 1st, 2022  
14 meeting. There was disagreement on the definition. It  
15 does require further discussion, although previously  
16 there was a conversation that said, let each commission  
17 decide. I just want to see if anybody has any comments  
18 on it.

19           Thank you. Commissioner Andersen, I see your hand.

20           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I believe, as I sort  
21 of said before, the details of the tricky part of  
22 defining, quote, public input, really isn't. Public  
23 input is public input. It's what is redistricting  
24 matters and what is non-mapping items of that, which I  
25 believe is that's where sort of the bugaboo came in.



1           And I think, you know, public input is anything  
2 people tell us. Then there was further discussion about,  
3 communities of interest, the general, the types of public  
4 input. And that's where we started breaking things down.  
5 And that's where I think we sort of logged into again,  
6 you know, discussions with the groups, da, da, da, da,  
7 da. But the public input is public input. And then  
8 there are different types.

9           We can we quickly go through that and define it, you  
10 know, there's all general -- there's general. There's  
11 mapping. There's communities of interest and then we  
12 just sort of divided it out like that. I think we just  
13 sort of tabled it. My idea, my remember -- memory of it  
14 was, remembering, is because it got complicated in how do  
15 we define parts of it, not it in general. So if someone  
16 wants to dive in with that further, parse that, go ahead.

17           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
18 Andersen.

19           We'll go to Commissioner Kennedy. Looks like he's  
20 ready to dive in.

21           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I'm ready to dive in.  
22 And thanks for teeing it up for me. I mean, if we go to  
23 Section 8253 in Government Code, which is, you know, kind  
24 of main miscellaneous provisions relating to us, and we  
25 go to (a)(7), it starts out by saying, "The Commission

1 shall establish and implement an open hearing process for  
2 public input and deliberation that shall be subject to  
3 public notice and promoted through a thorough outreach  
4 program to solicit broad public participation in the  
5 redistricting public review process."

6       In my mind, that basically differentiates public  
7 input from public comment. I mean, and we have generally  
8 said that public comment -- you know, we have public  
9 comment on every motion that we vote on. We have general  
10 public comment during the course of each and every  
11 meeting. We occasionally have additional opportunities  
12 for public comment if we're discussing something that we  
13 believe is of sufficient importance to merit specific  
14 public comment immediately as part of that discussion.  
15 But those aren't public input as at least implied by this  
16 subsection of Government Code, section 8253, talking  
17 about an open hearing process for public input and  
18 deliberation as part of the redistricting public review  
19 process.

20       So that's, you know, that's where I come from.  
21 That's how I differentiate public input from public  
22 comment. And yeah, I'm happy to hear other thoughts on  
23 it, but that's where I'm coming from.

24       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Kennedy.



1 I was going to say, Commissioner Fernandez, I did  
2 see your hand up earlier. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I think I'm  
4 agreeing with Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner  
5 Kennedy. I just don't think that we need to define it.  
6 I think that it is defined. I think that this would be  
7 one that I would recommend we not address. But that's  
8 just my opinion. Thanks.

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.  
10 Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. And I  
12 really want to thank everyone for that conversation on  
13 all of these items, because I think it's important. And  
14 I think it identifies many of the areas and in  
15 particular, legal definitions that we struggle with as a  
16 commission.

17 I agree with Commissioner Fernandez. I think this  
18 and several others should probably be left as is.  
19 There's ambiguity in any word or terminology when trying  
20 to clearly define it. One person's definition might be  
21 different from another person's.

22 To me, as I'm speaking, stepping back out of this  
23 list a little bit, what I recall is how challenging it  
24 was when we first started to understand all of the  
25 implications of these terminologies. So I think having



1 this list at all is extraordinarily helpful because for  
2 the 2030 Commission, I would hope that they can see this  
3 list and work with their lawyers to identify, okay, what  
4 do these things mean? What is the advice of their  
5 counsel in 2030 on this matter of public comment versus  
6 public input? And they can define that for themselves.

7       Maybe in 2030, I don't know, there's going to be new  
8 vernacular and, you know, as a part of our language that  
9 changes that. I have no idea what the future holds. But  
10 that would be my thought.

11       And I do think, you know, one of my bigger concerns  
12 is who serves as that temporary counsel? Who serves as  
13 the temporary executive director for the 2030 Commission?  
14 I think that what I saw, my reflection on it was that,  
15 who gets that position? And I assume it's the state  
16 auditor that chooses it again matters a lot, right?  
17 They're the ones that begin to define these terms for  
18 folks.

19       So in general, I'm actually okay with leaving most  
20 of these pieces as is but instead thinking a little bit  
21 more about the setup for 2030 and how to maintain  
22 independence and yet get the legal input that they need.  
23 Thank you.

24       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
25 Sadhwani.

1 Commissioner Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just want to support  
3 Commissioner Sadhwani's position. I feel the same way.  
4 I think I was one of the Commissioners in the previous  
5 meeting who is -- I love this process. And I think one  
6 of the things that Commissioner Sadhwani just said, that  
7 helped me understand why I like the process, is that I  
8 think just us going through the process, despite where we  
9 land on the various categories, will be very helpful to  
10 any future commission to really look at what we grappled  
11 with, what we considered, et cetera.

12 So as it relates to these particular ones that we're  
13 talking about right now, I would sit in the position of  
14 not specifying it any further than it already is and  
15 letting it stand. So I just wanted to go on record with  
16 that. Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
18 Le Mons. All right.

19 Commissioner Andersen.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you for both  
21 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Le Mons on bring  
22 this up. And this is sort of a quick question back to, I  
23 think it's Commissioner Kennedy and Yee -- you've been  
24 helping with our Lessons Learned documents.

25 If -- I don't know, I can't recall if it's

1 actually in the Lessons Learned document but the actual  
2 process of defining multiple terms and the implication of  
3 how those definitions affect your work, that is a major,  
4 major lesson for any Commissioner moving forward. And  
5 if, you know, the way that both -- each of the  
6 Commissioners who just spoke that put that together, it  
7 isn't, you know, the definitions are where they are but  
8 how -- what does each of these next commission -- what do  
9 these commissioners think it means? And then from  
10 council's perspective, what are the implications of that?

11 That conversation, we've had that in an organized  
12 manner when we first started out -- wow. It was  
13 enlightening. And I think we put something like that  
14 together, just a shorter outline similar to what we've  
15 been sort of discussing and what the Legislative and  
16 Moving Forward committee has been putting together --  
17 these side notes -- that would be viable for the 2030,  
18 the 2040, moving forward. And I would really like to  
19 move that to the Lessons Learned Committee to pull that  
20 little item together out of this quick summary of what  
21 we've been doing. Because this has been very valuable.  
22 Thank you, Commissioners, for saying that so eloquently.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Andersen.

25 Any other comments -- Oh, Commissioner Taylor?

1           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. As we are having this  
2 conversation, I'm wondering if we are trying to aid the  
3 2030 Commission in their work or are we really just  
4 trying to signal to them what our definition was? I  
5 think they're able to make decisions -- the 2030, we'll  
6 be able to make decisions if they just clearly know what  
7 our definition of those terms are, those legal terms, and  
8 if that's something that could be addressed in our  
9 Lessons Learned.

10           So if it's merely something that we pass on, I think  
11 we should give them the ability to further define it for  
12 themselves. Thank you.

13           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great point. Thank you,  
14 Commissioner Taylor.

