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February 25, 2021

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. My name is Pedro Toledo, the rotating chair for the California Redistricting Commission.

I do want to report that during closed session the Commission took action on the HR matter. Alvaro Hernandez was appointed to serve as the Executive Director for the 2020 California Citizens Commission.

Please join me in congratulating Alvaro.

And with that, Ms. Sheffield, please conduct the roll call.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. SHEFFIELD: And Commissioner Toledo.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sheffield.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yee is here as well. Sorry to be late.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome, Commissioner Yee. Katy, please instruct the public on how they can provide public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair, good morning. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

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The Commission is taking general public comment at this time.

And we do not have anybody in the queue.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's give it a couple of minutes.

In the meantime, I'm planning to start where we left off with the Executive Director report, and then after that
subcommittee reports, then the Legal Affairs Committee update, and hopefully adjourn a little bit early today, at least before 5 o'clock.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are complete on the stream, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it, Katy, and thank you for everything you do. I know it's important and you're always on top of it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. You're welcome.

CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Seeing that there are no public comments, let's move onto the Executive Director Report.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair, and once again, thank you to the Commission. I'm looking forward to this exciting new chapter in my career, as well as moving forward with the Commission's work. So with that, let me go ahead and get started here.

I wanted to start by sharing that we have a new staff, our Outreach Coordinator, Patricia Vazquez Topete, began on Monday, so I want to officially welcome her.

Marcy Kaplan and I are providing her onboarding materials and helping her get settled into this new transition. She brings with her a wealth of experience, having worked with the census doing a lot of the
outreach. So we're excited to have her on board.

We're also working on duty statements for field staff positions that we had talked about previously. So I'll be working with the subcommittees to finalize those and get those moving.

I also wanted to mention that we had advertised for a Commission secretary and will be reviewing some applications that we received. And we also have on our website the account tech positions out there. So if anyone is interested and would like to take a look at those job opportunities, they are listed under the "About Us" tab on our website, so please take a look there.

As far as protocols for the Commission and communications, I'm going to defer to the Finance and Administration Subcommittee to discuss further protocols for the Commission's communications.

Budget. We do not have any changes of the budget projections that we provided at the last meeting. Obviously, as we hear more on the final date, there will be adjustments to the budget and we'll present that information probably at the next meeting. That's what I'm hoping to do for any budget items.

And also, I'll be working with the subcommittees to identify, you know, what additional expenses may be coming based on that different date that we're going to
I'll move over to the outreach updates. We're continuing to work on our outreach, and we'll have more information at our next meeting. And actually, the subcommittee, the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, will probably have more information to share on that as well.

That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, we will begin subcommittee updates, starting with the census, Action on the Census. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you, Chair Toledo. We have -- since our last meeting when Ethan Jones from the Legislature reached out we have an upcoming, actually later today, conversation with him to further learn about the stakeholders meetings.

I did a conversation with Alvaro and Marcy with representatives from the Governor's Office who were also very interested in learning more about our timeline and offered really their support to support us if we need it in any way, shape, or form.

And I think one of the great pieces that I was hearing is that this is our timeline. We are an independent Commission, and this is ultimately a timeline that we need to establish. People are waiting on us to
figure out what that timeline will look like, and of course, what that will look like within the boundaries of the law.

So I do think that the burden is on us to really think through that timeline. We just hired our line drawer, of course, yesterday, or the intent to contract in any case. And my sense is that as we bring them on board we should be working very diligently and quickly to figure out more about what that timeline -- what a realistic timeline for us might look like. You know, I think getting their expertise on getting what the line drawing component of this will entail could be very helpful for us in finalizing that timeline. So certainly, we'll report back more as we continue to have those conversations.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. I just want to thank a moment to thank the Legislature and our colleagues in the different branches of government for their support as we undergo this unchartered territory with regards to timeline around the census and the issues that we're grappling with, and thank you for their patience as we try to understand the impact of the delays that we're facing and how to address them in the most appropriate manner. And thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani, and everyone on the Commission for your input.
leading forward.

Next we have the Finance and Administration Committee. Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair, I think Commissioner Sinay had her hand up.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani for that update. And I think what was critical for me was that we don't have a timeline, and I keep seeing staff and others posting timelines, and I don't even think we should post a guesstimate right now until we really figure it all out. We can put the primary dates, but I've seen timelines on presentations, at meetings, and other places where sometimes they're saying January 15th, sometime we're saying February 15th. We don't know. We haven't discussed it as a Commission and we haven't voted on it and until we do, no one should be putting out any timelines.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to respond?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just want to say thank you for that, and that is most certainly my perspective as well, that this timeline, even though I'm having these conversations, that this has to be the decision of the Commission.
There's so many elements in this in terms of the community outreach as well as the actual line drawing sessions that we'll have to figure out, so this most certainly will have to be a group effort, but we will have to move quickly in the next month or so to solidify what that will look like.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Barring no other questions, we'll move on to the Finance and Administration Subcommittee with Commissioner Fernandez and Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we have three protocols we're bringing forward for review. I don't know if you all have had a chance to take a look. I think we'll start with the chat protocol. That might be the simplest to get through. Just the ideas provide some clarity on what is allowed to take place in the chat feature of Zoom during meetings, and basically it's nothing substantive, you know, I have to go get a glass of water, or you know, something not of any significance or related to the work that we're doing. So does anyone have any comments or feedback?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari, I was just wondering if maybe you could put the policy in context. Members of the public may not know what we're referring to when we speaking about chat.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So in June there's a chat feature that the Commissioners can use to speak with to either chat to the entire Commission or to individuals on the Commission, and we thought it would be appropriate to have a policy to ensure that everyone knew, you know, what the rules were behind using the chat, a feature in Zoom, and again, it's nothing in the chat feature that is related to the work we're doing. It's just kind of a personal notification, I have to leave and go have a meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 kind of thing. So we let all the Commissioners knowing what's happening and it doesn't interrupt the flow of the meeting, but we don't have anything related to the work we're doing in the chat. Does that cover it, you think?

CHAIR TOLEDO: I absolutely do. Thank you so much for the clarification.

Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would add that the chat is really chat and other electronics chatting places, so it's broader than just using chat.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. Right, it's chat, or text or emailing each other during the meetings.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a clarifying question, and this is outside of our recognized subcommittees. I ask
because sometimes Commissioner Turner and I will send a
text like are you presenting on this item or am I. So
there's that kind of communication happening, or you
know, can you take the lead, or manage Q&A for a certain
item, but within the confinements of our already pre-
designated subcommittee. Does that fall under this
policy as well?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think that's okay
because it's not substantive to what we're discussing in
the meeting, right. It's just who's going to take the
lead, who's going to, you know -- I guess Alicia and I
should have done that before our subcommittee update.
But yeah, I think that's okay.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, thank you.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo, do
you want me to go through, or us to go through all three
of them and then vote together, or do we need to vote on
each individually?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's do them all as a package
because they're all part of the policy manual. We'll be
voting on updating our policy manual by including the
three policies.

Let's go to the next one.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. If there's no other
feedback on that, we'll move to the evacuation plan. So
this was originally put together back when there was
potential civil unrest in the area of the Capitol, and so
the Executive Director had put together a draft on that,
and we've subsequently done some revisions to it. All of
these we've had Marian review and provide feedback.

And I did get one piece of feedback on this that,
you know, it might be a good idea to have a roster so
that we could ensure that, you know, everyone that was in
the office area is now out and you know, together in
their assembly place.

So I want to check in with Executive Director
Hernandez. I mean, is that something that's feasible?
You know, we haven't been in the office that much. We
don't really know whether, you know, it's feasible to
know who all is there, and if you don't know who all is
there, how do you know who all got out, if everyone got
out, I guess.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I do think that --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just add before you
start a little? We had talked about this before and in
my prior employment what we had was a in/out board with
everyone's names, and you would put -- the first thing
when you come in you put, you know, if you're in or out
and then as a manager you would take a picture of that
before you head out so you know who's in. So I think
that might be something that we could implement.

Go ahead, Alvaro.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I will look to see what's
the best way to do that given that we have, you know,
various different schedules and some people are
teleworking. So having a roster is ideal, especially if
I'm not in the office or someone else is not in the
office, just to kind of check through and make sure
everybody is out of the office that is coming in.

So I'll look at different options and then share
them with the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So do you guys -- I
mean, this is probably something Commissioner Fernandez
and I could just work with the Executive Director and
modify the protocol here to include the approach we're
going to take. I mean, if the rest of you are
comfortable with that, maybe we can just go ahead and
approve that with that modification.

I think Commissioner Akutagawa has a question.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a real quick
question, and this is something that perhaps,
Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Fernandez, you
can discuss with Executive Director Hernandez.

I am curious because we are an independent
Commission, and my understanding is that we're not necessarily, you know, the contact information for the staff or even maybe the staff or just the Commission isn't always fully known to Security, I guess, or that was my understanding on January 6th.

So if there should be an incident, and let's say, for example, that just happens to be a day that, you know, Director Hernandez or any of the other senior leaders are not in the office for whatever reason, I'm just curious as to how security will notify whoever from the Commission might just happen to be in the office that day.

Like what's the communication methodology, because usually I think it would go to Director Hernandez and then, you know, he would then spread the word to the rest of the staff. But what if he's not there? What if some other member of the staff is not available and security doesn't know who to go to and they don't realize that somebody is in the office? You know, what's the way in which that will happen, and I'm just only asking that more just for the sake of safety and you know, at least something for you all to be aware of to address.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's a great point that we hadn't thought about, or we hadn't kind of recognized that either -- okay, we'll definitely work on that.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Is that the last policy? I believe there's one more, right?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So this –

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It was go ahead.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The external communications approval protocol, this came up in context of partly the letter -- the request that we got from the current Attorney General -- I believe she's been confirmed as the Attorney General -- for us to count the inmates at their last known address. And how do we approve that?

And then it also came up in the context of that letter that the Census Committee put together on behalf of the Commission that we want to send to the Census Bureau stating our position on differential privacy and taking time to get the census data right. So how do we approve those different types of communications when there's day-to-day communication?

And there was a proposal from Legal, but it seemed pretty -- like it might be super disruptive to day-to-day communication in the sense that the original proposal from Legal had Legal reviewing every communication three times.

And so we took that initial proposal and came up with what we were trying to have as a reasonable
compromise, and it's kind of, sort of, a three-tiered approach, day-to-day communication that -- or routine communications where you post responsive email letters, so-called, will -- you know, will be managed by the communications group that we have.

Then the next level, I've kind of put the response to the request by the Attorney General, we kind of felt that didn't require the entire Commission to approve the communication. We needed a response, and that would be at the responsibility of the current chair to approve that response. But there would be a review by the Executive Director and the legal staff, and then, if needed, the subcommittee or if requested by the chair, the subcommittee could review -- would be requested to review it to provide their input.

