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CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome, everyone, to day 2 of our May 24th and 25th meeting. Can we start with roll call?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

Commissioner Vazquez?
And Commissioner Yee?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Chair, you have a quorum.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And before we open up for public comment, I just wanted to review what we have on our agenda for today. Today is motion Tuesday. So most of, if not all, the items remaining on our agenda, we are expecting to have a motion for. And I'll just verbally state those aloud, just so folks have an idea of what to expect for the duration of today's meeting.

We have agenda item 9A, in which we would be looking for a simple majority for the motion. 9B, again, a simple majority. 9E, a simple majority. 9G, a simple majority. 9H, a simple majority. 9J is a special majority. And then agenda item 10, we didn't even get to review yesterday, so I'm not sure what the legal affairs subcommittee will bring forward. But when we get to that item, we will all learn that information.

And then at 1:30, we do have our line drawers HaystaqDNA and Q2 coming in to give us a dry run, and that is agenda item number 11, which there will be quite a few numbers of motions expected for that item as well; and those are simple majority items for that motion.

Agenda item 12, the line drawer updates and
training. I'm not sure what the subcommittee will bring forward for that item, so we will review that once we get to that item. And then lastly, but not least, agenda item 14, a discussion of future meeting dates and agenda items with a motion expected and a simple majority needed to move that forward.

Am I missing anything else? No? Okay. So if you think of something along the way, please, definitely raise that. But with that, let's start with public comment, general public comment.

Katy, would you please help us with that?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I will, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

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And we do have a caller in the queue with their hand raised. Go ahead, the floor, is yours.

MR. ICHINOSE: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Daniel Ichinose. Last name is spelled I-C-H-I-N-O-S-E. I'm research director of the Orange County Civic Engagement Table, or OCCET, spelled O-C-C-E-T. OCCET is a multiracial sort of engagement table that's partnered with other key stakeholders in Orange County to form the People's Redistricting Alliance, which is a coalition centering the needs of low-income communities of color and working families in both statewide and local redistricting processes.

As a member of the (Indiscernible) Redistricting
Alliance, we wish to express our support for the legal analysis and recommendations included in our letter. It's submitted to the Commission on May 23rd.

In that letter, the Alliance reiterates the importance of providing the public with adequate time during the final stretch of this process, after the Statewide Database has released California's official redistricting data file to the public. There's a considerable amount of work during this critical period. Communities need time to analyze the new data and develop redistricting proposals that represent diverse community interests, as well as review and respond to any draft maps released by the Commission.

As we know, during this redistricting cycle, the State will require the adjustment of census data to count incarcerated Californians at their last known home address, rather than where they're being held. The differences between census data and the official California redistricting file will take additional time for communities to understand and address; especially since those differences --

MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

MR. ICHINOSE: -- are likely to be greatest in communities in color and disproportionately impact them. As the Alliance letter outlines, all of this takes time.
So we wanted to reiterate the Alliance's recommendation that the deadline to finalize maps --

MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

MR. ICHINOSE: -- be extended to January 28th of next year, which we believe is critical to doing what we need to do after the data released and ultimately achieve meaningful public engagement in this process. So as always, thanks so much for the opportunity to come in --

MR. MANOFF: Two minutes.

MR. ICHINOSE: -- and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And that was all our public comment at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And again, we will take public comment again before we close out the meeting for today.

So with that, we can jump right in. I do want to be cognizant that our guests will be arriving at 1:30. So if we have a subcommittee that is ready to bring forward their item with their proposed motion and can anticipate that conversation being closed before 1:30, I welcome a volunteer subcommittee to step forward with that.

Yes, Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: At government affairs, we have two policies. So thank you.
The government affairs, government relations committee, took the opportunity to draft two policies to codify the practices that we've been using in terms of committee structure in their subcommittees, as well as our definition for communications about redistricting matters. Those are posted on our handouts, on our website, and I believe the Commissioners have had an opportunity to take a look at them.

Both of these policies are based on legal advice and training that we have received as a Commission and the policy on communications about redistricting matters, uses a common language or plain language definition of redistricting. We tried to make the policies as plain language as possible, but -- and to put the legal language in footnotes.

So in terms of how we define redistricting.

Redistricting is defined as the redrawing of election district boundaries. The policy explains that outside of public meetings, Commissioners and staff are not able to communicate with anyone about redistricting matters. The policy on committee meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene recognizes that we have developed a committee structure to fulfill our oversight responsibilities with regards to managing our business and to further the work of the Commission. It spells out the Bagley-Keene compliance
for committees of two and also for committees more than
two members.

