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CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Good morning, everyone. Welcome back. Today is Wednesday, October 28th, and it is the first day of our meeting here.

Okay. I'm getting some weird feedback but hopefully, this is okay.

All right. Marian, can we go ahead and take roll call? We'll start with that.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Akutagawa?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

Commissioner?

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: He's not muted.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He looks like he froze.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MS. JOHNSTON: And Commissioner Fornaciari, are you there yet?

I can see him.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It sounded like he had -- I think he had internet connectivity issues. It looks like we might have just lost him but --

MS. JOHNSTON: I'm sure he'll be back.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm sure he will. Okay.

Next on our agenda is general announcements. And just so that the public who is logged in and watching us,
I will just briefly just say that, in terms of our agenda for this morning, what we're going to go ahead and do is we'll take public comment first. And then immediately after public comment, we are going to go into closed session to address the hiring of additional staff.

And what our plan will be is once we are completed with that, we'll then resume back on the agenda in terms of the Executive Director's Report and the commissioner updates, and we'll see where we are before lunch.

Okay. So with that said, I am going to ask --

Katy, welcome back. It's nice to see you again.

And would you please read off the instructions?

MS. JOHNSTON: Commissioner Fornaciari is back.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Sorry, Chair. I was chewing.

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream number. When prompted to enter a participant I.D. number, simply press pound.

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when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
down the livestream volume. These instructions are also
located on the website.

The Commission is taking public comment on general
comments at this time.

We do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Let's go ahead and we can
wait a few minutes to allow people to catch up. I know
that there's a delay on the livestream, so we'll wait a
few minutes.

Marian, do you have to officially hear from
Commissioner Fornaciari?

MS. JOHNSTON: He waved at me.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: That was good enough. Okay. All
right.
So why don't we do this. Let's -- while we wait to see if we have anybody who wants to join us for public comment, and before we officially go into closed session, let me just ask everybody, agenda item number 4, Commissioner updates: items of interest to the Commission, is there anything that any of the Commissioners would like to share with the Commissioners -- the other Commissioners?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a couple of things. I did have an opportunity to meet with the director of the California Census, and we did confirm that she will be coming in and meeting with us at the next meeting. So that's pretty exciting.

They had a lot of -- she has a lot of good information, a lot of things that we can build on, and she's very excited to share. Obviously, when she comes in, it won't encompass all of -- she can't share everything in a short amount of time with us. But I'll follow up with the different working groups to recommend, maybe, different things that you can follow up with her team.

And locally, a lot of the teams are already disbanding, especially on the nonprofit side. So if you haven't reached out already, please do ASAP to the
nonprofit lead for your region. Sorry, that should have probably been in my report, in our outreach report.

And then yesterday, I participated in the new California Immigrant Data Portal, and it was -- it's pretty impressive, what's being done. And you can go all the way down to the city and kind of see what the different immigrants are. So you just don't get foreign-born but actually, what is the diversity of the groups and stuff. So it might be something that we all want to explore on our own and then think through how we can use it. They did discuss redistricting and how this could be really helpful for local, state, and -- local, county, and state redistricting.

And one of the things that keeps coming up is we need to really figure out the messaging. And as the state redistricting group, we need to really be out in front about how to explain city, county, and state redistricting and how people can participate in all of them.

So what I got this week is we really need a communication's person to work with us because election's next week and we keep saying, oh, well, we have time until after the election, but it's next week.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you very much, Commissioner Sinay. Those are good, good things to know
about. And we look forward to seeing the director of the California Census next week.

Any other just general updates or comments from the commissioners, anything that we should be aware of, prior to us going into closed session?

It looks like we have no one queuing up for public comments. So we could finish this up and then we could go into closed session.

Katy, am I looking at it right, no one's queued up?

Okay. All right.

Any other public -- or any other comments from the commissioners? Okay.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Yeah. I can just share that I did my first interview, kind of speaking about the Commission yesterday. They've been reaching out to me since July, since my name was called, so I finally did one. Ogilvy was actually very helpful in giving me some prep beforehand. So I hope I represented the Commission well, or represented myself on the Commission.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Great. Can you tell us who you did the interview with?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Yeah. I did it with Alex Cohen on Spectrum 1 News, which is -- I actually
don't have it, I don't have Spectrum Cable, but it's considered a hyper-local news source. Alex Cohen used to do the morning show for KPCC radio station in Los Angeles as well.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. Great. All right. Well, thank you. Thanks for representing us. All right. Anyone else have any updates to share? Okay. Then, I see that Kristian has sent us the link for closed session.

Thank you very much, everyone. I know that for those who logged in, it was a very brief time. We will be returning. Time estimate-wise, I think we can shoot for -- maybe I'm going to --

I think I'm going to ask Commissioner Taylor and, I think --

Taylor and Commissioner Fernandez, were you -- okay. So can you give us an estimate as to what you might think would be a return time?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I would hope after lunch.

CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: After lunch? Okay. All right. Okay. Thank you very much, everyone. So then, we will then -- in public, we will return back and reconvene in open session after lunch today. Okay. Thank you.

And we'll see everybody in closed session.

(Recessed at 9:42 a.m.)
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