15           Commissioner Sinay.

16           COMMISSIONER SINAY: As always, Commissioner Taylor,  
17 thank you for being -- you know, making it very clear.  
18 And something we should be asking ourselves all the way  
19 through. You know, what is our intent? And we've always  
20 said that are intent is not to force ourselves on 2030  
21 but to guide or provide guidance. I mean, provide  
22 guidance, so thank you for that.

23           I do want to say that the Transition subcommittee,  
24 these are, you know, we're taking notes on some of the  
25 things that are coming up. We haven't met yet or talked

1 long term, but we are looking in -- like the question  
2 that Commissioner Sadhwani said of, who is the temporary  
3 legal and the temporary executive? You know, that really  
4 did influence a lot of the work we did at the very  
5 beginning. And so the transition committee does have  
6 that on their list of looking at to say, okay, what is  
7 our recommendation? You know, ours as the Commission and  
8 whatnot. So those things -- so keep bringing up those  
9 ideas and know that they're not going into the ether, but  
10 that we are listening and we are writing them down.

11 I also want to say on this idea of a conversation  
12 with the community. What I would -- I've said this  
13 before and I think that there are several items that are  
14 on the list that we are going to need to build a  
15 coalition around to get them to pass. And you know, I'll  
16 go back to the one about the legislature not making  
17 decisions in the dark. That we want that, you know, some  
18 of us, I don't know, you know, we haven't had that  
19 conversation, but we would like it to be done publicly.

20 So when we -- when I at least say, hey, let's bring  
21 in the community and who from that community we invite.  
22 That's a bigger, bigger question. But let's have a  
23 conversation in public with multiple people, not just  
24 some -- suddenly you're empowered. I would open it up to  
25 more folks and those too.

1           And highlight the different issues that we need  
2 their input or their buy-in or their coalition building.  
3 And so what I would suggest is that maybe the  
4 subcommittee that's leading this charge, just kind of  
5 take notes on the ones that we need to have that bigger  
6 conversation, with a bigger circle of people. And in  
7 that way we -- that's one of the ways -- we had always  
8 said that we were going to need multiple strategies to  
9 get this huge list done. And so that's one of the  
10 strategies we needed.

11           So when we say, let's please talk, let's bring in  
12 the community, we're not talking about just for this one  
13 but it's one of the strategies that we can be using.

14           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Sinay.

16           Commissioner Taylor, did you want to comment more?  
17 Did you just do a (indiscernible)? All right, thank you.

18           Anyone else have any comments? This has been a  
19 great conversation. It's been really good to hear  
20 everybody's perspective on it.

21           So far, I think my conclusion from the comments that  
22 I've heard is that, I think we leave it up to the next  
23 commission to decide. However, I think that there is  
24 value in putting our conversations -- or perhaps I'll  
25 say, lessons learned in the Lessons Learned document, so

1 that if the next commission so chooses, you know, they  
2 can hopefully, at least look at what we were grappling  
3 with and then decide how they want to grapple with the  
4 similar issues.

5 And that was that is what I've come away with. And  
6 so I appreciate everything that everyone has said. And  
7 not seeing any additional hands, so I am going to keep  
8 moving forward. This is great. We are moving forward on  
9 these items.

10 Commissioner Sinay, did you want to just -- one last  
11 word on this 4-A?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I just want to say, are  
13 we going to put in there that this may be something we  
14 want to discuss with others or we're just leaving it that  
15 way? I mean, I want to acknowledge that we do have  
16 others -- we can use other strategies versus just one  
17 unilateral strategy right now.

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thanks for bringing that up.  
19 My sense was that this was not going to be something that  
20 we would necessarily have as a conversation with a --  
21 perhaps with additional other organizations that may have  
22 wanted to weigh in. I think we just decide. My  
23 understanding is that we were just going to let the next  
24 commission decide and that we were not going to try to do  
25 anything further than other than to just put, you know,

1 just our lessons learned.

2 Commissioner Fernandez, I saw that you had your hand  
3 up? Nope, no --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You answered it  
5 beautifully.

6 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right, thank you.  
7 But Commissioner Sinay, I do want to say that I have  
8 taken notes on suggestions where there would be a further  
9 conversation that could be beneficial to us with a larger  
10 group of folks, as you had noted. Not just the ones that  
11 have already given public comment but also inviting in  
12 other organizations as well, too. Just keeping a list  
13 for right now.

14 And I will go ahead and move on to row 5-A. And  
15 this is on Commissioner Vacancies. "Discuss need to fill  
16 vacancies after final maps are approved." And on this we  
17 had a prior discussion and the question was, "Is it  
18 necessary to fill a commissioner vacancy after the maps  
19 are finalized? Perhaps the consideration would be needed  
20 if there is a need based on a supermajority vote impact."  
21 And so I'm going to open this up to commissioners to have  
22 a discussion on this.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I guess I'll kind of start  
25 it. Fortunately, we didn't have to go through this



1 process. I do know that the 2010 Commission did have to.  
2 And I think there's two parts to this vacancy. One, if  
3 there's any vacancy prior to December 31st of the year.  
4 And then, number two, shall be filled by the commission  
5 within 30 days.

6 So if we think about, if there would have  
7 potentially, maybe been a vacancy September 15th. And --  
8 or let's say October 15th. Right in the midst of drawing  
9 draft maps and, you know, getting input. And then we  
10 kind of have to stop our focus and go through the process  
11 to fill that vacancy. So just trying to figure out --  
12 time consuming. And as Commissioner Akutagawa  
13 mentioned, whether there would be critical, like, let's  
14 say it's -- we need it for supermajority vote. And  
15 obviously we'd have to fill it.

16 So I don't necessarily -- am saying that it needs to  
17 be changed. It was just something that was brought up  
18 earlier. We have it on the list. And then the second  
19 part of it is if there's a vacancy after December 31st.  
20 Then the commission would have 90 days. So the first  
21 part is you would use the sub-pool if you still have the  
22 sub-pool. The second part would be you would still use  
23 the sub-pool if you have it. If not, you might have to  
24 go back out and solicit. Because I'm thinking maybe in  
25 year five, I'm not sure if we'd have anyone interested in

1 being on the commission. So I'm just trying to put that  
2 out there in terms of what the current language says.

3 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
4 Fernandez.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Vice Chair. Yeah.  
7 The December 31st, just to highlight what is in the  
8 existing provisions. That's December 31st of the year  
9 ending in two. So that's December 31st of this year.  
10 We're still in the period where, if there were a vacancy,  
11 we would have 30 days. Only once we get to next year  
12 would we have 90 days.

13 You know, on the subpool, to me, the subpool was  
14 there. You know, it would be a matter of approaching  
15 those individuals and confirming their interests in being  
16 considered for filling a vacancy. And I don't know,  
17 maybe that's something that the auditor's office would do  
18 or we would do. But you know, I'm still fairly  
19 optimistic that someone in the existing pool would be  
20 willing to serve the people of California in the role,  
21 even if it's filling a vacancy after the maps have been  
22 completed. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Kennedy.

25 Any other comments or discussion?

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it's a great  
3 discussion. It's tough to do after the fact, but when --  
4 just if we can put ourselves back to that -- yeah.  
5 Everything that we learned collectively from January  
6 until we submitted the maps, and how difficult it would  
7 be to bring someone up to speed. And I don't think we've  
8 necessarily brought that up. We're just talking about  
9 how do you fill that position, but there is a real  
10 practical piece to this. And is that fair to the state  
11 of California to bring someone in -- at what point is it  
12 not fair to the state of California to bring someone in  
13 who hasn't learned from the state of California and  
14 learned from the state of California up to that process.  
15 Hopefully I'm making sense.