Our committees that have one and two members, as we
all know, are subject to Bagley-Keene requirements.
Subcommittees of two members, are not subject to Bagley-
Keene requirements. And of course, we all know that even
though Bagley-Keene doesn't apply, outside of public
meetings, those subcommittees and subcommittee members
cannot communicate with anyone about redistricting
matters. At all times, any communication about
redistricting matters has to occur in a public meeting.

With that, I would like -- with that, I'm open to
questions about the two policies. Any questions or
comments?

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: On the policy on committee
meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene, in the second
paragraph, the fourteen-day notice requirement according
to 8253, is each meeting held for the purpose of
receiving public input testimony. I do not want to put
in a policy that there is a fourteen-day notice
requirement for all CRC meetings, because I do not
interpret 8253 to encompass all CRC meetings.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd like to ask Marian to
weigh in on that.
MS. JOHNSTON: The problem is if you do it that way, and some public comment inadvertently gives you public input on redistricting matters, you've got an issue about receiving that material. So on our recommendation, the safest way is to always give fourteen-days' notice of those meetings that are subject to Bagley-Keene.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And my understanding is that that has been our practice; is to give the fourteen-day notice on --

MS. JOHNSTON: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- all.

MS. JOHNSTON: Longstanding.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I agree with Commissioner Kennedy. While we sort of have been doing that, we should not codify that it is a requirement, because we're -- we should say it's -- we're electing to the fourteen-day notification for all meetings; because it is not required except for those that are for the purpose of obtaining public input. And that's not the purpose of our meeting. So Commissioner Kennedy is correct on this. And it's okay that we decide we want to do that, but we shouldn't say it's because it's required.

So I would make that recommendation to change it, if Mr. Kennedy already has the wording prepared. I don't
actually have the wording prepared on that. I did miss that on my previous review.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. And as I mentioned earlier, these policies do codify what we've been doing. If we want to change our practice, and we can certainly make an update or an edit to the policy if the Commission so choses.

Any other questions or concerns?

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Commissioner Toledo, my comment is on the other policy. Do you want me just to hold off on that?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So maybe if Commissioner Kennedy can get some suggested edits for the policy while we talk about the other one and then we can talk about that after. So how about you give us your comment on communications regarding redistricting matters?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And it's really just the last word of your policy, when you say --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- all revisions to maps after receiving public comment. I think it's more appropriate to say public input, because I think we differentiate between comment and input. And I'm not sure if there is a big issue with that. I probably defer
to Anthony and Marian in terms of the word, the specific word that we use.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think both relate back to public input. So I think it would be fine to use public input instead of public comment. Any additional -- you have anything else to say on that, Marian?

MS. JOHNSTON: That would be fine.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. So we can update that to public input. If everyone else is in alignment with it. Essentially, it means the same thing. But public input isn't the statutory and in the language, so we get to align that.

Commissioner Kennedy, do you have any suggested edits for the policy on committees or Commissioner Andersen? I think Commissioner Kennedy is frozen.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I would just take out the requirement "as modified by a fourteen-day notice for all CRC meetings", because that's our policy. That we're making. And sometimes it's not fourteen, sometimes it's thirteen, but it depends on how you want to count the fourteen. So it's a bit dicey, right? You know, is it twenty-four hour? Is it day of? So I would say, I take it we'll count.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: How about I just -- how about
I make one suggestion on how we can deal with this? How about if we just strike the last clause? So if we just say, committees with more than two members must comply with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements, period. And not go into the details of it. That way we're required to all of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting requirements and --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, where we just --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- in terms of -- so let me see if that addresses Commissioner Kennedy's and Commissioner Andersen's concerns.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think if we said, as modified by the notice requirement for CRC meetings set out in Government Code Section 8253, and just leave it at that; because that already includes the exception --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- August of years ending in 1, blah-blah-blah. It would just be much simpler if we said, as modified by the notice requirement for CRC meetings set out in Government Code 8253, period.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Government Code 8253 is cited, and it is spelled out in the footnote. But we can be more -- we can make the edit and --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Or --
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you repeat what the edit would be, so that we have -- so that we have it one more time?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: For me? I'm sorry, the connection --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, that'd be great, if you could just repeat the edit.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As modified by the notice requirement for CRC meetings set out in Government Code 8253, period.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Perfect. So at this time, do we have a motion on to move these forward; these two policies? Is anyone willing to make a motion?