And then the third tier is communications on behalf of the entire Commission, so for example, the letter we sent to the Census Bureau, or that we intended to send. I guess we haven't sent it.

So that kind of thing that requires review and approval by the entire Commission, but you know, the same kind of process, the legal review, Executive Director review, subcommittee review, and the Commission approve and the Chair signs the final version and sends it out. So that's what we came up with.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

Any questions? Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: First, I just want to clarify, it's the Secretary of State, not the Attorney General.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, yeah, yeah. Sorry, sorry. My mistake.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted; in case we were wondering if there was another letter.

And so on routine communications it's only dealing with staff, but as subcommittees and zone teams we do routine communication as well. It's one-on-one communication. And so I wanted to check in on that, especially, for instance, the letter, Commissioner Fornaciari, you and I sent to statewide organizations to send out to their members. We did work with staff and they did review it, and you know, fix things. But I just wanted to check in.

I don't think anybody wants to see -- that letter could have just been an email, as well, and so that's where things get complicated is sometimes you can get around these things because you're like, well, I just sent an email, but I just want some clarity on that.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So you're asking me what I think? Okay. I mean I think that would fall under routine communications, too. We have to, you know, keep
the ball rolling and not make it too onerous to
do our day-to-day business is my perspective on that.
I'd like to hear what others think.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Have these communication
policies been reviewed by our legal staff?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Marian has reviewed
them.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. And so they also had
the opportunity to raise any concerns about
communications and suggest any policy development that
was necessary?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So we can expect to feel like
what's being put forward is comprehensive as of today?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay, awesome.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, Marian, do you
have any comment?

MS. JOHNSTON: I agree with the point on the routine
communications. I think -- I'm sorry. I agree with the
point on routine communications and think that you can
add will be handled by communications staff or the
appropriate subcommittee. And I would also put in there,
will be developed by the Executive Director and/or the
Deputy Executive Director, and we may not have an
Executive Deputy Director anytime soon.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, under the first
one -- okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: I added that in to the others, but
for some reason I missed that on the first one.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: So in that same one after
communications staff, put or appropriate subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll take care of
that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other questions or comments from
the Commission? Seeing none, do we have a motion on the
floor?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'll move that we
adopt the policies with the amendments and changes
recommended.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR TOLEDO: That was Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Katy, please open the
comment line.

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maximize transparency and public participation in our
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And the Commission is taking public comment on the -- I don't know what item it is.

MS. JOHNSTON: 9B.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 9B, on the motion on the floor for 9B. And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Very well. We'll wait a couple of minutes. The next item up is the Gantt chart update. Commissioner Kennedy and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Do you want us to proceed, Chair?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, seeing that there's no comment at this point and I don't see any calls on the line, let's proceed.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I've had no input from colleagues -

COMMISSIONER SINAY: We need to vote.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Sorry I missed that.

Commissioner Kennedy, we'll come back to you in a minute.

All right. So let's take vote on the policy and procedures.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. So the motion to adopt the policies with amendments.

Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Yes.
DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Director Hernandez. With that, let's move forward with the Gantt chart update. Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I've had no input from colleagues, so there's no further reporting at this point on the Gantt chart.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We will move on to the line drawer RFP update. Commissioner Sadhwani and Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I'll jump right in. We obviously took a big action yesterday. Congratulations. I have received a couple of congratulations on the -- people saying they think, the public, did a great job, good recommendations.

We have proceeded with the pieces of the contract. Those are being forwarded today, and we should have a -- what happens is then the particular forms get signed and the package goes to -- actually to both the Office of Legal Services and to Department of General Services for the final approval.

And we are in what's called the protest period. Any other proposers who are protesting this intent to award, they have up until March 3rd, actually, and that's posted on the state contracting website.

So basically things don't really proceed until the
protest period is over, and at which point we will
know -- then we really are in essentially just having the
wording okayed, and we finally get an actual date that
it's a done deal, and we will keep you posted.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Anything else to add, Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I think that's it.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Just want to recognize both of
you for the great work on the line drawer RFP, and just
thank you for all -- it was a very smooth process, and I
know it took a lot of work to make it such. Appreciate
it. Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I just want to say
thanks. It was a great job.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Next we'll move on to our Outreach
and Engagement Committee. Commissioner Sinay and
Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Neal, do you want to go first?

See, we didn't use the chat.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, go ahead. Yeah, why
don't you go ahead and I'll do the input. Is that okay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okeydokey.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've got to find it now.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: We got organized in that we
created notes, so we got disorganized that we didn't have
it up, so we apologize.

As we had mentioned, you know, our purpose is to do outreach to all of Californians and make sure that we're reflecting the diversity of all of California.

And as part of that effort, to help the zone outreach, we are looking at creating kind of a template or a checklist of groups you may want to consider reaching out to, if you haven't reached out to them already.

And as part of that we are trying to create partnerships, you know, with the -- being a consultant that does collaboration partnerships, I use that word loosely, but we are trying to work with different statewide organizations and ask them how can they help us, invite them to be part of our outreach efforts. And people have been very excited and open. We have sent just an overview letter, which we will be posting, to the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Chamber of Commerce, UnidosUS, which is a national organization, but it's a section here in California that's all Latino helping human service organization, and it used to be National Council La Raza, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the California League of Women Voters. They've all agreed to send out the letter to their local chapter, so they'll have some overview of what redistricting is, how
we're doing outreach, that we would like to hear from
them about their local, you know, how to do outreach
locally, and we included some questions that you all may
be asking them so that it feels familiar when you all
connect.

And then we have some scheduled conversations with
the California -- well, we spoke with the California
Association of Nonprofits, and so we're working on that.
Commissioners are meeting with the Cal Asian Business
Chamber, California League of Community Foundations and
Equality California. So those meetings have been
scheduled, or we talked to them but we haven't confirmed
what is of interest.

Just so that you know, first of all, please think
through your networks. And you know, as we know,
everybody can be part of the redistricting process, so go
ahead and look at your LinkedIn or the networks that you
have and send any recommendations that you would like of
statewide entities, you know, to have conversations with.
And we don't have to have the conversation; you all can
have them.

Marcy is leading this effort on the staff, so please
e-mail her your recommendations since staff needs to
consolidate all of that, and let her know if you're
interested in taking the lead on having those
conversations.

The menus that we've kind of been talking about offering when we talk to people is that general introduction letter I mentioned as well as the overview presentation, as well as the social media kit and newsletters. These are all things that I probably just took that away from Fredy. He was going to talk about, so I apologize, Fredy.

But the good news was that when we were talking to the statewide groups, these are the things they were asking for, and when we met with staff, staff said, hey, we're already creating all that. So Fredy will go into more detail. And that also includes the videos that will be coming, so everything that we create, a lot of these groups were so excited just to push it out.

And the number one thing we've heard, which I think is really interesting, is that the statewide organizations are usually outside their chapters were already created news articles, articles that they can put in their newsletters. And to me, that was just kind of like, oh okay, we can do that, and Fredy already knew we could do that and he already had that in mind. But I'm just sharing my ad hominin.

And then just a reminder to please send your contact. When you do meet with someone please send
Patty. If you haven't noticed, Patricia Vazquez Topete, she includes the two original members of the Outreach Committee's names. So we've been her calling Buppy, and I've been told she does like the name Buppy, so it doesn't confuse you which Patricia we're talking to. But please do send Buppy your zone contact information, who you talked to, so that it can be in our database and they can begin receiving our updates.

And let's see, the rural outreach, I know a lot of you are doing rural outreach are excited because you've learned a lot, and so what we recommend, can you please send your Lessons Learned to Marcy so that we can compile all our Lessons Learned on what's best for rural outreach and engagement. And then we will have a session in a later meeting where we can talk about rural outreach and things might be missing that we don't have in our strategies right now.

And then you wanted to do the last one, so that's yours, sir.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You know, Alvaro, would it be -- could you ask Patty to maybe just sign in for a few minutes after lunch or something, or maybe after the break so we can all say hi to her. I think that would be great. I think we'd all like to meet her.

I was going to say something else, but I forgot.
Let's see. So we've been and others, the Line Drawing Subcommittee, has been thinking about this. We've been thinking about it, about the, you know, the pre-census community input meetings and line drawing meetings and what those are going to look like.

And you know, Sara brought up an idea -- sorry, Commissioner Sadhwani brought up an idea at the last meeting that maybe we should form a subcommittee between the Outreach Committee, the Line Drawing Committee, the Language Access Committee, you know, and so I wanted to propose that to the Chair to propose forming that subcommittee.

I know there's going to be some intersection with the Data Management Subcommittee. There's also going to be some intersection with the Grant Subcommittee, too.

You know, if we form a smaller subcommittee, we'd need to, you know, notice these meetings. We'd need to have less than a quorum. So we'd have to figure out how to manage it. I mean I think that there's -- the intersection with the Data Management and the Grant Subcommittee, you know, it's not clear in my mind exactly how deep that intersection goes. We have to work through that. But we'd have to work through the attendance of this meeting from all those committees and how we're going to manage it.
But I think, I mean, I would propose a subcommittee because I think it's a little, you know, more efficient. You know, certainly not everyone's input is welcome, and we would bring everything back to the full body to have those conversations, but I think a subcommittee taking on the design of these meetings would be maybe a little more efficient.

So that's my thought. I want to throw that out there.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I just want to clarify that. So it would be a committee comprised of three or more Commissioners from the various subcommittees that are working on this effort. Is that the proposal?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. Yes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Would it be one member from each one of these subcommittees that you've outlined, outreach, data management, grants, and I believe there was on other.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, language access.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Language access.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And line drawing.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Line drawing. So at least one member from each one of those four committees?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, you know, I want to hear -- I'd like to hear from -- the thoughts from the
Data Management and the Grants Subcommittee on how deeply they think they would need to be involved in the design of these input sessions and how they -- what the connection is there.

CHAIR TOLEDO: A little more clarity is also probably needed in terms of what the intent -- what the charter for the committee would be.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So the intent of the subcommittee would be to design the public input meetings.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So all of the details around all of the -- the process for hosting those meetings; is that correct?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, and the thought would be to do it in conjunction, of course, with our outreach team and our new line drawing contractor, since, you know, we're all part of it. I mean the videographer would have to be involved, too, but you know, there are ideas floating around about what those meetings look like, but we're kind of feeling like it's time to really start putting pen to paper and figure out how we're going to design those meetings. I mean, there are lots of different ideas and approaches that we could take, and we would, you know, like to invite in some thought from other external organizations that have been managing this
kind of input in the COVID environment and how to, you
know, elicit input from, you know, everyone, those who
have technology, those who don't have technology, you
know, and how we could come up with some innovative ways
to get the input we're looking for.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's open up to questions.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: First off, I guess I'll
just make an observation. I mean, we're talking about
practically half the Commission, so I'm wondering if it's
just better to just -- one thought is just do it with the
entire Commission if we're going to have to agendize and
all of that, and set up a separate meeting because I'm
sure, you know, this could be the other members of the
Commission might be interested.