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
17 Sinay.

18 Commissioner Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Yeah. To  
20 continue along that line, I guess my thinking on it would  
21 be that that's part of what the thirty days is there for.  
22 Yet, it would be difficult to make it through those  
23 thirty days. We could have votes fail during those  
24 thirty days or a commission could have votes fail during  
25 those thirty days because of a vacancy, but I would think



1 that if at any point there were a vacancy, the  
2 notification to the individuals remaining in the relevant  
3 subpool would go out immediately.

4 And part of the consideration at that point would be  
5 the responses that we get or that our commission gets.  
6 And frankly, part of the notice would be, A, if you  
7 haven't been following things, you might want to start  
8 following things, but even beyond that, there might be a  
9 question of to what extent have you been following  
10 things. And the extent to which someone in that subpool  
11 had or had not been following things could end up being a  
12 factor that is considered in filling that vacancy.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
14 Kennedy.

15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think my preference would  
17 be to just leave it as it is with the thirty days or the  
18 ninety days, whichever one applies. I do -- in terms of  
19 bringing someone up to speed, I -- there's only so much  
20 you can do, and it would be up to that individual if  
21 they're willing to step into that role. We would hope  
22 that they would catch themselves up as best they can, but  
23 what I'm feeling at this point is to just leave the  
24 language as is. Thanks.

25 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner

1 Fernandez.

2 Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. Yeah. I agree with  
4 Commissioner Fernandez. This has been implemented once  
5 with the 2010 commission. It went smoothly. It's not  
6 been needed otherwise. It's just little cycles. So if  
7 it were needed in the future, it's not an ideal situation  
8 obviously no matter what happens, but it seems like an  
9 adequate provision for the need balancing the various  
10 considerations. So I would also just leave it the way it  
11 is.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Vice  
15 Chair. (Indiscernible), oh, should we have someone ready  
16 (indiscernible), which you really can't do, but I do  
17 believe there is a possibility of us requesting from the  
18 state auditor. When that last group gets together,  
19 say -- actually, sort of add in discussion or hey, by the  
20 way, for those of you who are in this pool, should one of  
21 the commissioners not make it in order not be able --  
22 need to step down, you would be the resource we come back  
23 to. Because going through it, think looking back at did  
24 I realize that? I might've. I might not have.

25 So I think that's where the only change that we

1 might consider making a change would come from.  
2 Certainly not anything that we can say request other  
3 commissioner or other people out of that pool to -- you  
4 know, we need you to follow along or somebody should  
5 follow along. I think that's above and beyond of what we  
6 should be doing, but there is a possibility of us just  
7 adding a couple of ask an auditor to bring that up and  
8 really emphasize that, particularly once the first  
9 commission has been established, then have a letter or  
10 something go out to everybody. I don't know if that  
11 happens right now, but that's what I think we might want  
12 to look into. Otherwise, move on to the next item.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay.

14 Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. You're on mute.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I lowered my hand, but  
16 I didn't unmute. You should put those buttons a little  
17 closer. Anyway, I apologize. Thank you, Vice Chair.

18 I think one of the chicken-and-egg questions that we  
19 have, and this is for the lessons learned, and we've  
20 heard this from a lot of the organizations that help  
21 recruit commissioners, is how honest are we going to be  
22 about how much time this takes. I mean, a lot of us said  
23 I didn't realize it was going to take so long. And also  
24 you have changes that take place, but -- and the reason I  
25 say it's kind of a hard one is because people don't want

1 to get the full, hey, it's going to take your whole life  
2 from this date to this date because then people -- then  
3 you may lose some really good, qualified people.

4       And as I said before, I remember asking that  
5 question at the very beginning from one of the staff  
6 members. I said did it take us long at the beginning, or  
7 last time, they said, oh, it took even more time from  
8 them. And they said -- and just keep in mind -- and I  
9 said wow, okay. And the person -- the staff person said  
10 to me but you all would've still applied even if you had  
11 known that.

12       And so I think we can't be shy about being honest  
13 about what it takes to be a good commissioner during  
14 those first eighteen months. And it'll be shorter maybe  
15 time, but I think that part is something we just in a  
16 lesson learned and when the -- you know, when things go  
17 out to describe what it means to be a commissioner, all  
18 that, we really need to be honest about those things  
19 because I think that affects -- that will help. It's  
20 preventive.

21       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
22 Sinay.

23       Want to see if there's any other comments. What I'm  
24 hearing so far is I think we should just leave it as it  
25 is. That's generally the sentiment. And there may be

1 some additional information up front that could be  
2 shared, both with potential applicants so that they  
3 understand better.

4       And I do agree, Commissioner Sinay, I think just  
5 being real about the time frame, and I think most of us  
6 or all of us knew that it was going to take quite a bit  
7 of time. Sometimes it's hard to say exactly how much  
8 that time is going to be, and each person is going to  
9 have to define for themselves what is doable or what is  
10 possible, but I think there is some truth to what you  
11 said that regardless of how much time it is, I think if  
12 someone is going to be committed to this work and being  
13 on this commission, it is with the understanding that we  
14 will do what we need to do to fulfill our commitment to  
15 serving on this commission.

16       I think also, Commissioner Andersen, you spoke about  
17 perhaps giving the remaining pool that might be left  
18 after the final fourteen are selected, and perhaps even  
19 before that, that even if you aren't selected, there's  
20 always a possibility that something may happen and we may  
21 be coming back to you, and would you want to be  
22 considered. That I recall from the state auditor's  
23 office. There was a continuous question about are you  
24 still committed to this process. So going forward, that  
25 may be another question that could be asked of the



1 remaining pool. If there should be a need to come back  
2 to you, would you want to be considered. So that at  
3 least then, there's at least an understanding of who may  
4 want to consider continuing to be contacted if there is a  
5 need to come back in backfill, you know, a vacancy.

6 So Commissioner Fernandez, I'm going to ask you, on  
7 this particular one, are you of -- are you hearing the  
8 same thing that I've heard in terms of let's just leave  
9 it as it is and, you know, perhaps just add some  
10 additional information for future recruitment?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I agree. Sorry. I  
12 was nodding.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm moving on to the next  
15 one, but yes, I agree --

16 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- (indiscernible) --

18 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay, great.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to the notes. Thanks.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Wonderful. Thank  
21 you.

22 Thank you, everyone. This is great discussion.  
23 We're making good progress on all of this. We're going  
24 to go ahead and move on to the next row, which is 5B,  
25 which is earlier start date for commissioners, and in

1 parentheses, office setup coordination with census. Also  
2 would impact start date of application process. And we  
3 did have several prior discussions to this, or at least  
4 one prior discussion, that one proposal was to start in  
5 the year ending nine. So that would enable the  
6 commission to develop a relationship with the census,  
7 improve, I guess, the learning curve to outreach and  
8 community engagement. I'm going to just insert would  
9 probably be improved. Start in earlier ending in zero  
10 was another proposal which would not require a statutory  
11 change. And then one last comment around seated  
12 commission is in a better position to know what the next  
13 commission would need in terms of staffing contracts, et  
14 cetera. New commission can change whatever is put in  
15 place. Also in better position to coordinate and  
16 collaborate with census, which was similar to that very  
17 first bullet.