Commissioner Fernandez? And --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm willing to --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen seconds.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm willing to move with the --

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- discussed edits.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry about my connection problems. I would not -- I would propose that these be voted on separately.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, we can do that separately. And then go to public comment as one. Correct? So do -- Commissioner Fernandez, do you want to do two separate motions, or --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I can do two separate motions. Yes, I'm ready. You're ready, everyone? I move that we approve the policy on committee meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements with the noted edit. That's one. And then my -- should I go to the second one or do I get a second, first?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, do you second that? Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then the second -- CHAIR AHMAD: Just -- okay, yeah, I was going to say, yeah, we need a verbal confirmation.


COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the second motion would be that we approve the policy on communications about redistricting matters with the noted edits.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. Could you repeat what that edit was, I missed that?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's the very last
word in there. We're going to put -- it's going to be "input" instead of "comment".

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Public input? Got it.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I second that motion as well.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So I'll turn it over to Chair Ahmad for public comment and then other discussion.

CHAIR AHMAD: So the motion was to move forward with the adoption and approval on committee meetings, meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements, with the recommended changes. First, the motion was moved by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Andersen.

The second motion on the table right now is to move to adopt the policy on communications about redistricting matters with the one-word recommended edit made by Commissioner Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Andersen. Any further discussion on the motion? No?

Katy, can we open public comment for the two motions that are on the table?

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down the livestream volume.

Well, we had a caller; they just hung up, it looks
like.

The Commission is taking public comment on the two
motions on the floor at this time. There is no callers
at this time, but someone was there.
CHAIR AHMAD: We can wait one minute to allow callers time.

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

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. With that, I'll pass it over to you, Alvaro, for the vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. So once again, the motion, the first motion that we're going to look at is the Bagley-Keene motion. So the motion to approve the policy on -- sorry. Motion to approve the policy on committee meeting compliance with Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requirements with suggested edits. Motion made by Fernandez. Seconded by Commissioner Andersen. And we'll begin the vote. So we will start with Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.
Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes. I believe the other Commissioners are absent, rather than abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, I -- thank you. I'm sorry. Correct that. And finally, Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Motion passes. Just to confirm it was a simple majority on this one?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. I'm looking for the nodding heads of Marian and -- and/or Anthony.

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes, you're correct.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, okay. Thank you.

MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. So that's the first motion. We will now go on to the second motion.

The second motion is, motion to approve policy and communication about redistricting matters with suggested
edit. Motion made by Fernandez. Seconded my Commissioner Andersen. And we'll begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, everyone. So that was agenda item 9A. Commissioner Toledo, is there anything else for your report out?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, that was the -- that was the only business for today.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. And we have about fifty seconds before our presentation begins. So let me see if they are here. I see Andrew. I see Karin, and I see Jaime. I guess, just right before I hand the mic over, just putting this into context.

So this is the report out coming out of the public input design subcommittee. Upon many lengthy conversations we've had in the subcommittee as well as within our full Commission meeting, we've put together a dry run of that COI input meeting session just so that folks can see what the process would look like. For this conversation, I think it will be really helpful for us to really focus in on June 10th and see -- envision this format for the June 10th meeting. As we all know COVID precautions are constantly changing, so there will be a time in the middle of the summer or sooner, whenever that is, that we will have to revisit what that format looks
like and all the logistical pieces. Whether that's in
the full Commission meeting or we give staff the
delegated authority to make those necessary changes from
the administrative perspective. So with that, I will
hand it over to Karin and Andrew to lead the discussion.

MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioners,
for inviting us back. Our team is very happy to have had
the opportunity to work with staff and with Kristian on
putting together some of the methodology involved in
doing a dry run public input COI meeting virtually for
the first time for all of you. And we also had an
opportunity to connect with Chair Ahmad and Vice Chair
Yee this morning to talk about how the Chairs might be
introducing and kind of helping the public run through
this COI input meeting.

And so we had a little bit of a discussion and I'm
wondering if perhaps Chair Ahmad would like to kick us
off by -- you know, kind of maybe introducing the COI
input meeting, just before perhaps? I can hand it back
to you, if that's okay, Chair Ahmad.

The general idea here is that we have, of course,
and you are engaged in figuring out how to bring
everybody to the meetings and how to make the meetings
very accessible to people and having people feel
comfortable and have people know how to participate and
so forth. But the COI input meetings are also about you, because what you need to get out of these meetings is basically specific information so that later when you are charged with putting districts together, you have those building blocks that people are coming to you to provide.

So having -- you know, sufficient level of detail and really understanding what people are saying is really essential. And this is what we're hoping to design so that the public and people that want to participate, understand what it is that you need. But then also, from -- you know, your perspective, to let the public know how they can best provide that information to you. So that there is essentially a communication that gets started where everybody knows exactly what is required and what the other party needs.