But separate from that, that wasn't really my
initial question. My initial question is, Commissioner
Fornaciari, it sounds like you might have some
perspective about the involvement of the Data Management
and the Grants Committee, and I think it would be helpful
to understand where you see the value of our
participation from those committees being on this
particular subcommittee, because then I think that will
help, as least for me, you know, from a Grants Committee
perspective it would -- it could help Commissioner Le
Mons and I in terms of understanding our involvement.

With that said, I will also say that there's overlapping kind of roles that we're playing, so like for me, I'm on the Grants Subcommittee, but I'm also on the Language Access Subcommittee, and that, I think, is going to need to be involved in this process, so some of -- I guess -- I don't know whether or not it would be a violation of Bagley-Keene if I'm representing both. But then I'm also then packing on information to Commissioner Le Mons. And if that's the case, then I think we need some clarity if, you know, what the role of the Grant Subcommittee would be and also then in this case, data management, too.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So yeah, it -- great question, and I think that, you know, one kind of -- they both drive each other, right. So there's going to be the Grant Subcommittee is going to have ask for the folks that would grant to, right, and so obviously, it's not crystal clear in my mind. We have to think this through, and I haven't set down -- I don't know if Commissioner Sinay has some ideas, but based on the design of the meeting they've potentially asked for the grantees to help support how we do the public input. I mean, there's certainly a connection there. What that connection is exactly, I don't know off the top of my head, but we have
to figure that out.

CHAIR TOLEDO: For a little bit of clarity, I think if I'm understanding this correctly, the goal would be to bring in the stakeholders who are most connected to the development of the process for these meetings to come together and have a conversation and really delve into the detail, receive additional public comment from, you know, more public comment on the design of these meetings, and have the Commissioners that are most involved participate and perhaps have other Commissioners focus on other areas.

So it's really an attempt to -- if I'm understanding this correctly, to have the Commissioners -- as we move on there's a lot more work, right, so that's one of the reasons why we created the Legal Affairs Committee was so that one group of people can develop expertise in that area and oversee that work, and so this would be a group that would be the experts in the design of these meetings and hash out all the details with public comment, and ultimately bring those to the rest of the board so that at our business meetings we can focus on the higher level issues and not so much of the details that would have been worked out at the committee level; is that correct? Am I understanding that correctly?

Commissioner Andersen and Sinay after that.
VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think this is definitely a step that needs to happen. It might be a little premature, only in that I think we need a full Commission discussion about -- this seems to incorporate also, you know, what are we doing with our extra time, and this is like, you know, the timeline, how are we putting some of these meetings together, the actual details of it, all dovetail, they certainly do in my mind. And I'm looking at the actual dates. Anything that's obviously over three people requires a ten-day notification, fourteen-day.

I propose that we bring this up on the -- at our upcoming March 8, 9 meeting. There is a lovely spot that we happen to include in there for line drawing presentations, thinking that the thought there was that we might bring the line drawers in and have more of a discussion of the actual plan, not what they had in mind, but what are we actually thinking.

And so I think why don't we possibly have the different subcommittees bring their ideas, you know, possibly submit to the Chair before that meeting, ideas to bring this thing together, and at that point we might be able to discuss timeline, get everyone's input and then possibly form a committee at that point.

And looking forward beyond that, we could actually
place a few things on the calendar. So essentially, the
first meeting would be on that March 8th, 9th, and we
could start, maybe propose more of this type of
subcommittee meetings beyond that date. That's a sort of
a work around.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm okay.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: The only reason you might want to
create it now is that it could be noticed for the
meeting, and then it can actually meet during that time
period.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just date wise, it would -- we
could create one now, but it couldn't be before that. So
essentially, the first -- the big discussion of this
topic and everything could possibly occur at the 8, 9
meeting.

MS. JOHNSTON: I think it could in the last day of
the meeting.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is kind of building.

Where this came from was a recommendation from
Commissioner Sadhwani, but also, conversations that we
had in early December about going through every aspect of
bringing in all the different questions that we've been having and clarifying it.

And so the reason we did recommend to do it via, you know, create a new committee, a super subcommittee was so that we could try to address a lot of the questions that we know that we all have and then bring it so that we have a draft, draft. You know, it's a draft, but we have some of those -- the legal questions that we have, the technology questions we have, a lot -- you know what are a lot -- some of us are still stuck on it has to be a hearing while others are, okay, how do we create more inclusive space that we can bring other, you know, people in? How do we deal with the language access?

So that was why we wanted -- it wasn't that we wanted to keep anybody out, but it was to be more efficient when we had all of us together because of our time, and that we could go through a lot of the different options and come back to you all saying here are the meat and potatoes of what we really need to look at, or kale and sweet potatoes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll just echo what Commissioner Sinay had just said, and you know, when I had suggested it, it was just like, I don't know, I blurt things out of my mouth sometimes, but it had appeared to
me that because of our subcommittee systems of two that
there are multiple groups taking pieces over the same
kinds of questions.

So from a line drawer's perspective and the
development of an RFP we were thinking about like, okay,
well what is the timeline of this and when are those
meetings going to occur. But the outreach folks, you
know, have had so many wonderful conversations with
folks, the language access, of course, also has about
just the technologically -- well, not even
technologically, but how do we coordinate the language
access components, the outreach folks were thinking about
that inclusivity, and it just felt like we were in silos.

So you know, yeah, like I said, I just kind of
blurted out an idea, but. So I support, you know,
whoever wants to go ahead with that, that committee if it
makes sense. And I guess I'll just leave it at that.

But ultimately, I think that there's a lot to coordinate.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Quick question for Marian. Is the
creation of a super committee, or a super subcommittee,
or just a committee under the discretion of the Chair or
is it something the whole Commission has to vote on? I'm
unclear on that.

MS. JOHNSTON: Under Robert's Rules it's up to the
Chair, and that's the policy that the Commission has been
following.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this time I just want to do a -- okay, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarification, Marian, how many -- what's the maximum you can have on a supercommittee, or whatever we want to call it, just so that we make sure we're in compliance?

MS. JOHNSTON: There's no maximum. It's just that you have a meeting. You need to have a majority of the committee members. And if you make it the Commission, then it's got to be a quorum of nine which is the super majority.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So I want to look at the interest. Who would be interested in serving on this committee from each subcommittee? We have Commissioner Andersen, Ahmad from Data. We have Akutagawa, Sinay, Fornaciari, Fernandez. Are we missing any subcommittees? I think they're all represented. Russell from many subcommittees.

So let me get a count of who's interested again. So we have Fornaciari, that's one, Commissioner Ahmad, two, Sinay, that's three, Yee, that's four, Fernandez, five, Le Mons, six, Andersen, seven, and Akutagawa, eight. So that's eight, and we do have a couple of Commissioners that aren't here today, but -
MS. JOHNSTON: Well, for eight it would be a quorum of five, anyway, majority of five, so if someone else wants to be added, it wouldn't change the numbers required to have a meeting if you could add a member later.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at a later time we can always add another member if we said -- if we're missing someone. Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for clarification, I thought a subcommittee couldn't be more than the majority of the full committee, which is fourteen, so a subcommittee would have to be seven -- six or less, or am I totally misunderstanding?

MS. JOHNSTON: I'm not aware of that. I'll check it out.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I was a little delayed in raising my hand in that I think I'm going back to something that Commissioner Andersen brought up, is like the timing. And it seems like this needs to have the input of all of us, just based on our involvement in all the subcommittees, and it sounds more like the comprehensive plan. It sounds like these questions would get answered as we tackle the comprehensive plan, the
comprehensive timeline. I mean they have to be, right?

So it seems that we're establishing a subcommittee
to do something that -- I guess, I'm not getting it
really, to be honest. I'm not understanding -- I
understood what Commissioner Sadhwani's proposal was when
it was made, or the comment when it was made, and I think
she raises a valid point of the need, because there is
all of this intersection. Establishing a committee of
nine, ten people, eight -- nine, ten people, is the
Commission basically.

So I was slow to raise my hand in that, sure, I
would want to participate in ensuring that the
intersection between the subcommittee that I am
responsible for in partnership with Commissioner
Akutagawa, that those needs are considered. I don't
personally need to be on the subcommittee. I was
thinking to myself are there other intersection points to
do that. But maybe not, if it's the majority of us
already, then I probably need to be in the conversation
at that time rather than Johnny come lately.

So I guess I'm struggling with if we're going to
have a committee that is potentially that big based on
the general interest, and I think that the interest is --
is valid because it's something that the whole Commission
needs to address and wants to address. So I don't know
if this is the path forward.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So really those who are on this committee need to be process oriented and be okay going back and forth and figuring, you know, the little details, and some of us are process oriented and some of us are not, and so the idea was to -- part of our thinking was, you know, is can we bring the different committees together to have some of the minutia discussed and figure things through and then bring options to the larger group.

I completely agree with Commissioner Le Mons that it gets more -- you know, that's why I asked the question doesn't a subcommittee have to be less than the majority, because once we're hitting the majority, then let's do it, but let's all agree that we're going to be okay with the process and the time it takes to do it correctly versus rushing us through it, or you know --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I sort of see it -- the reason I brought it up in terms of our first discussion on the 8th, 9th, one, because I know that's within -- it has to be any date to meet before that we're beyond being able to notify. It has to be -- anything we do, we say we want to do it right now is already after the 8th, 9th,
just because of our fourteen-day -- well, it should be
ten-day, but that point.

And the reason is I'm thinking that this is actually
going to become an item similar to the Legal Affairs
Committee. Yes, we all are interested in everything
except that it will have a -- and we're adding maybe an
agenda item on the full agenda at all meetings to discuss
for the over and then we can also have the, you know,
subcommittee which it does, indeed, involve, okay, so
we're actually going to be -- actual nitty gritty of we
could have it come in like this.

We'll have fourteen different meetings, and we'll
have four of those types of meetings which actually only
meet with small groups, you know, all those nitty gritty
details like that could be done at the -- you know, if
not a subcommittee, the other committee meetings, all of
which essentially if it's large enough anyone can want to
attend, which Legal Affairs is a little bit more limited.
It can only be these members. This could be a large
group, but we can't have it too big because otherwise we
won't have enough people to be able to meet. But
everyone wouldn't have to attend, so you could have --
it's essentially like -- it's a little bit larger than
the Legal Affairs Committee. It would have a spot on the
regular agenda to discuss the big picture item, and then
the nitty gritty is going to be worked out in this other meeting. That's how I kind of envision we move forward with this. And I thought the 1st, 8th, 9th, would be overall, let's talk about how the whole thing fits together, and in terms of, you know, what do we do, you know, big picture. What do we want to do with our time frame? Do you want to spend it all on outreach, do you want to spend it on workshops, do you want to spend it on, you know, how does the VRA fit in, all these different pieces? And then get it over a big view and then get into the nitty gritty.