18       There was one last comment, which is outreach is not  
19 in our mandate. So we need to be careful about mission  
20 creep. I do want to invite any comments, discussion, on  
21 the potential for starting -- or having the commission be  
22 seated or appointed earlier than it currently is as it  
23 stands right now, which is around the midpoint around  
24 August of the zero year.

25       Okay. Commissioner Kennedy.



1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I didn't even see  
2 my hand go up. There it is. Okay. Oh, I'm looking at  
3 somebody else's -- Anthony's screen. That's why the  
4 delay. Okay.

5           So we were in place. The first date we're in place  
6 in early July. And yeah, I guess the final six were in  
7 place by mid-August. My sense on this is still that the  
8 heavy lifting that might be required to shift the start  
9 date to a year ending in nine might be too much. At this  
10 point, I think that we should do all that we can to get  
11 that -- to get the random draw moved up to probably early  
12 January of the year starting in zero. So a full six  
13 months earlier.

14           And as for mission creep, I go back to that  
15 subsection 7 that I read a short time ago on something  
16 else. And it talks about the commission promoting  
17 through a thorough outreach program to solicit broad  
18 public participation in the redistricting public review  
19 process. To me, we do have a mandate to do outreach.  
20 So, you know, I think that that one doesn't land with me.  
21 I'll leave it there for now but look forward to the  
22 discussion. Thank you.

23           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
24 Kennedy.

25           Commissioner Yee.



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Vice Chair.

2 I'm wondering if Chief Counselor can comment on what  
3 it would take to move the timeline up. I know there are  
4 certain no-later-than deadlines. One is constitutional  
5 that you have till the end of the year ending in zero to  
6 form the commission, but how do you -- how would we  
7 enforce an earlier deadline to get things started.

8 So let's see. I've been looking at these dates, and  
9 the 2010 commission, the applicant review panel was  
10 selected in November of 2009. Our applicant review panel  
11 was selected in May of 2019. I mean, those dates seem to  
12 have been the auditor's office just working back from  
13 their deadlines in choosing dates.

14 If we do want to push for an earlier timeline for  
15 this whole process, what form does that actually take,  
16 because the deadlines as they're set are no-later-than  
17 deadlines, not start-by deadlines.

18 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: I think that's an important  
19 point, Commissioner Yee, that a lot of the statutory  
20 language is no later than, which doesn't mean they  
21 couldn't start sooner. I would -- and I would have to go  
22 back to look -- you're catching me a little bit on the  
23 spot -- in the constitutional language, if there's some  
24 limitations therefore, how many commissioners, and how  
25 early they can be seated. And that may be some of the

1 limitation that it can't be a nine, but we could do zero.

2       So to Commissioner Kennedy's point, doesn't say it  
3 couldn't be January 1 of 2030. That would end in zero,  
4 but we might not be able to do December 31st, 2029. So  
5 I'd have to go back, because if it is the constitutional  
6 provision that sort of limits, then we would need to  
7 change the constitution to allow earlier. If it's a  
8 statutory change and it doesn't really conflict anything  
9 in the constitution, then that's a statutory change that  
10 works.

11       And I am familiar that, currently, the statutory  
12 changes as pertains to the state auditor doesn't have the  
13 same phrasing as you just mentioned, no later than. So I  
14 think there is some room there where we could probably --  
15 and I would say it's -- another potential is maybe we  
16 don't have to make statutory changes. If, for example,  
17 the commission is on the same page in convincing the  
18 state auditor to start earlier, then we may be able  
19 informally to have a timeline that is earlier than the  
20 two previous iterations. And that might also work to go  
21 without having to make any changes.

22       So I think there are some options. I'd have to go  
23 deeper than that. I'd have to kind of look and weigh  
24 through it between the statute and the constitution to  
25 see just exactly how much limit -- how much room we have

1 to maneuver, but my recollection is the same as yours,  
2 Commissioner Yee, that there is that phrasing. And so  
3 the state auditor could move a good portion of its  
4 process earlier if it wanted to. And I do think there  
5 is, separate but related to that, the commission could  
6 probably be seated a little bit sooner than they have in  
7 the past maybe without making any constitutional changes,  
8 but I do think there is -- there is a limiting point at  
9 the other end of that spectrum where we couldn't probably  
10 seat the commissioners any sooner than X date.

11 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Thank you, Chief  
12 Counsel Pane, and thank you, Commissioner Yee.

13 Okay. I want to just see if there's any other  
14 comments. And if not, what I heard from Chief Counsel  
15 Pane is that there is perhaps additional research that he  
16 needs to do to inform us before we can move forward on  
17 any kind of additional discussion on this, and that would  
18 help us to understand and inform what we may ultimately  
19 want to do on this.

20 Okay. If that's the case, then we're making some  
21 pretty good progress. We have two more left.

22 And Commissioner Turner, I'm going to ask you. I  
23 think we're going to try to run up against 12:45. Is  
24 that correct? So if we could finish these last two in  
25 the next --

1 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: -- fifteen minutes or less.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Yes. That would be great.

4 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Wonderful. Thank  
5 you. Thank you.

6 All right. So let's go to line or row 5C, which is  
7 randomly six versus eight names from the remaining pool  
8 of applicants. In our prior discussion, there was a  
9 comment that made for allowing for more of the  
10 commissioners to be selected by the initially randomly  
11 drawn commissioners in order to appoint commissioners  
12 that are representative of California and Californians.  
13 And so I will ask if anybody has comments, discussion on  
14 this.

15 And I will also ask since it's somewhat connected to  
16 the last one, Chief Counsel Pane, is this something also  
17 that would require some type of research on either a  
18 constitutional or statutory change? And perhaps that  
19 might help inform us.

20 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: So Vice Chair, your question is  
21 what's under C14 and 5C related to the C1 at the bottom  
22 of page 4?

23 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, no. No. No. No. It's  
24 more just question of the conversation about starting it  
25 earlier. Is there some kind of either a statutory kind

1 of code, or would it require some kind of constitutional  
2 change to change I guess the order or the number of what  
3 is random -- or the commissioner said are randomly drawn  
4 versus the other way around. And would that require  
5 research on your part?

6 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: So to the question of would it  
7 require more research to find out if it could be six  
8 versus eight names?

9 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Yes.

10 CHIEF COUNSEL PANE: Yeah. I would -- what I can do  
11 is just put all of that together in one communication for  
12 the commission.

13 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

14 And I see that Chair Turner has a comment.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I just -- in looking through  
16 this further, I just wanted to state for the good of  
17 everyone, I'm not necessarily in agreement that this is  
18 the right thing to do. I think random is random. And I  
19 think that the random could also sway the six in a way  
20 that would make it problematic to choose the next eight.  
21 So this would for me require a lot more discussion. And  
22 just want to state that currently, I would not be in  
23 support of changing it.

24 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you very much,  
25 Chair Turner.



1 Let's go to Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I would agree  
3 with Commissioner Turner as well. I realize that this  
4 time around, there are no Latinos with the first eight,  
5 but I also feel with having eight initially was I'm  
6 hoping a more thorough and better conversation in terms  
7 of who the following six would be. So I do -- I would  
8 not be in favor of moving forward with this one. Thank  
9 you.

10 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
11 Fernandez.

12 Commissioner Taylor.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Yeah. I just  
14 would like to throw my support behind the comments of  
15 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Fernandez. I think  
16 what conversation can surround is the initial outreach to  
17 the applicant pool, which could help to, I guess,  
18 mitigate manipulation with strikes or anything else  
19 possible. A vast applicant pool and randomization would  
20 be optimal.