So with that, I think, Chair Ahmad, do you want to take it from here, and then we can just go right into what this might look like.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, definitely. And thank you, Karin, for highlighting that. And I should mention that there are three items posted for this particular review on our website. They're labeled under item 11. So we have the considerations for COI public input meetings, the recommended agenda for this meeting, as well as the meeting flyer. Those are there. I expected that
everyone has had a chance to review those ahead of this, but just for your reference, while we go through this dry run, Commissioner Yee is actually making his theatre debut and will be playing the acting role of the Chair for the COI input dry run. Really want to emphasize that this is a dry run. It's a practice round. Please, take notes on what you liked, what you didn't like, what your recommended changes are, so that at the end we can have a robust conversation and we can move this item forward.

So Commissioner Yee, it's all you.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Chair. I should mention that it's an open question when we actually get to the real input meetings who will chair them. The statewide ones -- you know, would that be the current Chair at that time or would it be someone else. And then the zone ones, would it be the zone leads or someone else? That will be a discussion we'll need to have. So think about that as we do the dry run.

So we'll pretend that it's June 10th, and it's come time for public input. And so I'll pretend to be chairing a public input segment right now.

So we'll go ahead with three members of the public who have made appointments to present to us. The first one is Sulma Hernandez, and while we get her on screen.

Sulma, if you can hear me. We'll want to give her an
opportunity to display a map of what you want to discuss. Our staff will bring that map up. Do you happen to have a COI tool -- a Community of Interest Tool submission that we can bring up and display while you share?

MS. HERNANDEZ: At this time, I did not complete a COI tool, but I just wanted to give my input on my communities.

VICE CHAIR YEE: That's fine. Can you tell us whereabouts your community is, what kind of zone?

MS. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So my name is Sulma Hernandez, and I am representing the East Los Angeles area, which is east of downtown Los Angeles. I would say the boundaries would be east of the 101 freeway, up until the 710 freeway, north of the 5 South. And I'm specifically calling because ten years ago there was a split of my community between two of the congressional districts. So there -- that really created a lot of community confusion and I'm advocating for Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and City Terrace to all remain in the same congressional district. So where I live, my community is no longer a part of the congressional district that it used to belong to ten years ago, even though my street says it's East Los Angeles.

And so -- my apologies. And so because of that, I just feel that there's a lot of community coalition
building that takes place. A lot of the same nonprofits that are serving our three communities are all lumped together. We share the same -- you know, generational demographics in terms of economy, in terms of language, and historical civil rights. And so I am really asking the Commission to please consider keeping these three communities together. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Let's -- if you can help us get a more specific idea of the three communities. Could you give us the boundaries again of the communities you have in mind?

MS. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So I am specifically speaking -- I guess you would say from west of the 710 freeway, south of the 10 freeway, north of the 5 freeway, and -- it's not the 101 freeway, but whatever that bridge line is that divides the arts districts and Boyle Heights. But close to -- I guess you would say the east -- the river. The river that's displayed there.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Anything else you'd like to share with us?

MS. HERNANDEZ: Aside from the fact that it's really caused a lot of confusion in terms of just the placement of streets and splitting of communities that used to belong to the same congressional representatives. And so it's just added multiple layers of advocacy on behalf of
students or nonprofit organizations that are advocating for similar issues.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much, Ms. Hernandez.

MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Should we pause right here for any comments on how that went? I'm wondering about -- okay, so she -- you know, she didn't come with a COI tool map and so she described it verbally. What's our capacity for actually drawing something in real time?

MS. MAC DONALD: So Commissioner Yee, if I may? We would not be digitizing these boundaries right then and there, because it takes a little bit of time. So we would be doing that in the background. So we're taking notes and we have somebody in the background, offline, who is digitizing these boundaries so that we have them in the COI tool later.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And we will associate it with the speaker number of the person that just spoke, so that it can be traced back to the hearing and to the specific speaker, and then also to the tape?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. So it might be good if the Chair actually repeated back what the speaker said, just to get -- so they're reassured that we heard the boundaries that they described. Since they had no visual
feedback -- you know, beside the hand, right, that we got it right. So maybe that will be a good practice?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Fredy?

MS. MAC DONALD: I think people would be able -- might be able to verify it later. We've talked about this internally. I think people would be able to verify later that we got their input correctly by looking it up on the COI tool. We're still, of course, figuring out what the backend is, the data management component. But you know, if the COIs are being made publicly available then people would be able to verify that we got it right and we were thinking of also putting a note out and letting people know that it would be great for them to actually take a look and make sure that we got it right.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Right.

MS. MAC DONALD: But this particular COI was pretty specific, so that shouldn't be a problem.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Was an extremely well-informed member of the public. Fredy?