So that's how I see it evolving. It's just the sort of natural evolution would be to go ahead and create the subcommittee now, and so it can actually start agendizing its meetings as soon as --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez, then I'm going to ask Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay to just, having heard all of this, just your recommendation. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I just want to clarification because Commissioner Andersen just said that anyone could attend the subcommittee meetings, but I don't think that's -- I need to ask Marian. I mean, once you set a number, then anybody can attend after that if
it's over eight? I wasn't clear on that.

MS. JOHNSTON: It's a public meeting, so anyone may participate as a member of the public. Only the Commission members would actually be zoomed in as the committee members.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So if it's -- if we set it up and there's eight, then you have to meet the quorum for the eight, right?

MS. JOHNSTON: You have to have five people. And if you did it as the whole Commission is doing it, you have to have nine.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, right. So it is -- you are limited in terms of the number that's established initially, correct?

MS. JOHNSTON: Right.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: You can have a smaller number of people and still have a quorum and meet.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay.

I can tell you where I'm leaning. I'm leaning to creating the committee, knowing that any issue that comes back to the full Commission will be able to be discussed.

So yes, the subcommittee can do some of the
coordination, some of the getting into the details in developing the process, and the subcommittees will still be doing their work. We'll still have subcommittees doing work. This is really a coordination committee that's outlying the subcommittee, and some of this work will have to happen anyway at the full Commission level because we get reports from the subcommittees, we also will be getting reports from the committee, and having agendized items around the larger issues as well.

But I just wanted your feedback on that.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I support that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: That being said, I will move forward in creating the -- what are we calling this committee, Commissioner Fornaciari? The alignment committee?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: What's that?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Pre-census Input Committee.

No? Well, it's pre-census was the -

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Don't use the word "census."

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, we're just clarifying that it wasn't -

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: How about we call it the Public Input Design.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go with Fornaciari. What are we calling it, since you made the motion?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Public Input Design -
CHAIR TOLEDO: Public Input Design Committee. That sounds reasonable to me, if all are in favor.

All right. So please raise your hand if you're interested in participating and then we'll -

All right. We have Fornaciari, we have Yee, Sinay, Ahmad, Andersen, Fernandez and Taylor. Am I missing anyone? And Akutagawa.

So all of the subcommittees are represented, and we have a full -- how many individuals does that comprise, Marian?

MS. JOHNSTON: Eight members. That's eight members.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Eight members.

MS. JOHNSTON: So the five would have to constitute a quorum.

CHAIR TOLEDO: And they would have to post their agenda -

MS. JOHNSTON: Being more than two, they have to comply with all of Bagley-Keene requirements.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. One other potential change to a subcommittee that we've been thinking about, and I should have brought this up in census, and I'll bring it up now, is potentially changing the name of the Census Subcommittee from Action on Census to Government Relations because our role has shifted slightly. We're not just working on the census, although most of our
government relations work is the census work, but it's also other issues.

Commissioner Sadhwani and I have been thinking about this, and it's either government relations or advocacy, but it's getting a little bit broader than the census now in terms of a timeline and working with the various stakeholders, and I just wanted your feedback on potentially change -- renaming the Action on Census Committee to be the Government Relations Committee to ensure that we have -- that the name reflects the work that we're doing. Is there any concerns there?

Would you like to say anything on that issue, Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I mean, I think you and I just discussed briefly that it seems like the scope is shifting a little bit and certainly most of that is still focused around census, but as that shifts, I just want to be transparent about, you know, that there are additional issues that seem to crop up.

CHAIR TOLEDO: And some of these issues that will crop up we're just anticipating. We know we may have to revise work that we'll have to do to push our budget forward. We know that there's advocacy points with regard to the census timeline and against getting the communication with the Government entities and the
Legislature. And that's really -- Action on Census doesn't really reflect everything we're doing, so I want to make sure that that is captured.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to observe that once we get to the Lessons Learned exercise next year and developing Legislative reform proposals, the Lessons Learned Subcommittee might merge with this to form a larger committee to push on those proposed legislative changes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, Commissioner Kennedy, that makes sense. Are there any objections to renaming the Action on Census Committee to the Government Relations Committee?

Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This isn't actually an objection, but shouldn't it say like Census/Government Relations, because if someone just glances and it says Government Relations, it's like that's kind of odd. Wait, what are they trying to do? And I think the idea is it's census-related government work. We're not just all of a sudden -- like I'd not like to see it say government advocacy. You see how that kind of like makes us like into a different group.

And this is, you know, it does involve more than
just the census, as you were just saying, but it still -- you know, the reason why we're doing is census related. I want to keep it -- keep the group focused on the census, redistricting, you know, that sort of thing. I don't want it to appear that we're branching into anything different, so I agree Action on Census is too limiting, but should it just be Census/Government or Government/Census Relations?

I don't want to lose that "census" word just yet.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: I was just going to make a suggestion Government Affairs/Census. I mean -

CHAIR TOLEDO: That seems reasonable. So let's just rename it Government Affairs/Census as a compromise. I think that captures the work that we're doing, because as Commissioner Andersen pointed out, most of the work that we're doing is census related, but there are some components of it that are not. The budget is one of those that will need to push forward and may revise it, and some other issues that may come up, and we just need to have a committee that covers that. All right, thank you.

With that, we will move forward with the VRA Compliance update. Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No exact updates at this time. We'll talk more with the Legal Affairs Committee update. Of course, Legal Affairs has not met in -- you know, since our last meeting, so there are a few items that we need to work out in terms of VRA. Of course, we'll continue on with the hiring process, which we'll discuss as part of Legal Affairs.

We continue to think about various trainings, but I think that the landscape of the trainings will shift once we actually hire a VRA attorney.

Commissioner Yee, any additional updates?

COMMISSIONER YEE: We are meeting with Eric McGhee from PPIC next week to follow up his report being done for us free to track population shifts in California in the past ten years. So we'll eventually bring that -- we'll report on that to you once we digest.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excellent. Great, great.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think we may have mentioned before, but we had had a conversation with Professor Bernie Grofman from UC Irvine who has served as a special master in VRA cases for many, many years. He was preparing a memo for us which we will share with you very shortly. That's at the next meeting.

CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Commissioner Yee, did I hear
you say correctly we got some analysis for free? This is a free service being provided?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you. USDR and this analysis, I'll take it for free.

COMMISSIONER YEE: The bare thought is they don't want to take money because it makes them obligated to this party and that party, and so forth.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, that's right. And this is PPIC has -- Public Policy Institute of California, and they had presented to us earlier on back in August, and I think there was another member of their staff who presented on the environmental issues as well. So they're a nonpartisan think tank that handles a lot of data analysis.

COMMISSIONER YEE: They did a 2018 assessment of our previous Commission.

CHAIR TOLEDO: With that, we'll move on to the Language Access Committee. Commissioner Akutagawa and Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'll start off and then Commissioner Akutagawa will add on I'm sure. We are still -- I shouldn't say we. Raul is still finalizing the contracts with the translators and interpreters, and as soon as that's done we will forward the documents that
we had agreed to be translated into the twelve languages.

And then, also, we are -- we've asked Marcy to go back and Raul to get some information on this in terms of the cost to translate our agendas into the twelve languages, as well as some other, maybe even our PowerPoint presentations, so we're looking into that as well.

I think that's all I have. We had some questions regarding the contract language, so that's being addressed as well.

Commissioner Akutagawa, did we have anything else on that?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I just want to acknowledge that we did receive, or not receive, we received previously, and I believe it was posted, encouragement about simultaneous interpretation.

I also want to acknowledge that we did receive the public comment yesterday about encouraging us to consider simultaneous translation or interpretation. Both Commissioner Fernandez and I are very much aware of the needs, and we are looking into just what it all entails, and we'll continue to report out as we get further information about any possibilities.

But I also want to make clear that we can't make any
promises. You know, we are just looking into all of the
different options and trying to understand what -- not
only process, but I think the fiscal cost as well, and I
think what we all have to balance. But we can't do that
unless we know what the actual costs are, so we're just
investigating what all of that is going to mean, and so
just stay tuned. We'll continue to keep everybody
updated.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa and
Fernandez. We're doing very good on time right now. I
don't want to jinx us, but so far we've been doing good
on time.

At this time I want to take a fifteen-minute break.
It's a natural point. We're scheduled to do one at
11:00, but we'll do it a little bit earlier just to get
it out of the way and come back at 11:05, and at that
time we'll go into the Materials Development Committee
with Commissioner Fernandez and Kennedy and go over some
of the outreach material agenda items. Thank you. So
we'll see you at 11:05.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:50 a.m.
until 11:05 a.m.)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back. Our next committee
update is Materials Development Committee with
Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, I guess I'll start.

So we made changes -- hopefully, the final changes per se -- I mean for now -- to the PowerPoint presentation and the script, and this has been posted, so those are the latest. And in the future if they're ever updated we'll go ahead and post them, but we won't necessarily discuss them during a meeting, but we'll let you know that they're posted up there.

Also, another form that we posted up there is My California Community, and basically that's the same information that we asked for in the COI tool, the communities of interest tool, and so it's a form that can be used that someone can download and they can put their information in there on the front page which asks the same three questions that the COI tool asks, and in the back they can actually draw their community. And if they fold it and staple it, they can mail it in, because it already has our address in the back, and this was something that Commissioner Kennedy put together.

So if you want to talk further about that, Commissioner Kennedy. I thought it was very good. It's something -- he also thought that, you know, it could be something that we post, like at the post office if they allow us to, you know, next to the vote now forms you could also have the, you know, send us your community
information. And we're thinking that maybe also having like a little tear-off sheet that briefly describes redistricting and why it's important for them to respond.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. The concept was, you know, not just to respond to the need for an input channel for population in detention, but also for rural communities that had been saying that they don't have easy access, or you know, elderly who aren't comfortable with computers, anyone who wants or needs a paper form we want to be responsive, and we're hoping to be able to place these at least anywhere that there is a voter registration form -- library, city halls, senior centers, you know, public health clinics, anywhere and everywhere, and basically it would be up to the zone teams to work with their local counterparts to get these out once they're printed.

Raul will need to liaise with the postal service to make sure that all of the design elements are in compliance with postal service regulations and that, you know, the business reply mailing account is funded so that when things come in they're not held at the post office, but they're delivered expeditiously.

So there are a few more steps to go, but as
Commissioner Fernandez has indicated, we seem to be getting very good response to even the idea of having a paper communities of interest form.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And also, I just wanted to add in terms of fast forward in terms of materials, since we already developed the other documents, now our priority is going to be the videos, one of our PowerPoint presentations and then a shorter video that just introduces us in case someone wants to present that at one of their forums.