21 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
22 Taylor.

23 I almost -- Commissioner Fernandez, I almost did a  
24 Taylor.

25 Commissioner Sinay.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hear what folks are saying.  
2 I would be really curious to have a conversation with  
3 others who were part of the recruitment and the  
4 engagement process, and make this a larger conversation  
5 and really understand the research and the reasons why it  
6 was set up the way it is, and what is a potential to do  
7 it the other way, because I'm still really concerned that  
8 as vast as the pool was and the outreach in 22,000  
9 people, no Latinos were selected in the first eight, and  
10 in a state where Latinos are such a large population.

11           So I think we need to be careful to say it'll work  
12 because it didn't work this last time. You can say,  
13 well, it did in that the eight chose this final six, but  
14 I'm still not -- you know, I think we're a great team,  
15 and the fourteen of us work great, but I would -- this  
16 would be one that I would ask that we put on the agenda  
17 to discuss with others.

18           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

19           Commissioner Le Mons.

20           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to go on  
21 record saying I wouldn't support changing this either.  
22 And I guess I'll go a step further to say I feel like it  
23 did work. Thanks.

24           VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Le  
25 Mons.

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And it's just my  
3 understanding of I didn't follow it as closely as some  
4 did, but it's my understanding that part of the issue in  
5 terms of the pool that were available for the random  
6 selection, the legislature may have struck out quite a  
7 few Latinos which greatly decrease the chances. And that  
8 is being addressed by our government affairs  
9 subcommittee. So hopefully, if we can make some headway  
10 on that, it might address future random drawings.

11 Thanks.

12 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
13 Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Le Mons, I see your hand up.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't take  
16 it down.

17 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: No problem. You too did the  
18 Taylor too, so.

19 All right. Anyone else have any comments? So I  
20 think there seems to be more of a majority feel that this  
21 does not require change, although I do want to just want  
22 to acknowledge, Commissioner Sinay, your comments about  
23 desiring a further discussion and perhaps including this  
24 as a topic of discussion with some of the community-based  
25 organizations as well too. I think this is one in which

1 perhaps given that there seems to be more, unless any of  
2 the other commissioners want to speak up. And I guess in  
3 support of further conversation with others, I think  
4 we'll just move forward as leaving it as is.

5 Okay. Commissioner Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Actually, I'll agree with the  
7 commissioners who have supported leaving it as is. And I  
8 remember I was keenly interested in the process at the  
9 time, and I actually did the math. And the odds of  
10 choosing no Latino commissioner in the first eight was  
11 nine percent, nine-something percent. Pretty low. If it  
12 had been only six commissioners in the random draw,  
13 that -- those odds would've been higher. It would've  
14 been a greater chance of no Latinos. And, of course,  
15 there would be correspondingly a greater opportunity to  
16 remediate that, but still, I mean, it would've been worse  
17 news, and more likely to have that worse news.

18 So yeah. It's a double-edged sword if you make any  
19 changes. And I think it actually did work out.

20 VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
21 It's always nice to have some evidence-based kind of  
22 knowledge on this. And thank you for that.

23 I think based on so far then the comments that we  
24 had, we're going to -- we'll leave it as is. Of course,  
25 nothing we do is always left as is, but right now, I

1 think we're going to leave it as is.

2 All right. Let me just move forward because I want  
3 to make sure that we finish up before we break for lunch.  
4 Our last row, which is 5D, expand mandate to support  
5 local redistricting efforts. And the prior discussion  
6 was that this was outside the commission's scope of  
7 redrawing the district. And it would require statutory  
8 authority, I think, for us to be able to do that. So any  
9 comments or discussion on this? I just want to note that  
10 there was one vote on this particular issue.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. I agree.  
13 It's probably outside of our scope. I do wonder though  
14 if it's worth just having a conversation with the  
15 statewide database. They, outside of the requirements of  
16 the redistricting commission itself, the statewide  
17 database does have a requirement to the state to provide  
18 many of the tools that we ended up using. And I do think  
19 that those tools could potentially be very valuable to  
20 local redistricting efforts. It wouldn't necessarily  
21 come from us to create such a mandate, but instead, right  
22 from the statewide database wanting to take it on and  
23 coordinating that with the state, but I could certainly  
24 envision the kinds of online mapping tools that we had  
25 had and enjoyed having the opportunity for local folks on

1 the ground who want to draw a map to also draw a city  
2 council map or a county or a supervisor map, and click a  
3 button, and easily send it to those different bodies at  
4 the same time.

5       So I don't think it's something that we would  
6 necessarily coordinate, but I do think that the statewide  
7 database could potentially be in a position to do that.  
8 I certainly have not discussed this with them or with  
9 Karin (ph.). I have no sense of their take on it, but  
10 having attended the conference that Commissioner Sinay  
11 had described earlier, that was certainly one of the  
12 things that we've heard from folks on the ground, that  
13 they were struggling to keep up with both local and state  
14 processes.

15       And so I think to the extent that we can advocate  
16 for minimally tools being shared could be very valuable  
17 too.

18       VICE CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
19 Sadhwani.

20       Commissioner Kennedy.

21       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Vice Chair.

22       This is -- I mean, if mine wasn't that vote  
23 originally, I would certainly vote to move this forward  
24 now. To me, it's, you know, largely a matter of the -- I  
25 mean, there's an economic side to this as well, you know?

1 It seems to me that folks are being asked to financially  
2 support redundant efforts that could be resolved if our  
3 mandate were expanded to include some level of support to  
4 local redistricting efforts.

5 There's also the issue that, you know, the Statewide  
6 Commission (phonetic) was created well before the mandate  
7 or the language that allows for local independent  
8 redistricting efforts. And so you know, the fact that  
9 it's not in our current mandate, well, you know, those  
10 other independent commissions didn't exist prior to the  
11 existence of -- or to the creation of this Commission, so  
12 it's a logic issue as well.

13 Now that they do exist, now that there are so many  
14 needs in common between this Commission and local  
15 redistricting commissions, you know, to me, it just makes  
16 enormous sense to rationalize this as much as possible,  
17 and it makes sense to include supporting local  
18 redistricting efforts in our mandate. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
20 Kennedy.

21 Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is actually something that  
23 I spoke to in my interview for the CRC in my original  
24 interview and just saying, you know, there's ten years  
25 where we're sitting on the Commission, and really, the



1 work is in the -- is on the front side. But I think  
2 the -- when I view this question, it's not so much while  
3 the Commission is working on the state map, but between  
4 now and 2030, more and more states -- or more and more  
5 cities and counties will be creating their own  
6 redistricting commissions and school boards and whatnot.  
7 And one of the things you -- we heard over and over again  
8 at that conference was that there is no uniformity in how  
9 those commissions are being created, and people have a  
10 lot of questions.

11 I mean, Commissioner Yee and I have been invited to  
12 different states that are having questions on how to  
13 build IRCs. What makes an independent redistricting  
14 commission better or worse? What are some of the  
15 challenges? And so there is that opportunity for us  
16 because there aren't that many people who have done this,  
17 and so it is an opportunity to step in and provide  
18 technical assistance. You know, that's a technical -- I  
19 mean, that might be too big of a word, but just helping  
20 guide county staff, city staff, others who are creating  
21 these commissions during the next -- the end of our --  
22 from now to till the end of our tenure so that we can  
23 have better state redistricting -- local redistricting in  
24 the future.