MR. CEJA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. One of the things that we did in the mock trial was indicate that the Chair should continue to ask participants to give a street, street names or other identifying factors. So thank you for doing that. That's going to be very
important for the Chair to continue stating that. And also to continuously tell the public that they can skip the line by going online and going directly to the COI tool, so that they don't have to stand in the queue.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. Okay, any comments from anyone else?

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I forgot to do it myself. I was just wondering if anyone timed our guest presenter today? Our speaker?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Alvaro?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Just under three minutes.


VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Shall we go onto our second simulated --

CHAIR AHMAD: I see Commissioner Fernandez's hand up.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. I can't see everyone.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you have to enlarge it. Yes. Thanks, Karin. I don't think it would be a great idea for the Chair to repeat back, because one, it's going to take additional time and then also it may
lead to further back and forth. Just a reminder it's all videotaped, so if we did have any questions we could go back to the videotape. And I do appreciate not digitizing it on screen, because it can be distracting, not only to the person giving input, but also to us as Commissioners. We may be more interested in the map than what they're actually trying to tell us. So I appreciate not having that on screen. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR YEE: All good. I believe we discussed this morning, when people make their appointments there'll be a heavy recommendation that they do come prepared with a COI tool map. You know, not required, but heavily recommended.

So Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Two things. One, I actually do like that you repeat the boundary back, because for the Commissioners, I didn't quite catch the first part. And when they're trying to -- you know, I'm trying to find it -- you know, waiting for the highways to come up and stuff. And so actually, as you repeated it, then I really -- it really got home to me where it was. So I think that is very valuable.

But the COI tools, I mean we're not showing a COI map at this point. So why are we asking them to bring in the COI? You know, we're just showing boundaries like
the geographical and then showing the area. We're not
actually pulling up any COI tools -- the COI maps. So I
don't understand if they brought a COI map in with them,
are we just going to put it on a projector?
VICE CHAIR YEE: I believe so. I believe if they
can reference that map number and the team can bring it
right up.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Is that the line
drawers' understanding?
VICE CHAIR YEE: Is that correct?
MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. That's our understanding.
Essentially, there would be -- they would have already
created what's called a polygon. So basically a
geographic shape that we could then pull up, we can look
at it in detail. And -- you know, sometimes people just
want to tell you a little bit more than what they've put
into the COI tool. So you know, if they already have a
map and we can pull it up, we have the boundaries already
and people can tell you a little bit more about it or
vice versa they don't have a map yet, (audio
interference) people to go back and then import it -- or
input it, I should say.
It would also help us if people tell us whether they
have submitted a COI map to -- you know, kind of flag
that there might be a duplication or additional
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So they're showing you -- I mean, what are they bringing in? They're bringing in an actual file that they're going to give you that you will upload? Or are they giving you just a -- like a PDF or a -- you know, you say, yes, I've done a polygon, but what are you actually asking them to bring in?

MS. MAC DONALD: It could be either a link that they're submitting, because they will get a link in an email about where the COI map is, and then we can just click on that link. Or if they have a PDF, and they submit it as part of their scheduling, then -- you know, staff could bring that up.

VICE CHAIR YEE: And that could all be built in the appointment system?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay, you had a --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm concerned by the comment that it's highly recommended that they come with a COI tool -- that they've used a COI and that they have a COI number; because I thought we were saying everybody is welcome. And if you're already submitted the COI you don't need to necessarily come. So those who would come in most -- yeah, in an ideal world, it would be ones that don't have or didn't already present COIs because they
didn't feel comfortable using the tool or whatnot. So I would be really careful on how we're saying -- you know. I'd rather be inclusive and let people still feel confident that if they've submitted their COI we've got it and we're going to review it. And it's going to be as equal as someone who comes and presents to us at these meetings.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, I was just going to recommend that we go through all of the examples that our not real participants have put together. And then maybe we can hold all of our questions until the end, as some of them might be answered through some of the other examples.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure. Shall we do that? Okay, we'll go to our second simulated input submission. We turn to Cecilia Gomez Reyes. Welcome Ms. Reyes. Do you happen to have a COI submission link for us, or can you tell us where your comment refers to?

MS. GOMEZ REYES: So thank you for having me. I'm actually -- I don't have anything officially submitted, but I am going to be talking about Santa Paula, California, in Ventura County.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. We'll zoom in there.

MS. GOMEZ REYES: So I was born and raised in Santa Paula. Santa Paula is three exits off the 126, between
the 101 and Ventura and the 5 freeway and Valencia. I
would like Santa Paula to stay in Ventura County and not
be part of LA County. To stop our district at the county
line. Including the 126, the 101, and the PCH. There is
a mountain range that divides the Ventura and LA
counties.