I don't know if -- is Fredy here? Fredy, did you want to add anything? Yes.

DIRECTOR CEJA: I just joined the conversation. What are we discussing?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am not repeating myself. No. Commissioner Kennedy and I just gave an update in terms of the updated PowerPoint and script is online, or has been posted, and Commissioner Kennedy went through the form that he created for those that want to mail in their community of interest information. And I noted that our next priority are the videos, and so I didn't know if you wanted to add anything.

DIRECTOR CEJA: I have a meeting tomorrow with our videographer to start scripting out the presentation. That's going to be priority is to get the outreach
presentation on video, and then start doing the
introductory video of the Commission and then the
individual videos for the Commission.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great work, everybody. Thank
you. It really looks good. I only had one comment. In
the slides, in the script, for some reason all the --
when you talk about the members it's no longer
alphabetical order, and I was just thinking in terms of
the script, you know, the script, itself, you know, if
you're trying to just kind of quickly do that and you
looked at the list, it doesn't match the slide. So I
don't know if that was just a -- that's just about there.
The paper is awesome. Thank you very much. This is
specifically for Zone G. I know now Linda is aboard. We
were talking about, you know, basically the best way to
reach half the people in our zone is direct mail. This
could go in it.

Are we going to put like a little blurb that would
go like a second page that would be just specifically
essentially for this? I'd like you to maybe pause to
work on that before we -- well, we need the videos as
well. But I don't know the status of that.

And one thing I know that was an idea, and I would
assume this would be modified for each community, is --
because I can think in our specific area -- they could actually draw. They could actually have the outline of their map already on here. So the people could then highlight where their community was on a map already. Because most people cannot draw just on a blank piece of paper a map. Most people are just not good at that.

So if -- and I'm thinking the county would be happy to do that because they already have their own maps, so they could put their own, you know, thing on here. But that's sort of an idea.

Would that be something that we then coordinate with each location who's trying to use it, or just your further thoughts?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. On the last point, I don't think that's practical because you need a level of detail. We're talking about communities of interest, not districts. And if we're talking about communities of interest, we're talking about small enough areas where you're not going to be able to get a detailed enough map in this space that is going to give them the opportunity to provide the level of detail.

I mean, we're not looking for works of art. We're looking for something that, you know, helps us zone this in. And we can say, you know, draw or describe the boundaries of. It doesn't have to be a map, per se. I'd
be happy if they just provided, you know, north along
this street, east along this street, south along this,
you know, that kind of description.

What was the first -

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I jump in?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes -- the explanation, yes,
and as Commissioner Fernandez said, we are looking at
having a tear-off sheet. So some of you may have used a
form at the DMV that had your DMV information on kind of
an overlay that also copied onto a somewhat longer form
on heavier stock that was actually the voter registration
form. I mean this is years ago, but that's kind of what
we're looking at doing, is having this kind of overlay
that could then be torn off before it's folded, and taped
and dropped in the mail. And we're looking at using
language already developed and finalized for the script,
just excerpting from the script to come up with that
description that would be on that overlay.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. We
have a couple of questions. I don't know, Commissioner
Fernandez, before we get to those questions if
Commissioner Fernandez wanted to chime in on that as
well.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I was just going to say
on Commissioner Andersen regarding having a map in there
already, as Commissioner Kennedy said, this would be for individuals, and really we just like what's the street name or whatever, because if you provide them with the map already of the city or even the county, it's going to be so -- their one area is going to be so tiny that we're not going to be able to blow that up to show what their specific community is.

So then, as Commissioner Kennedy said, if they explain it, that's great. If they draw it and they just, you know, write the names of the streets and the boundaries, that's good, too. It's just giving them an option. You can draw it, or you can write it, or you can do both. So trying to make it as easy for them as possible and hopefully, not confuse them too much.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And you're talking about like in your tear off would have kind of an example of like it could be a map, you know, may be a map, or north on Ford, south on such and such. Great. Thank you. Excellent work. Excellent work.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Next we have Commissioner Ahmad, and then after that, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. The paper version, great, awesome. I already know a handful of people who would be able to contribute to this process because of assistance of the paper version.
Just two things. I think I got some clarity about the drawing and community question when I first read that. I was thinking of drawing like stick figures and you know, shiny fun and whatnot. So I don't know if there's an additional word or a couple of words we can put in there to indicate a map-type community of interest.

And then the other thing was I didn't see any contact information on there, so our website, phone number, et cetera, in case folks want to move just directly that way as well.

But awesome, and I'm really excited for this. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Ahmad.

Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to echo the congratulatory sentiments on this as well. We've been talking about needing an analog version way to participate, so I think that's awesome. I think Commissioner Ahmad really addressed a couple of the points I was going to raise around contact information, and I do think that we -- if we could give some examples in terms of that instructional with the draw section, like what that looks like, because in some cases people will probably have no idea. So I do think we need to
enhance that part. Like we're kind of clear on what we'll accept, but helping them to understand how to communicate vis-a-vis boundaries, or imagery, or whatever would probably be very, very helpful.

And then my final question is, is there a proposed budget for printing of this particular -- particularly we're talking about placement in post offices and stuff throughout the state and this could get expensive very quickly. So that's not to suggest -- that's not a deterrent, but I was wondering have any cost assessments been done.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I will say that, no, not yet. Fredy is sending it to the graphic designer to work on some of the finer points of design, and we'll also be working on how we incorporate the instructions. We can then start getting some bids. But this is also one of those reasons why I've consistently said we need to reserve some of the outreach budget for some of our own materials that we are producing for outreach. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, and I did want to add a little bit to that for -- Commissioner Sinay and I are on the incarcerated people subcommittee, and for that we have asked for some funding to be set aside because we at that point knew it would have to be a paper document.
So we do have costs for that piece that we don't have it for statewide, so Executive Director Hernandez, if we can put that into the budget and project that out, that would be great, too. If John's there, too, John Fitzpatrick, we'd appreciate that, so thank you so much for your feedback.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you
DIRECTOR FITZPATRICK: Thank you. We'll include that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is great. Thank you. And I had just a few minor things that most people have brought up, but I quickly put a sentence just in an email.

The one big one is can we try to stay away from using CA for California, because it's a very native Californian thing, but not everyone will know that CA means California.

And on the PowerPoint presentation, we still have the timeline. I think we need to take out that timeline slide and just say that we're working on the timeline and be very honest about that part, or be very general, just saying when we're doing input and stuff but it can't -- it has a date of February 15th when we're turning in the maps and that's when we have to, but I would just feel
more comfortable if we didn't have a timeline in there.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I understand the concerns on the timeline, but I also feel that we need to provide something, and again, it's kind of a work in progress and it may change, and of course, it's something we want to make sure we communicate. I still feel there's -- most of the conversations I have, they want to know what is your timeline, and so we have to give them a parameter, and we always caveat it with it could change because we never know. And I guess I'm just a little bit wanting to if we want to establish a timeline, we should establish a timeline based on what we know now, so that way it's a consistent message being given by everyone.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Speaking of timelines, it just made me think, I don't remember because I'm not looking now, but is there a deadline for submission on that form, and do we need one? At what point are we no longer accepting that feedback and how would the public know, particularly if we're talking about some kind of large-scale distribution, we won't have control over like, you know, once they go to those sites that they're being distributed from. So that might be a thought so we at least are covering our base on that.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other comments or questions for the subcommittee? Great work. Look forward to see the other iterations. Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: On the form, I'm trying to think of somebody who doesn't know we exist and doesn't actually know what redistricting is about. They pick up this form. It wouldn't be clear. So we definitely need a website address there somewhere, and maybe just a one sentence -- how can you really summarize it very succinctly, something you know in California a Citizens Commission draws election districts. We want to keep your community intact. I don't know. Somehow succinctly give some indication about what this is about. What is this? Why would I -- what is this about.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Commissioner Kennedy had explained that we will be having a tear-off portion of it, too, that will explain who we are, and how they can get involved, and hopefully, we'll incorporate some of the other comments to show maybe examples of kind of what we want from them. So thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I see.

CHAIR TOLEDO: And if there's any other feedback,
please send it to staff, Fredy, and he can get it to the committee so that they can take a look at it, review it and come back with a recommendation.

With that, let's move on to our Data Management Subcommittee. That's Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you so much, Chair. So we don't have any new updates for you all. Commissioner Turner and I will take the discussion from yesterday to USDR tomorrow at our scheduled meeting regarding the line drawer, what we learned from that, and we look forward to collaborating with the line drawers to see how we can best bring in additional support from the data management side to really like assist that process to move forward.

So no new updates, and we won't be needing our urgent item, number 12, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that. Thank you. With that, let's move on to the Grants Committee. That's Commissioner Akutagawa and Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you. So we have met since our last meeting and done some refinements working with staff on the overall package. There's some additional information that does need to be refined. We had a couple really robust discussions around the lineation between the grantees and the administrator. So some of the language to really make it very clear in
terms of when we release the RFA that the roles of the administrator versus the grantee and really developing guidance for the administrator on what we need from the grantee. So that was a point that we thought needed to be flushed out more.

And we're still taking cues from the outreach plan, and I think that this committee that was established earlier, I apologize, I don't remember the name of the one that was established earlier today, but some of that intersection that Commissioner Fornaciari was asking about and Commissioner Sinay, there are some questions that we have, even as it relates to the line drawer, and how these eventual outreach opportunities that are going to be funded with the grants can support.

So one of the big messages that was really clear in our conversations with staff is that the activities that we're going to be supporting with these resources needs to clearly dial back into our objective. So it can't just be something -- I mean, that could be any kind of outreach activity, but it has to be purposeful and intentional, and we have to define that. We've got to let people know. We can't after the fact go, oh, well no, that doesn't really need -- that flyer didn't really get us where we needed to be.

So that's where we are, so it's taken a little bit
longer because we felt that that more granular
exploration and subsequent detail was necessary, even for
someone applying to be the administrator, whether they
can deliver on that. Because what we also discussed very
clearly is that while an organization may be very good at
administrative -- a fiscal administrator, they may not be
as good at ensuring that the subgrants meet our objective
if we're not crystal clear with them. So we can't leave
that design to them.

So expect in our next meeting we should be closer.
We don't have a date for release at this time. That
hasn't changed, right, Executive Director Hernandez. So
yes, we don't have a date for release at this time. We
will keep you posted.

We're really pleased with the progress that's being
made, and we're very excited that the line drawing
process has moved forward as well and is going to
dovetail very nicely because there is some intersection
there that we want to make sure that's captured. So
we've had -- we're working with staff to get some
questions answered from some of the other subcommittees,
and again, this larger subcommittee we feel is going to
be very instrumental in helping us close some of the gaps
on those questions.

Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have anything to add?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I thought that that was a great synopsis of where we are right now. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Next, let's go to Community of Interest update.