25 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. I just want to interject.



1 We have two minutes before we'll go to lunch.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair Turner.  
3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Vice Chair. This  
5 is very quick. If we, at some point, are able to make  
6 progress towards one of my stated goals during the  
7 Lessons Learned process, which was developing a full-  
8 blown week-long simulation of redistricting as a training  
9 tool, you know, to me that would be of enormous benefit  
10 to local redistricting efforts. And I really would hate  
11 to see us blocked in any way from making such a training  
12 tool inaccessible to local redistricting efforts  
13 elsewhere in the state. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
15 Kennedy.

16 I think what I'm hearing from this is there is some  
17 desire to do more. I am going to say, given where we are  
18 in terms of our time, I think we need to do some further  
19 discussion on this.

20 And then so Chair Turner, I think I'm going to call  
21 it an end to our subcommittee's report, and I appreciate  
22 everyone's conversation on this. We've made some really,  
23 really great progress, and we will continue on this last  
24 one as well as some other ones in the next round.

25 Chair Turner.



1 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you so much. We certainly  
2 appreciate you. Thank you for all of the information and  
3 discussion.

4 With that, I want to announce that we are preparing  
5 now to go to lunch. I want public to know that we will  
6 come back into closed session. We're going to come back  
7 into closed session at 1:45, and our goal and desire  
8 would be to rejoin in open session at 2:45. And so at  
9 this time, lunch, 12:45 to 1:45. We'll be back in closed  
10 session at 1:45. Wait a minute. Lunch, 12:45 to 1:45;  
11 1:45 we'll be into closed session. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And welcome back. You  
14 are viewing the California Redistricting Commission  
15 Business Meeting for August 31st. We have just come out  
16 of closed session for pending litigation and personnel  
17 exceptions, and there was no action taken, and so we will  
18 move back into our subcommittee update reports. We have  
19 two left that we will do for today.

20 We have Redistricting Engagement. And at this time  
21 for Redistricting Engagement, we are in the hands of  
22 Commissioner Sinay? Who is it?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead, Commissioner Yee.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Let's see. What are our updates?



1 We continue conversations with Common Cause as they think  
2 about possible conferences or other get-togethers to  
3 continue promoting independent redistricting. There was  
4 one they were looking at for later this year that they  
5 were seeking funding for that has not been found -- the  
6 funding, so it's probably not going to happen, but  
7 they're continuing to look for that possibility.

8 Anything else?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So yeah, they're still -- you  
10 know, they're contacting us when -- both for the  
11 letter -- op-ed -- and --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Op-ed, right.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- for conversation.

14 Commissioner Andersen has been asked to write one for  
15 Kansas, and so we will share the template.

16 And we are -- the conference that we were talking  
17 about for January is going to be postponed at this point  
18 just because we just want to make sure that we have  
19 enough time -- enough lead time and the right amount of  
20 funding. And again, that conference would be focused on  
21 those who serve on independent commissions; it might not  
22 be redistricting commissions; it may not be completely  
23 independent; it might be advisory. We're still working  
24 out some of those details. And that's it.

25 And our focus has been just the national independent

1 redistricting movement, not the state. But I know within  
2 the state, there's been a lot of movement and interest in  
3 getting more counties and cities and states -- I keep  
4 saying states -- cities and counties and school boards  
5 and such to have independent redistricting commission. I  
6 think the biggest challenge we've heard -- issue we heard  
7 at that conference is that usually they're staffed by  
8 someone who is a county employee or a city employee, and  
9 their allegiance is to the city or the county, and it's  
10 one more thing that's added on to a lot of other  
11 responsibilities, and so that's been an interesting  
12 conversation.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. I'd just add  
15 (indiscernible) and I were on a panel for Common Cause in  
16 July with their team in North Carolina, and that panel  
17 also included Colleen Mathis from Arizona 2010  
18 redistricting cycle, and it was a very great honor and  
19 pleasure to be with her on the panel. She was the one  
20 independent on the Arizona five-person commission who  
21 chaired the entire process and what she went through.  
22 She deserved combat pay. But it is inspiring to see the  
23 perseverance that she had invested in the process and be  
24 able to share together about what we had all learned in  
25 North Carolina could possibly benefit from independent

1 redistricting approach. That's all.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just a question for  
4 Commissioner Yee. Is that an event that a recorded live  
5 stream is available for?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: I don't know. I'll have to look into  
7 that.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Okay. So we want to thank  
10 the Redistricting Engagement Subcommittee, and we'll move  
11 now to website, which I think is Commissioner Kennedy and  
12 Taylor? Oh. Taylor, and who's on website? Subcommittee  
13 for the website? And Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. I think to put it  
15 succinctly, the -- any website update was encompassed in  
16 the --

17 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- ED -- the executive  
19 director's report. It's a matter of completion or  
20 migration of our website to the .G-O-V, and we're waiting  
21 for that to, I guess, maybe to stress test it a bit.

22 Alvaro, anything else? Jane, anything else?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Nothing else.

24 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And I will say, you know, just



1 so that it is noted, Commissioner Kennedy, we do hear  
2 your concern. Our concern, of course, is with the  
3 preservation of the 2010 website as well, so that is a  
4 constant question in conjunction with the ADA compliance.  
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. So that then concludes  
7 our subcommittee reports for today.

8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I think  
10 we went -- we skipped Lessons Learned. But I also wanted  
11 to make a comment that -- where are we? Subcommittee 3N,  
12 Staff Sources Manager One Recruitment Subcommittee  
13 (phonetic), that, Chair, you and I are on. I think that  
14 can be sunsetted since we have our Staff Services Manager  
15 One hired.

16 CHAIR TURNER: Absolutely, I am in agreement. We  
17 will consider that sunsetted. And I did not realize I  
18 missed Lessons Learned. Hm. How dare I? So at this  
19 point, yes, let's go ahead and -- Lessons Learned.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Henry?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Russell, go ahead, since  
22 you've prepared the handout.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. So the update is that Ray  
24 continues to categorize all the inputs; over 700, I  
25 think, he has so far, and is almost finished with that

1 task. When he is, he and I will commence the actual  
2 writing.

3         Meanwhile, in your handouts for today, I have a  
4 draft table of contents. This is just the first rough  
5 draft. And as I thought about the lessons in the report,  
6 I mean, this is kind of our one last chance to put  
7 together a public document, and so I thought besides the  
8 Lessons Learned items proper, why not also include other  
9 things we might want to pass on to the next commission in  
10 a handy fashion as well as to the public?

11         So you'll see on the table of contents, there's an  
12 introductory section just talking about the Commission in  
13 general. This will overlap with the first fifty pages of  
14 the final maps report, which, by the way, if you haven't  
15 actually sat down and read that, it's magnificent. It's  
16 actually really, really well done. Kudos to Ray and to  
17 Alicia and others who worked on it. This introduction  
18 and then the second section, I'm thinking a narrative  
19 time line. It would be a much more condensed version of  
20 that fifty-page intro to the final maps report and just  
21 kind of an at-a-glance summary of who we are, what we  
22 did, and what happened.

23         Then there's the Lessons Learned section itself, and  
24 that just goes through all the categories that we talked  
25 through when we did the Lessons Learned exercise. And

1 Ray and I will figure out, you know, how best to  
2 categorize everything, if those categories make sense or  
3 whether we should be more lumping or splitting or  
4 whatever, and I'm trying to make sense of all that.