Santa Paula is in the valley. It is a rural and
agricultural community. It has nothing in common with
the city, but I believe in 2010, it was divided off the
coast and joined with Malibu and elected officials tend
to focus on city stuff rather than Ventura County which
is, as mentioned, more of a rural community.

If we must be joined for whatever reason with
another county, we would prefer to be joined with Santa
Barbara. That's it. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Okay, comments?
You know, as Chair I'm wondering whether I would try to
clarify -- you know, I don't know. You know, restate
what I heard.

So what I'm hearing is you want to keep Santa Paula
within Ventura County and -- or if not that, Santa
Barbara County, but definitely not Los Angeles County.
And then she would agree with that or not. And that
would be it. We wouldn't need to press her for any more
detail or lines or -- yeah.
And she's not defining a community of interest.

MS. MAC DONALD: I'm sorry. I think that would be sufficient information. And I'm not sure that you necessarily will have the time to repeat back. I think you'll figure that out as you're going, but I could also see that it might get into a conversation and maybe sometimes just letting a comment stand is very powerful.

VICE CHAIR YEE: True.

MS. MAC DONALD: So but, yeah, it was pretty clear direction from where I'm sitting.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. So maybe I would just wrap up, saying thank you for that comment or that input about Santa Paula. Okay.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In terms of how you introduce, I would say do you have a map or a document that you want to share with us, because that includes everything. Rather than say, do you have a COI submission or some -- you know. That isn't like excluding, because they might have a COI map, they might have a map they've drawn, they might have -- or another document. I think that would be just a little more inclusive of, do you have anything you want to share with us. And -

VICE CHAIR YEE: Right.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- but don't say anything because we want a map or a document.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. But that's part of our discussion we'll need to have about what we will allow. Whether we allow screen sharing -- you know.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, a map or a document.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. That's what I'm saying.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Anyway, that's just a thought.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And could the line drawers -- they mentioned county, can you show the county? Yeah, I know that's a different layer and I don't know if it's the same layer.

MS. MAC DONALD: Yes. The -- thank you for your question. The county layer is on. I was kind of waving my hand over the county, and if the request of the Commission is to -- you know, really zoom out and just wave the hand around the entire county boundary, then we can absolutely do that.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just want to be real clear in the process right now. Are we engaging now in the conversation or are we going to wait to the end, because I do have some thoughts but I think the instructions from
the Chair was to wait to the end? And so I don't want to
not speak and miss the opportunity to comment on this,
but if indeed, we're going to hold it to the end, I want
us to do that.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure. Let me go ahead and then
take -- and go through the last example. It won't take
long, and then we'll go right to you, Commissioner
Turner.

And so our third simulated submission will come from
Mr. Fredy Ceja. Mr. Ceja, we welcome you to the
Redistricting Commission.

MR. CEJA: Thank you so much. I'm a resident of
Long Beach, located in LA County. We have nothing to do
with LA County. We're very different. We actually had
vaccines for COVID faster than LA County. We're very
prog of that. To zoom in on Long Beach, I'm talking
about the community that is next to the Long Beach
airport. It's above the 405 freeway.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, tell us more.

MR. CEJA: If you go to the right, where you see
that 19 bubble, that is the airport. And so my community
is to the right of that. And it is in between the 405,
the 605, and the northern border where you see that brown
line at the top. I'd like that community to remain
together. And as you can imagine, these are single-
family homes, mostly retired vets, and we have that darn airport right next to us. We get all the pollution, all the noise and we are part of Long Beach which stretches down to the south, all the way down to the beach. And I don't like our senate district that goes all the way north to the city of South Gate. We have no similarities to the city of South Gate. So I'd like to remain in a senate district that just encompasses Long Beach, because like I said, we are -- we have nothing to do with LA County. So we want to remain our own community there.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Mr. Ceja. All right, the northern border you mentioned which was the brown line, we happen to --

MR. CEJA: No, that green line. Yeah, that dotted line.

VICE CHAIR YEE: You happen to know the name of that street?

MR. CEJA: That should be Carson.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Carson?

MR. CEJA: Carson Street.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Thank you for that comment about Long Beach.

MR. CEJA: Go Long Beach.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, thank you, Fredy.

Okay, Commissioner Turner.
CHAIR AHMAD: Actually, we have two people who didn't make an appointment. They're in the queue right now.

VICE CHAIR YEE: You have to do that.

CHAIR AHMAD: Karin and Andrew.

VICE CHAIR YEE: We two additional submissions from two people in line. And let's go to the first one. Ms. Mac Donald, tell us where your comment is about?

MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Commissioner, for hearing me today. My name is Karin Mac Donald, and I would like to speak about Oakland, please. And I would like to tell you about my community of interest, which is in west Oakland. And I am talking about specifically the area that borders to the Port of Oakland. And my community of interest will actually include the Port of Oakland, so basically the outer boundaries of Oakland as it goes into the bay, to the 80 freeway. Then from there going south on the 980 free, 880, 980 freeway.

Actually, let's make it 880 freeway, please. Thank you very much. And roughly to a little bit further down -- actually, you know what? I guess I just didn't really know what I was talking about. So let me go back, please, if the mapper could please go to the outer boundaries in the bay, and I would like to change my community of interest to the outer boundaries of the bay,
to the 80 freeway and then going to the 580 freeway,
going to the 980 freeway. And then from the 980 freeway
all the way down to the Alameda channel and then
following the Alameda channel.

CHAIR AHMAD: Ms. Mac Donald, I am very sorry for
interrupting, but you're over your three minute time
allotment. We highly encourage you to submit your
comment through the COI tool. It allows you to have all
the time you need to figure out where you want to draw
your community. But we really appreciate you coming in
today.

MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much. I'll do that
too.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you, Ms. Mac
Donald.

And then I believe we have one more person in the
queue. Go ahead and invite that person in.

MR. DRESCHSLER: Hi, thank you very much, Chair and
Commissioners. I'm here today to talk about my community
of interest, which is in Bakerfield. Bakersfield.
Specifically, I wanted to look at the southeast corner of
Bakersfield. This is going to the west of -- I'm sorry
to -- yeah, the west of interstate or highway 99. It's
going to be south of 58, highway 58. And just wanted to
let the Commissioners know that this is a community where
a lot of longtime residents have been there, and we've
seen some outside development come in and just wanted to
make sure that this community is kept together. We have
a lot of parks. We have South High School in there. And
we wanted to make sure that our interests were kept
together, so we're not divided by multiple Assembly
districts, like we were last time.

So thank you very much for giving me the opportunity
to speak today. I think the mapper highlighted it quite
well. And yeah, you can see how it was split. So thank
you for taking the opportunity to listen to me today.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Mr. Dreschsler. Just to
clarify the southern boundary you have in mind, does that
include the area marked Greenfield, or no?

MR. DRESCHSLER: Yeah, that's part of -- that, that
would be fine to keep part. Looks like the city
boundaries is in that peach color, so yeah, everything in
that peach color that the mapper's going around is part
of the southeast Bakersfield, that I would consider our
community of interest.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much.
Okay, is there anyone else in the queue?

CHAIR AHMAD: I think that's all the callers we had
today, Chair.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Very good. And for members of the
public that may be watching, those were all simulated, fictitious public input submissions that we're dry running in preparation for our June 10th first public input meeting.

Okay, shall we go to discussion? Now, back to Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And thank you for the add-on. It just gave me more questions to ask. So simulated Chair Yee, a couple of things. Number one. I wondered when Karin was presenting and she got -- you know, kind of twitterpated, didn't know what she wanted by design and ran out of time. And then you said okay, great. Just, you ran out of time. Thank you for submitting, maybe input on the COI tool. What happens with what they started? Is that scrapped? And then --

CHAIR AHMAD: That's a good question. I think that's where we do need to figure out a protocol. Unless the line drawers have a recommendation on how to proceed?

MS. MAC DONALD: No, I think that is the question. What is the procedure on that; we should talk about it. I think left to our own devices we would definitely -- you know, put something -- we would start to code it and then look for the COI input. We would take what we have and then look for the COI tool input.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Because when we instruct the
person to call -- you know, to go to the COI tool, now if
they go to the COI tool as a guest, we won't -- I don't
know how necessarily we'll connect those a little bit --
you know, I don't know how we connect those one way or
the other. But anyway, that's just one question. So
yeah, we've got to figure that out.

And then I'm wondering on the hand, Jaime, for me
that was very distracting, to -- for it to keep moving,
and I was not sure. I need you all to just situate my
mind. What should I be looking at when those hands are
circling in the areas one way or the other? It was
almost like hypnotizing for me to watch that, you know,
listen to the person. What should I be getting out of
that? And for others like me that aren't natural map
people, every time we shifted down to another part of the
map, I had to recenter myself to what the speaker was
talking about. And so I'm wondering if there's a
possibility to click, and like, highlight an area instead
of a -- even if you're not drawing it just yet, this is
what you're talking about, oh, now it's this.

Anyway, just for the good of those that I represent
that's like me. It's like, what in the world. I'm so
glad for this training and practice right now and the dry
run that we're having.