Oh, one question. Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons, for pointing me out. And thank you both for this work. This is great work.

You had said that the work of the new subcommittee would be really helpful. When -- I know you don't know when it's being sent out, but what's your deadline for getting some of those questions answered so we can make sure, obviously Linda -- I mean Commissioner Akutagawa is on that committee, but I just wanted just a sense so we can prioritize.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, I'd say at this time we don't have a hard deadline. Some of it is development driven. I think the urgency that we talked about as a Commission on this next step will help dictate that. So we have two processes.

So I think we'll have an opportunity -- let's say, for example, there is a small subsection of information that we haven't been able to crystalize at the granular level, right. That will be more about scope. As we're moving certain aspects of the business part of the
process, we can be sewing that part up.

So we will have more of a timeline in our next report. I wish I could give you a more succinct deadline today, but I think it has to do with the actions that we take. And so you made it crystal clear earlier you don't want to be rushed.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I said not to be rushed in a meeting, but yes, we can rush the process.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I know. I play, I play.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, both of you.

Let's move on to the Communities of Interest update with Commissioner Akutagawa and Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I'll go ahead and get started. I do want to just say that the communities of interest tool, itself, had what I'll call a soft launch. I think we're all aware of that from the tweet we discussed a couple meetings back.

What we are ready to do is to make an official announcement next week. March 1st is the International Women's Day, so we are going to avoid that day because I'm sure there's going to be a lot of activity around that. So we are planning to make our official announcement launch on the next day, on March the 2nd, so that we can get that officially out.

We are expecting to have the Spanish language
version of the communities of interest tool also ready to
be launched alongside the English version of the
communities of interest tool. That we expect to be ready
by the end of this week, or actually tomorrow. So that
will be part of the announcement.

The other subsequent languages will be rolling out
and will be ready. We should be fully -- at least for
the communities of interest tool it will be fully ready
by the end of the month and so one of the things that we
are planning to do to keep the interest and the awareness
of the communities of interest tool up is we're going to
release a press release every time a new language becomes
available so that we can make an announcement about the
release of the new language.

I think one of the ideas that we did have, and I
think is a detail that we have to work out with Mr. Ceja
and also, how long it will take to get it translated, but
we were thinking that we would also release a press
release in that language that becomes available so that
we can get it out to media for that language, again, as a
way to just keep the interest up.

Commissioner Kennedy shared about the paper version
of the communities of interest tool, which we're really,
really excited about.

One last thing that I'll mention is that because of
the soft launch there has been some maps already received. According to Jaime at the Statewide Database she said that she's received -- they received roughly around thirty maps from the community of interest tool, and so right now the question that we want to propose or put forward to the rest of the Commission is when do you want to receive all of the maps that they have received to date? There's questions about should it be received as they receive it. Do you want to wait until we have more of a data management system in place to figure out what we need to do with it? There's also going to be an impact to staff because this input is going to need to be placed onto the website, so we also want to be mindful of what's the kind of cadence that will help them manage getting it up onto the website. So those are some open questions.

Commissioner Kennedy, I'm sure there's other things that I may have missed, so I'm going to turn it over to you if there's anything else that you want to add.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, apologies for my technical issues. You did mention the Monday launch?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Well, actually the Tuesday because Monday is the International Women's Day, so the advice that we received is let's wait until Tuesday so that we don't lose -- we don't get swept up in
all the needs about the International Women's Day.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: International Women's Day I believe is the 8th of March.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think because it's the start of Women's History Month also, too, and I'll defer to Mr. Ceja about that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Director Ceja.

DIRECTOR CEJA: It is the start of Women's History Month. Naturally every station will be focusing on that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a little thing. I've heard that for surveys and launches like this, it's best to do on a Tuesday because everybody is overwhelmed with their email and everything else on a Monday.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. This is a really good update and really timely for data management things. So I just wanted to follow up on the question you asked Linda, Commissioner Akutagawa, about when do we want to receive the maps. My sense is that it would be nice if we had some type of system set up that would just, you know, we can manage all the maps coming in. It's great that there's thirty and we haven't even, you know, blasted it out there. So this, to me, is a signal
that once we do share far and wide, we probably should anticipate a lot of information coming through.

After we receive them is this the part where we would then send the GIS files to the line drawer? Am I understanding this correctly?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think there's two parts. One is because the maps submitted to the communities of interest tool is technically published input, we do need to post it. So then there's that and then there's the GIS information, and I think -- I think they were referring specifically to the maps, itself. And we received a sample. It's like a PDF document that shows their comment and the map that's drawn. However, there's a GIS portion, but that still relates to -- and that's why I think there's all these questions now, so what do we do? What's the best timing? And we asked them to hold off until we could have a further conversation because this just came up in this last week, and so we wanted to ask that and to understand what's the best, most useful, most efficient, most, you know, transparent way in which we could manage all of this.

One last thing I'll also mention to you that Jaime said. The soft launch was good because it has allowed them to continue to refine the tool because as the users are using it they're able to -- they're having tech
support chat hours from 9:00 to 5:00, just so if anybody
is interested, they are providing that as well, too. And
it's enabling them to, I think, you know, work out or
continue to work out any little kinks and bugs and
questions that come up from the users. And they have
been getting questions from folks who have been using it.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, awesome. I think -- just
follow up on that. I think I would personally from data
management I'd want to have a conversation with Alvaro to
see what our staff capacity is right now at this point,
and figure out what our potential timeline looks like in
collaboration with the line drawer to see when would be
the best time to hit the -- you know, open the flood
gates and let all of the input come through to us. So if
that's appropriate, I will check in with Alvaro off-line.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. And
it's certainly appropriate.

Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was wondering about the
check box that I thought when I first went through the
demo there was a little check box there that said I am
not a bot. And when I went back and I made a test, one
of those thirty submissions is my submission, it's a test
submission, so you can ignore it. But there was no check
box, and so did you get a chance to ask Jaime? Okay.
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They did test it out. We did get feedback from her that they did -- it is working now. So if you want -- if anybody wants to go on and check it, yeah. But that was asked of them, too.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Very good. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'll read the response, the verbatim response that we received. The question that we posed was, "What is the status of CAPTCHA implementation? Commissioner Fornaciari reports using the site recently and not facing the CAPTCHA challenge." And the response was, "Our developers are implementing the recapture. Currently there are some configuration requirements that are being addressed."

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess it doesn't mean it's implemented at this point. They're working on it, or they may finished it. We just don't know. Okay. But they are working on it, that's at least important.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And we have asked them to provide us with regular updates. They have not yet gotten back to us as to their choice of how, you know, the timetable for that. We said you could either do it on a weekly basis, or you could do it before every posting deadline, in which case we would have to share our posting deadlines with them. But we're waiting for a response on how frequently they would, or which of those
options they would choose.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I actually also
wanted to -- I just realized. There were some questions
that were posed to us from some of the Commissioners
about the communities of interest tool, and I realize
that I did not go through that. So if I can, I'd like to
just update the Commission on some of these questions.

One question, so we did address the Captcha
implementation question. There was also a question about
who has or will have access to the data. And on that we
were told the Statewide Database where the Production
Database lives currently has access. The Citizens
Redistricting Commission, including any of the designees,
will have access to the data once you designate where
that data should go. And the Commission will also
determine how, when to post that data for the public.

Another question that was asked is who actually owns
the tools, and the response we got was UC Berkeley owns
the code for the tool.

Another question was, was the 2010 Commission
involved at any point in the development of the tool?
And the response we received is yes, our beta testers
included members of the 2010 Citizens Redistricting
Commission. So that sounds like they were a part of the
same group of data testers as we were, as well as other
community partners organizations were.

Next one, and I think I already shared this part, is
the -- have we received any permissions, and I already
addressed that one.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

Seeing no other questions, I will move on to --

Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This wasn't actually a
question. It was more of something I threw out.

Actually, Linda and I heard this from, again, with our
Zone G. Basically the COIS, they were interested, they
were like ah, but in terms of the overall districting,
they're not so much interested. They're really
interested in once they start redistricting their
counties or their local areas.

And the idea of could they use this communities of
interest, could they get that information after we're
done? And the idea being if people thought by drawing
their communities of interest at this point for us they
would eventually have that information when they went to
redistrict their counties, everybody would be really
excited and get involved, and we'd get everybody out of
the woodwork who otherwise wouldn't necessarily be there.

And it actually would make the counties work much
simpler.

And the reason I'm bringing this up now is, one, it's a possibility. It was something that the Statewide Database would have to be involved in. And since the tool is set up for us, it would be up to us. But it's an item that in terms of government, you know, the Government Affairs Group, or the Census Government Group, could that facilitate everyone's deadlines for the voting because part of it is, you know, when they have to redistrict, you know, they have to make their -- they also have to put their candidates up, et cetera, et cetera. I don't know if that is any part of that, whatsoever, but I don't know if there was any intersection that could benefit either us, the communities in general, that sort of thing. So it's an idea being thrown out there that was brought to us as we were talking to our county -- some of the county supervisors.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, and then we'll turn it over to the Cybersecurity Committee.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, this has come up not just in the rural areas, but it did come up when we did a presentation with Chula Vista Redistricting Commission, one of their members. And we've got this robust tool, and from the beginning we said how can we support local
efforts, you know, that's not our primary effort or our primary goal, but we are the State, so is there ways that we can support the local efforts that are happening.

And then what hit me was when Samuel had said -- Samuel had quoted James Woodson saying a community of interest is a community of interest is a community of interest. That finally helped me kind of narrow that your community, you know, may fit within the redistricting effort of a State Assembly or a Senate.

You know, our job is to figure out what size it is. For them, they're just sharing information. And so instead of all these redistricting Commissions, I've been looking at some of their websites, and they're all like doing the same trainings, the same, you know, all the stuff that we did, which I feel like say, hey, just look at our website and pull out the trainings you might need.

It just feels like we really do need to figure out how we can open that communication and provide support, and the data piece, it would just create such robust information for everybody to have versus them spending money on creating a tool or whatnot.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, and I -- I'm partnering with Commissioner Andersen in one of the rural communities and that has definitely -- the thought about,
you know, our ability to share the data is that we're
collecting through the communities of interest tool. I
think for me the question is, is this just a decision of
the entire Commission body, or is there a legal question
that we need to address first? We weren't sure, so thank
you, Commissioner Andersen. God bless you. I'm glad
that you brought that up because I almost forgot about
that, so that was good.

So I think that that's one thing, and then on the
other thing to what I think Commissioner Sinay also said,
we had a similar conversation. I think that in some of
the rural counties I think because obviously budgets are
also limited for them, too, I think they're also
interested in seeing how can we piggyback our efforts so
that we can more efficiently use the resources that we
have so that we're supporting each other instead of just
duplicating each other.