5       And then I thought it would be worth adding a final  
6 section on reference materials, and this is just a handy  
7 place to gather together, you know, everything that might  
8 be of interest or use to the next Commission or to the  
9 public. So a -- the first item is actually also  
10 attached. I thought it would be good to have a summary  
11 table of all the deadlines and milestones going all the  
12 way back to Prop 11. So what were the deadlines? What  
13 were the no-later-thans as well as the actual dates that  
14 things happened? And so I've been doing research and  
15 collecting on those dates, and it's very interesting.

16       The last column I thought we would collect are  
17 suggestions for 2030, which are still under discussion,  
18 so I don't know if we'll actually have dates for that.  
19 I'm not talking about, you know, starting the process  
20 earlier and all that. So that -- the final Gantt Chart,  
21 the final budgets, lists of personnel; you saw the hiring  
22 time line that Executive Director Hernandez prepared; the  
23 contractor's contracts, and so on and so on, the ready  
24 reference, the mapping playbook, chair rotation, you  
25 know, all that, just to have it all handy in one place.



1 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Um-hum.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I'm surely forgetting some  
3 things, so if you think of anything else that belongs in  
4 that reference materials section, I would love to add it.  
5 So that's the general idea. You know, Ray and I will be  
6 very busy from now till the end of the year to get this  
7 done, but this is the current plan, so I invite any  
8 feedback.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful. And thank you, please  
10 forgive me for skipping Lessons Learned. That's a lot of  
11 (indiscernible) work. Thank you so much.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is great. Thank you,  
15 guys. I just went to a conference that reminded me of  
16 something that we all had said at the beginning, that  
17 content isn't going to be as important here as guiding  
18 questions, and kind of building on what Commissioner  
19 Taylor said earlier, that it's about helping them find  
20 the right guideposts. So as your draft -- as we're  
21 drafting this, maybe start each section with two or three  
22 guiding questions that they need, and then if you come  
23 into our Lessons Learned, but really thinking through  
24 what are the best questions that they should be asking  
25 themselves? Because to me, that was what was missing in

1 our whole experience. A lot of times we kept asking  
2 ourselves, is that the right question? What are we  
3 answering, you know? And just, obviously, they'll have  
4 other questions, but it'll at least help in that regard.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thanks. I like that.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

7 I do want to go back to -- Commissioner Kennedy, it  
8 looks like you were going to say (indiscernible).

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Commissioner  
10 Fernandez's query to you just before this reminded me  
11 that one of the things that I think we should include in  
12 that list of reference materials is some actual formal  
13 terms of reference for each and every subcommittee that  
14 we had along the way, a lot of which has already been  
15 sunsetted. But it seemed to me that, you know, we  
16 probably had an idea of what the subcommittees were and  
17 what their purposes were because we were part of the  
18 discussions, but I think that, you know, having a good  
19 solid, not just list, but a list and description --

20 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- of what the subcommittees  
22 were intended to do is going to be of enormous help to  
23 the 2030 Commission.

24 CHAIR TURNER: I totally agree.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

1 CHAIR TURNER: I totally agree. And what I was  
2 going to say is, is that we'll do at this time -- and for  
3 sure, we want to not only list all of the subcommittees,  
4 but a brief description of them -- is that I'm going to  
5 run through the subcommittees, and for those that are on  
6 them, if they're -- if it's a subcommittee that can be  
7 sunset, I'd like to go ahead and do that at this time so  
8 that we're not retaining all of these and just having to  
9 check in to see if there is something or not. Maybe  
10 there's something else we can sunset. Commissioner  
11 Andersen, do you want to speak before we do that?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I would, please. The  
13 one other item also I meant to say in this is a glossary.  
14 Because a glossary, you know, at the beginning or the end  
15 on one of these phases in here, and even if it's  
16 referenced, you know, something -- it's a very general,  
17 say, see this section. But an overall glossary where  
18 someone could quickly look for as almost, like, you know,  
19 you have your introduction, you have your table of  
20 contents in the back of the glossary, kind of also  
21 something like that would be extremely helpful.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Just running straight from our  
23 agenda, we have the Government Affairs Census -- and  
24 Census, Commissioner Sadhwani and Toledo. I'm just  
25 looking for you to say, keep or sunset.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can keep for now.

2 CHAIR TURNER: Finance and Administration, we'll  
3 keep.

4 Outreach and engagement? Can we sunset?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think we can sunset because  
6 things can be done in other committees.

7 CHAIR TURNER: So I'll throw we're showing Outreach  
8 and Engagement, sunset. Material Development?

9 Fernandez and Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think I -- Commissioner  
11 Kennedy, maybe he'll agree to it -- the only reason we  
12 had it open was we were going to update the Wikipedia,  
13 but maybe that can be part of Lessons Learned, and then  
14 we can census it.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Nice try.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nice try. I mean, you know,  
17 if that's really how we want to go, I -- you know, I'm --

18 CHAIR TURNER: Sounds like we'll stay with it.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- okay with it.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We'll keep it.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I mean it's for that  
22 one task. Commissioner Fernandez was right. The one  
23 outstanding item is to develop new descriptive text for  
24 Wikipedia about redistricting in California because right  
25 now, there's kind of a single entry that mostly describes

1 the 2010 process. The only thing about the 2020 process  
2 is that early on, I went in and added in the members of  
3 the 2020 Commission, but there's no real text about what  
4 we did, how we did it, et cetera. And so the idea is to  
5 take some of the generic description from the existing  
6 Wikipedia entries, set that up as an umbrella entry, and  
7 then have separate entries for the 2010 Commission, 2020  
8 Commission, 2030, et cetera.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It may be that somebody from  
11 outside the Commission wants to do that as well, and that  
12 would be fine, too. We don't have to have our hands in  
13 it, I just think that it's important for that eventually  
14 to be on there for general public access.

15 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay. So for now, we'll leave  
16 it. Right now, I think my only intent is for anything  
17 that's a clear sunset, we'll sunset.

18 Website? We --

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Need.

20 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. And incarcerated  
21 populations?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll need. Yeah.

23 CHAIR TURNER: Lessons Learned, we'll keep.  
24 Cyber Security?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We probably still need to keep

1 that, there's a couple of pending issues, and then we  
2 always have to answer the questions about what to do with  
3 potential meetings or our procedures --

4 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- or our data. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Liti -- okay. Litigation Contract  
7 Subcommittee?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think that's over.

9 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum. Okay.  
10 Toledo? And Yee said it's over, so we'll sunset  
11 Litigation Contract Subcommittee.

12 Bagley-Keene ADA, I think there's still some work  
13 going on with that.

14 Long-term Planning Subcommittee, we're still  
15 continuing.

16 Redistricting Engagement Subcommittee?

17 Sinay and Yee? We'll keep it working?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, keep it going.

19 CHAIR TURNER: Audit Subcommittee? Le Mons and  
20 Taylor.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Sunset.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. We'll sunset Audit  
23 Subcommittee.

24 Staff Service Manager, the one that we sunset today.  
25 Continuity Subcommittee? Fornaciari and Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, we need to keep  
2 going.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

4 Legislative Subcommittee? Fernandez and Akutagawa.

5 Okay. So we have sunset a couple more.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to comment  
8 on the materials development one. It looks like from the  
9 Lessons Learned table of contents that, you know, just  
10 some of the general information and other things like  
11 that could be copy and pasted into a Wikipedia, that some  
12 of the introductory parts could form the basis of the  
13 Wikipedia entry. And I only say that because the  
14 likelihood of someone else going in and doing it is  
15 probably a lot lower than one of us doing it, and I'm  
16 just thinking since Lessons Learned Committee does  
17 have -- or will have, I guess, access to the materials  
18 first, and you know, you know the content best. I am  
19 just suggesting that that may be the fastest and easiest  
20 way if we want to see that actually updated. So just a  
21 thought there.