And so I think I just want to put that out there for
our consideration in terms from an outreach and
engagement point of view. Is there -- you know, what are
the ways in which we can also include that as part of,
you know, what we're doing with groups at the county
level, which, I think as Commissioner Andersen said,
would create a higher level of willingness to work with
us.
CHAIR TOLEDO: I think this is a great question for the newly developed committee because it involves so many of our subcommittees and obviously, thinking about, you know, how we collect that data at the local level and then how we - so more of the process of getting it and then sharing it with the other entities doing redistricting, redistricting if it's possible. So I look forward to -- yes, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: Legally it is public, so it could be downloaded by anybody. The question would be would they have access to all the manipulations and things that we do. That may be a question for the Cyber Security Committee, or it may be something that we want to leave up to the Statewide Database as to what mechanism, in addition to just downloading the material, they could actually have access to it, though it's more of a process question than a legal question.

CHAIR TOLEDO: That's right. Commissioner Sinay. Okay. Seeing no other questions, let's move on to Cybersecurity.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No substantive updates at this point.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I concur.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Next we'll go on to the
Incarcerated Population Subcommittee, Fernandez and Sinay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we met -- Commissioner Sinay and I met with the Chief Probation Officers of California this week to make contact. Again, they are over the Detention Facilities throughout the State of California, separate from the California Department of Corrections.

And so our last piece to this puzzle is to meet with the California State Sheriff's Association who oversee all of the county jails.

So once we meet with them, we're going to reconvene with representatives from each area, one from the State Department of Education -- Department of Corrections, one from the Chief Probation Officers and one from Sheriffs, and then that's when we'll brainstorm and come back with some recommendations in terms of how we feel that -- what would be the best outreach efforts for the incarcerated people. Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: You did a great job.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's move on to Lessons Learned with Commissioner Kennedy and Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Please continue to challenge your Lessons Learned to us. We appreciate your emails. We are keeping track of all of these. Just keep them
coming.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, I just want to go over the agenda. It's almost 12 o'clock. We have the Legal Affairs update. I don't anticipate it's going to be a long update. It's a brief update from Legal Affairs, and after that we have a conversation about future dates and agenda items, just very brief. We have most of our meetings scheduled, but there may be a need to talk a little bit about the scheduling for the new committee just in terms of process and dates that might look at our potentials. And then introduction to Patty Topete as well.

So at this point I'm leaning toward adjourning at lunch, if possible. I think it is possible for us to do that. We have notified Patty about an hour ago to see if she's available to come in right before lunch, so with that, I'll turn it over to the Legal Affairs Committee, and then from there we'll talk about future meetings dates and times. If we are successful in doing that, then we would reconvene tomorrow at 9:30 in closed session.

All right. Let's go with Commissioner Sadhwani, Yee and myself. I'll turn it over to Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you, Chair. As you all know, we postponed our interviews for VRA and
litigation. We need to finalize this time actually because the Legal Affairs Committee is a committee of three. We don't have opportunities to plan outside of this, so we do need to finalize a date in which we can reschedule those meetings.

We have also -- I believe, Commissioner Yee, agenda is March 10th as a meeting for us simply to review the procedures and protocols of the hire publicly in an agendized meeting. So we will look forward to doing that on March 10th.

You might also note that we did receive public comment on one of our applicants, so I would certainly encourage the members of the Commission to take a closer look at that.

In it the letter asks that we -- in short, that we do a full review of all of our candidates' disclosures in terms of lobbying activities as well as funds that have been given to candidates. So we most certainly will be doing that for all candidates. I did speak briefly with some of the staff just about how to manage that. There's certainly an FEC website where we can look up all of the individuals, so I might ask for some staff support in making sure that there's multiple individuals on every application. We make ask for some staff support in doing so.
In terms of rescheduling the interviews, I wanted to ask the Legal Affairs Committee if the week of the 22nd would be feasible for you both. We are not agendized currently for a Commission meeting, and my hope was that that would kind of take some of the burden off, but I wanted to just check in and see if that would work for both of your schedules.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Works for me.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, great. Should we say the 8th, 9th and 10th we'll agendize? Hopefully it doesn't take that long, but you know, the way we were able to book it last time fortunately VRA was all on one day, litigation was all on one day, and then we allowed ourselves one additional day should we need additional deliberation. I think that that model, hopefully, will work out well, and also just gives us enough time and hopefully, won't make our days too long or daunting.

Of course, it will depend on -- we'll agendize for those days, but it will depend on when the applicants, themselves are available, if we can keep them together as VRA and litigation.

I believe that's all that I have, unless either of you have any additional items that you'd like to raise.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I think 22nd, 23rd, 24th for the interviews.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct. I'm sorry, did I say a different date?

COMMISSIONER YEE: You said 8, 9, 10.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My apologies. Yes, the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, correct. And so Alvaro, if we could work with you to agendize for those days and put out an agenda also, that would be really great.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any questions for the Legal Affairs Committee? Seeing none, let's move to discussion of a future meeting date and agenda item. This will be our last agenda item in public session, then for now we will go into closed session 9:30 tomorrow morning.

In terms of future meeting dates and agenda items, we just talked about the dates for the Legal Affairs Committee. Any other discussion on future meeting dates or possible agenda items? Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm wondering if we should try to agendize a meeting for our new subcommittee maybe on the 18th.

CHAIR TOLEDO: 18th of March?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Posting for that would need to happen --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: On the 4th.
CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on the 4th.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we can, you know, I would offer that, you know. Commissioner Sinay and myself could take the lead in putting an agenda together and maybe we should work through Marcy, I think, on this. I don't know. Is that okay, Director Hernandez, to work through Marcy to get input from the other Commissioners for the agenda, and Commissioner Sinay and I can kind of take the lead in pulling that together for this first meeting?

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, that will work.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Does that work for everybody who volunteered?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, then Commissioner Akutagawa.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just a quick date. In terms of the way we've been doing to get posting, et cetera, et cetera, I know it looks like fourteen days, but it would actually be March 3rd where everyone has to get everything in. To get that together, you get it together on the third, so then it actually goes up. Then you have the fourteen. If we want to do the fourteen, there's the issue of the fourteen, ten which we should discuss at one point, but if it's the fourteen, it would be the third, so just want to make sure.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering, Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Sinay, do you anticipate it being a full day meeting or just so that I can block out if it's a full day or just a half day?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was kind of thinking half.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would think half at the most, and I was wondering if we could do it half, but in the afternoon versus in the morning, giving people time to get stuff done in the morning. I'm seeing some yeses. Okay. We don't know until we do the agenda what it will look like, so --

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that was going to be my question. If you do it in the afternoon, what time in the afternoon are you talking about, only because the Commission meetings take up so much time, the remaining days, the rest of the week are basically everything else gets packed into that, and so I'm just trying to look at my calendar for the 18th. And I'm also wondering if we have to finish up or have an agenda ready by next Wednesday, are we better off maybe trying to even push it off one more week so that we have some time to think through what this agenda is going to look like since it's
a fairly new -- unless you're going to have some
information for us that we're going to be able to use as
guidelines for this new committee.

CHAIR TOLEDO:  Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI:  Just one thought.  I haven't
looked to see what our agenda looks like on the 16th and
the 17th, but given that there's so many Commissioners
who are part of this piece and I think that outreach --
the details of the outreach take up a lot of time in our
typical meeting, perhaps one of the afternoons could even
just be, you know, maybe 17th afternoon could just go to
the community outreach, at least as an initial organizing
meeting, something of that nature.

CHAIR TOLEDO:  Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ:  Yeah.  I'd also like to get
us to think really hard about making our meetings more
accessible as we get more into sort of the details of
what public hearings may look like, et cetera.  And
really, community events typically do not take place
during business hours, and even school boards meet and
city councils meet in the evenings and host events on
weekends because that's just when community members are
available.  So thinking hard about having public meetings
in the late afternoons and into the evenings I think is
something we should do.
CHAIR TOLEDO: And that was a topic that we wanted to bring up in case, you know, in looking at future agenda items do we want to have evening shift to at least some of our meetings in the evening or weekend times, and that's up for discussion, obviously.

Commissioner Andersen.

You're on mute, Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I was just looking at what's on the agenda, you know, items for the 16th, 17th. That agenda has not been worked out yet. I'm actually the Chair with Commissioner Kennedy, so we can actually kind of work possible things into that. I'm just looking. I believe it's the labor up there. I'm just trying to have a look to see what's actually on the -- up there for that date. But the idea being we could maybe possibly put something into the 16th.

If it was during then I could certainly help out in terms of since having done a bunch of -- we have the labor sector panel. So that's the only thing we have on right now.

We could certainly add that and make it general enough that we can cover enough. I don't know if we want to have it like take part of the day the 17th, but we'd certainly do the 18th kind of like we did in February. We were originally doing 16th, 17th of business and then
the 18th was actually legal affairs. We could do 16, 17 and then have down the 18th for this, kind of possibly to do a bit of a blend over in the agenda.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. As to right now we are -- Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I would support that. If we have -- it looks like there's going to be time on the agenda that we could fit it in, you know, the end of the day on the 17th, then let's do that. I mean, it will be our first meeting. You know, I would think a couple hours would be enough time.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you proposing -- I just want to get this correct -- proposing to have the new committee meet in the afternoon on the 16th or 17th?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The 17th.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Does that meet the posting requirement, the committee meeting on the 17th?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we could -- we could add in the agenda. The agenda is not up yet. It wouldn't be up until the 2nd, and we could just add meeting of the -- whatever we named the committee. I forgot already, but I'll remember. You know, we could just add that sort of a generic thing and figure out the details.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would actually -- sorry to
jump, but I would go like a little bit on the 17th. I would also put down the 18th as needed, because you can always cancel it. Since we might talk about it on the 8th, 9th, we might have a better understanding of what we need to do, so there might be, you know, hey, we already have some ideas that you want to work out. And if we don't post it on the -- by the 1st or you know, then it's we can't. So it's easier to get it on the calendar and then say we don't need it, as long as the timing would work with everybody. That's what I would propose.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at this point, the times that we have agendized and have been posted are March 8th and 9th, March 16th and 17th, March 29th, April 1st, and April 17th. And there is Commissioner Andersen suggesting adding the 18th as a potential date to our meeting, in case we need it. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just a point of clarification. Is it March 29th and April 1st, or is it March 29th through April 1st?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's and right now.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. The website actually says the 29th through the 1st.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And then just to note, I actually won't be here on the 1st, but you know,
you can go ahead without me.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just ask. I'm just thinking about something that Commissioner Vasquez said that got me thinking. Since this is the first meeting of what is going to be I guess -- I think it's called like Public Input Design Subcommittee, or something like that, whatever it is, you know, this is the design of what the public input meetings are going to be, I think there is going to be a lot more interest in what this process is going to be. It may be the initial meeting, but there may be more interest in what we'll be discussing, and I'm just wondering if we would be better off considering if we're going to agendize March 18th, if we do plan for maybe a late -- maybe a late afternoon, early evening start, so that those who would be more interested can participate in that meeting. Just a thought. Especially if we're just talking about maybe a two, two-and-a-half, even three-hour meeting.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping that by the end of this meeting we'll have meetings for March and April because right now we just have April just so you had to get it on the calendar.

And then just wondering if the meetings that we
currently are proposing for the 29th and the 1st, if we actually need it, because it's kind of spring break and for those that may have kids will have kids during spring break.

So if it's not needed, I would prefer not to meet that week. I know it's hard to know what we're going to need and what we're not going to need, but that's already three weeks of meetings for some individuals, especially the legal team. So just for consideration, and again, I'd like to have us schedule out March and April.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have any suggestions for the April, March and April?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will start looking.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's get our calendars out, then.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So my understanding is that we have scheduled Saturday, the 17th of April, for training. I believe that's with the line drawer, if I'm not mistaken, just to confirm that.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was the idea. I have like from 10 to 6 is what I have on my calendar. I've been trying to keep good track of this, and you know, I'm just calling all of that sort of stuff workshop.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Though I think to note, we have not mentioned that date, I don't know unless you
have Commissioner Andersen, to the new contractor, so we do still need to make sure it would work for them.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. All of this with the contract will -- our next step is that we get to actually talk to them.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I want to follow up. We've been talking about, you know, maybe holding meetings later in the afternoon or the weekends. You know, we have one scheduled on the weekend, but we haven't taken any action on it, and I agree that, you know, trying to make our meetings more accessible. One of the things we talked about was maybe making one of our March meetings kind of start in the afternoon and go into the early evening.

So I would like to make a specific proposal that we do the March 16th and 17th meeting, we start them at 1 in the afternoon, and then whoever is making the agenda can figure out what the end time is.

CHAIR TOLEDO: That would be for the March 16th and 17th meeting?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Any discussion on that? Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: The 17th is Saint Patrick's
Day. I don't really want to be having a meeting until the end of the day. I don't know if we were just talking about doing it late on the 16th, but that would not go over well in my household, let's put it that way, on the 17th. And since I'm chair I really would not have the 17th be our late date. It's certainly great, you know, the 18th, let's do that one, absolutely. From then on it's just a -- but again, you know, if the Commission wants to.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other discussion? Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: On the 16th I have a hard stop at 7 p.m., for what it's worth.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Maybe a compromise could be to start looking at later ones in April, since we already scheduled out March, and then that way people have already kind of set their schedules for March aren't now having to go back and recalibrate. So why don't we start with April looking at those meetings.

And then also I wanted to ask, is there like Doodle or something we could use for this process? It might make it easier. I don't want to sit through everybody's personal calendar, personally. But maybe some kind of mechanism that we can use that respects -- and all that.
There's a lot of schedules to try and coordinate.

Anyway –

CHAIR TOLEDO: Agreed, and I want to ask Commissioner -- Director Hernandez to work with the administration team would make the most sense at this point in terms of setting up the Doodle and getting us -- especially because Commissioner Fernandez has already identified potential dates, setting up the Doodle, getting it to all the Commissioners, getting us all to provide the data to the staff so that we're -- and then looking at potential dates for meetings, and working, of course, with the Chairs and Vice Chairs to make recommendations.

Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a big -- I think that's a great idea. I agree that trying to figure out our calendars doesn't make sense. But what's the added time? Originally we were like, phew, we've got time, and then we were like, oh. So I feel emotionally we keep going up and down, and so can we at least as a group decide how many meetings do we think we need, or do we not even know that, so it's better just to put them on.

But we had talked about taking a little bit of a break in April because we had been running so hard and just to slow down a little in April, and I just wanted to
check in on that.

CHAIR TOLEDO: In terms of business meetings are you referring to or all meetings?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Business.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Business meetings, okay. Any discussion on that item? Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: This would also give a chance to map out the presentations and coordinate the presentations as well as our meetings because we're trying to think about meetings in the evening, you know, I guess the outreach would also know when those happen to be.

But then, yeah, I like the idea. Why don't we skip, you know, that first week in April, because that's -- well, Passover start is on the 3rd -- no that's end. Passover is on the 29th -- 27th, well, Friday, 26th through -- and then Easter is on the 4th. You know, we've got a holiday on the 28th. So do you want to take that time, those two weeks essentially off?

CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's go to Commissioner Fernandez and then we'll come to some resolution on this.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just have to laugh. I love Commissioner Andersen with her thinking out loud, which is great, so thank you.

But my recommendation is kind of along the lines of
Commissioner Sinay. I would like to have that last week in March and the first week in April, if maybe that could be like new meeting weeks, two weeks in a row.

As we noted, we do have extra time, which is great. That doesn't mean we're not going to be busy, because we still have plenty of work to do, and so that's why I was looking at maybe starting back up like April 12th, the 12th and 13th, something like that. And then maybe meeting a couple of times in April, and then we just kind of go through that process.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So this is my suggestion. My suggestion is that Alvaro, Director Hernandez, and Fernando work on getting a Doodle out this afternoon. We'll have the full afternoon, and get it out to the Commissioners for their availability over the next couple of months, and then maybe we can -- once we have the availability we can look at the schedule on Friday afternoon, because we'll have closed session in the morning, a brief public session, and maybe look at those dates at that time. And by that time we'll have better information, better data about people's availability and can take a couple minutes to -- and hopefully, have some recommendations from our director and Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's great. I can work on that with Executive Director Hernandez. The only problem is I have no idea what Doodle is, so if there's another Commissioner that knows what Doodle is, I welcome them to join us for our meeting so that it's a little bit more productive than.

Executive Director Hernandez, have you worked with Doodle?

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I believe Fredy has. I believe Director Ceja has.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, then I'm good. We're going to meet then. We're all good. Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I think as long as we're working with staff we're fine, and it's just a scheduling software. It helps with scheduling. It's really -- it's not very difficult.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If I can also just add, then, for clarification, then I think what I'm hearing is that tomorrow will then just determine what the dates for April will be. Are we also then going to make a decision about March 29th and April 1st, and then also the Public Input Design Subcommittee meeting date? Are we putting the 18th on our calendars for sure and what time? Are we going to make those decisions tomorrow? And I'm sorry,
I'm just anxious about trying to get it on my calendar, so that's why I'm kind of trying to determine when we'll know.

CHAIR TOLEDO: We all are, and so -- and we also need more data, so if we get information -- if we need -- if we can get the data on what are Commissioners' availability in terms of for March and into April, that will help us be able to make decisions.

I think at this point we should all have the 16th, 17th and 29th on our calendar as well as the 1st, but the April dates, we may need more April dates potentially.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So then, for clarification are you asking for the Doodle to also include our availability for -- let's just say late -- well, I heard that the 17th in the evening is not going to work, so unless that subcommittee meeting happens within the span of, you know, the current time, are we also going to ask for availability on the 18th and the time frame as well for that, too? I'm just asking for clarification.

CHAIR TOLEDO: So yes, availability on the 18th as well as -- the Doodle allows you to put the times, so the times will be on there and you can tell us if you're available in the evenings and weekends in April because at this point we're looking at the evening and weekend dates in April as a potential option as well.
Of course, we also know that we have spring break and there's other -- and there's potential scheduling issues that we've already heard from a couple of Commissioners, so we're trying to work through all of those issues, as well as potentially having a hiatus -- I can't remember if that was at the end of March, but having a time when we don't meet to give some of the Commissioners a reprieve, especially those Commissioners that have been working so hard on line drawing and other -- well, everyone has been working hard because I'm been getting the updates from everyone, so --

Does that sound like a decent plan? So at this point look at everyone's availability for the 18th, see if it's a possibility to add it on, look at the dates for April to see what the Commissioners' availability is, and then we come back on Friday, tomorrow, in the afternoon and look at the data.

But I do need every Commissioner to agree to respond to that Doodle tonight, and then for those Commissioners that aren't here, I'll make sure to reach out to them and ask them to commit to their Doodle as well. And of course, we'll work with staff to get the Doodle out as soon as we can so that you have it and are able to respond.

If that's -- perfect, so we're moving forward with
And then I want to introduce Patricia Vazquez Topete, and she's on the line. You can see her on there. And maybe Director Hernandez can give a little bit more background, and then we'll get an opportunity to introduce ourselves to her.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. As I mentioned, Ms. Topete comes with -- comes to us with a lot of experience, having worked with the census, so we're very excited to have her on board.

The other thing, too, is she is familiar with the Central Valley, and that was another thing that we really appreciate because we need to do that outreach in those areas.

So with that, I'll go ahead and turn it over to Ms. Vazquez Topete to introduce herself.

MS. VAZQUEZ TOPETE: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Patricia Vazquez Topete. My understanding is I'm going to go by Patty so there is no confusion, because there's two Patricias, one of them being a Commissioner, so Buppy, that's what you can refer to me as.

And yes, as Director Hernandez has said, I am familiar with the Central Valley. I grew up in the Central Valley, and when I worked at the California Complete Count Census Office, I got to travel up and down
the Central Coast before COVID and the pandemic happened,
so I'm familiar with the Central Coast and the Central
Valley, both areas. I've done outreach in the coast for
the census, and I also worked with our California
Complete Town Committee for one year while I was at the
Census, so that's a little bit of my experience.

I'm a Central Valley native. I went to college
here, and I am also an immigrant from Mexico. I speak --
I am a native Spanish speaker, so I also want to jump on
board in helping in any way that I can with Spanish. I
know we've heard from yesterday in the meeting Celine,
one of the community members, and so it's very
interesting. I'm trying to catch up to speed by
listening to the meetings and coming to the meetings this
week, but I'm very excited to work with all of you, and I
know that I'll be reaching out and some of you will be
reaching out to me as I also come up to speed.

But very excited for this opportunity, and I really
see this as just continuing with the great work that we
did at the Census and just continuing to work together to
really serve our community.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome on board, and we're lucky to
have you. Thank you very much for joining our team.

Any comments from the Commission before we adjourn
for lunch? Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're welcome to go as Patricia. I was just -- they said that you did go by Patty, but if Patricia is what you're more comfortable with, please don't worry about it.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other comments before we adjourn? Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: Public comment, Commissioner.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, Katy, let's go to public comment.

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   And we don't have anyone in the queue at this time.

   CHAIR TOLEDO: Wait a couple of minutes and then we'll adjourn for lunch.

   I know some of you are adjourning to the subcommittee meetings. I appreciate all of the work that you're doing to keep us on track.

   PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And, Chair, the instructions are complete on the stream.

   CHAIR TOLEDO: So for tomorrow we'll be coming back at 9:30 into closed session, and then we'll be coming back into public session around 11:30 and adjourning and ending our meeting before lunch -- at lunch.

   With that, we'll adjourn today's meeting. Thank you. See you tomorrow.

   (Whereupon, the CRC Meeting adjourned.)
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