22 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Okay. Then we'll go back.  
23 There was another matter for the Lessons Learned, and so  
24 we'll have that listed at this time.

25 Commissioner Yee.

1           COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So this has to do with the  
2 whole question of parcel splits; it's a matter that  
3 actually is still ongoing. So you may recall this has  
4 landed in the Lessons Learned suggestions for 2030 that  
5 they include in their line drawing contract a provision  
6 for some months of line drawing availability to counties  
7 after the maps to help counties resolve parcel splits  
8 created by the final maps.

9           And you'll recall this all started last February  
10 when Karin MacDonald told us that counties had been  
11 coming to her asking for help with those splits --

12           CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

13           COMMISSIONER YEE: -- and could we find some money?  
14 We looked around, couldn't find it. Secretary of State  
15 didn't want to take it. The legislature didn't want to  
16 take it, so. We eventually decided not to push for a  
17 statutory requirement for such money for 2030, but just  
18 leave it as a suggestion, and that's where things lay.

19           Since then, I heard from the group that represents  
20 elected officials and -- I mean, election officials and  
21 clerks -- the CACEO -- and the issue has been reframed in  
22 my mind. So the question is not so much, can we find  
23 money? The issue is the need for a legal basis. So  
24 basically, what's happened in 2010, 2020, you know, the  
25 lines -- you know, the Commission draws the lines, and



1 when the counties end up actually precincting with those  
2 lines, it turns out there are various splits because it's  
3 an imperfect world, and so they ended up having to adjust  
4 lines, you know, to decide which side of the line a given  
5 parcel falls. And the problem is not only that there's  
6 no money for help -- some of the need for that. The  
7 bigger problem is there's no legal basis to test the  
8 lines, right? So we -- kind of they're asking for some  
9 help to find someone who basically can guide them to  
10 that. So I've been involved in various conversations  
11 about that. This is also because I inherited the  
12 question when I was chair in February.

13       And so at this point, the update is that Chief  
14 Counsel Pane is going to approach some Legislative  
15 contacts, do some more research. What I'm thinking is  
16 that, you know, of course, this really shouldn't land in  
17 a subcommittee; I shouldn't be doing this solo. So if  
18 there's still a need, and I think there is still a need,  
19 I'm going to ask the chair to appoint a subcommittee to  
20 follow this up. If nothing happens, basically, 2030,  
21 we'll have to redo this whole question again from scratch  
22 because the need will still be there, the exact same need  
23 just as it was in 2010.

24       CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

25       COMMISSIONER YEE: And all the conversations that



1 have gone -- that have happened thus far will have, you  
2 know, will have to be redone: the conversations with  
3 this CACEO, with the legislature, with the Secretary of  
4 State, with Karin and the Statewide Database, and with  
5 ourselves, so.

6 CHAIR TURNER: Um-hum.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: So that's where things are at  
8 now. Of course, I'm cognizant that the time is short  
9 with staff, with Anthony still around, and so forth. I  
10 apologize for not following up more expeditiously earlier  
11 this year, but it's a sticky problem, it doesn't have an  
12 obvious solution, and as I talk to people, it seems, you  
13 know, everybody's guessing about what to do, so.

14 CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. And I think my only thing with  
15 that -- and I certainly appreciate your diligence and  
16 what you have done -- and as I understand the issue prior  
17 to appointing a new subcommittee at this point, I really  
18 do want Anthony to have that last research meeting so  
19 that we are very clear on what the directive would be for  
20 a subcommittee prior to appointing one. And so if we  
21 could postpone creating a new subcommittee and give  
22 Anthony these couple of weeks to determine, you know,  
23 exactly what the ask is and whatever the other nuances of  
24 the matter is, we can perhaps do that on the next meeting  
25 at the 21st. Is that amenable for you?

1           COMMISSIONER YEE: That's fine. Would it be  
2 possible to -- if it's a green light, could we have the  
3 subcommittee appointed even before the 21st just because  
4 time is short? Would it have to be in a meeting that you  
5 appoint a subcommittee?

6           CHAIR TURNER: Anthony would have to answer that.

7           Can -- does subcommittees have to be appointed in a  
8 meeting?

9           MR. PANE: To answer your question, Chair and  
10 Commissioner Yee, there's not an explicit requirement  
11 that that be done. It's often done that way, but not  
12 technically required.

13          CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So then upon your findings,  
14 Chief Counsel Pane, you can let us know, and then we  
15 can -- depending on whether it's myself or -- I believe  
16 I'll be rotating out of the chair position; it'll be Vice  
17 Chair Akutagawa that will be chair at that time and can  
18 appoint a committee -- a subcommittee.

19          Commissioner Andersen.

20          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Just a  
21 quick question on this one: the parcel versus census  
22 block. Are you saying the census blocks do not match  
23 parcel? Is that correct?

24          COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. That's correct.  
25 So in a perfect world, you know, the census and the local

1 jurisdictions would have perfect agreed maps on  
2 everything, right? But in the real world, it just  
3 doesn't happen that way. And inevitably, there are some  
4 lines that don't fall where they ought to, and this only  
5 shows up finally when the final maps are --

6 CHAIR TURNER: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- issued and precincts are  
8 created.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Wow. Okay. That -- yes,  
10 now I see the scope of the issue. Got it. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thanks, Chair.

13 CHAIR TURNER: You're welcome.

14 Okay. At this point, that concludes our  
15 subcommittee report, agenda item number three. So we  
16 will, Katy, please, at this time take public comment and  
17 general public comment -- public comment on agenda item  
18 three and general public comment for the day.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

20 The Commission will now be taking general public  
21 comment and public comment on agenda item number --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Why wouldn't they?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- three, subcommittee  
24 update (indiscernible).

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Where do they get their

1 fifth block from?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment.

3 CHAIR TURNER: Jane, you're not on mute.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 The Commission will now take public comment on  
6 agenda item number three and general public comment.

7 CHAIR TURNER: And you're still not on mute.

8 There we go. Thank you. You got her.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: To give comment, please  
10 call 877-853-5247 and enter meeting ID number  
11 81282239720. Once you have dialed in, please press star  
12 nine to enter the comment queue.

13 And for those that have called in earlier, if you  
14 would like to give comment at this time, please press  
15 star nine, this will raise your hand, indicating you wish  
16 to give comment. And at this time we do not have any  
17 raised hands. And I'll let you know when the  
18 instructions are complete, Chair.

19 The instructions are complete, Chair, and we do not  
20 have any callers or raised hands.

21 CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And apparently, I misspoke.  
22 You all will get to have me one more time through  
23 September as chair. So I will be in contact with Anthony  
24 as well, and you will see what we need to do with that  
25 subcommittee moving forward.



1           So at this time, that -- if there aren't any other  
2 comments or questions, that concludes our meeting. We're  
3 going to adjourn for the day. And I thank you all and  
4 wish you well. We'll see you soon. Meeting adjourned.

5                       (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned  
6                       at 3:28 p.m.)

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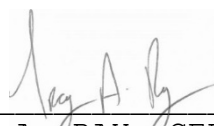


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