So there's that issue that I need understanding
about. Then I wonder, on my little notes that I'm keeping here for our regular calls, that's great. I can follow them as a journal, but for the submissions we're having now, you all are the line drawers. You're capturing it, and I understand we're going to get it on back-end, we're going to have a wonderful data tool that -- what should I be writing right now that truly would be helpful for me on my notes? And what I mean by that, I know I can write whatever I want, but I'm really trying to think how to think strategically about whatever they're lifting up, you're capturing it as line drawers. If it was a real -- we're telling people you can write in, call in with your stories, but if it was an engaging story, yes, I'd probably write that and remember it, but I'm envisioning myself with pages of, you know, 680 to 880 not 980 but this -- and what in the world will that really tell me at the end? I can be diligent and write it all down, but I want to know how to think about that.

And the last question: will we ask at any point who they want to be considered in a district with? We're right now taking the communities of interest. This is my community. At some point, I know we ask it, and we tell them to prepare for that. That's something they can submit, but unless they volunteer it, are we trying to capture, this is my community, and I want to be in a
district with this side as opposed to this side, you know, that kind of thing. That's all.

MS. MAC DONALD: Well, should I try to take a couple of those on, Commissioners?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, please.

MS. MAC DONALD: Okay. All right, and I did not write them down, so please help me if I'm not remembering all of them.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, could we lose the screen for a minute so we can see everybody, please?

MS. MAC DONALD: So with respect to the waving hand and all that, I think we should figure out what works best for you. What Jaime, of course, was doing was when the speaker -- so like, when I was speaking, when I said okay, well, now I want to look at the 580, now I want to look at the 980, she was following the testimony, which is why there was some jumping around going on. So she was trying to just highlight where the actual -- where the input was coming from, and you know, what it was directed to. So I think that's why there was a little bit of hoping around.

On Andrew's COI, she could've waved less, of course, because he kind of knew where his boundaries were, and if you would like for that to be -- you know, if you would like there to be less highlighting, then you know, just
let us know and we'll figure out what the sweet spot is. Because you do want to say, you know, this is where this speaker is talking about, or this is what the speaker is talking about, but then, you know, if it's too much, then you know -- we just have to figure out what works best for you I think, and we can work on that, obviously. We want to be responsive to you and what works best.

With respect to what you're writing down or what you might want to write down, I don't think you need to necessarily write down the boundaries, because that will be captured in various ways. It will be you know, we have it on tape. We will enter it into the data management tool. We will have a polygon, so you will be able to call that up.

But I think if there is something specific -- I mean, just remember, you're not just going to have five or seven or eight COIs, right? You're going to start hearing about hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of COIs, and you know, in particular when they start focusing on the same area, there will be some themes that will pop out to you, and I would jot those down.

I mean, if I were you, this is what I would do -- and this is what I will do also, because I'll be taking notes also. Like, if I hear something about a potential conflict or I hear something where maybe a couple of
speakers that are roughly in the same area, they make very related points for example, right? They're both talking about something different. They're not necessarily right together, and you know, there might be some synergy there for later. I mean, I jot down points like that so that I can reference them later, and you know, I don't necessarily -- for my own notes, I don't necessarily have reams and reams of paper. I type them out, I have them by meeting, and I always write down the speaker number for everything that I want to reference, so that I can go back and verify if I just have a key word or so in there, then I know I can go back to that particular speaker number, and I if I want to listen to it in its entirety to just make sure that, you know, I heard right, and I remember, you know, five meetings later, then I can do that.

So that's pretty much what I do with notes, and I think that's probably helpful, but I suspect you'll figure out your own system after the second or third meeting, pretty quickly.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Um-hum. And thank you, and the other points were -- well, the one we're still needing to figure out a procedure about what happens when is interrupted, but the other part was what do we -- I guess we're waiting on the public, a comment
if they have a preference. If not, we're just collecting their community of interest as they give it.

MS. MAC DONALD: And yeah, you also made a point about the duplication, and I guess that's related to whether we would input a partial COI, perhaps, and I would actually say, if somebody can't finish, we should still enter what we have and perhaps make a note that they didn't finish, because we don't know that they're going to go to the COI tool and then enter it, and we want to make sure that even if it's partial information that, you know, we acknowledge the time that people have spent, and you know, it's their time. They gave you some information, and even if it's not perfectly finished, there may still be something there that you can reference later.

If there is then a COI submitted through the COI tool or perhaps even through your website, you know, that somebody just writes in and says, hey, I didn't finish, very frequently in the past, people would actually reference that. They would say, I was speaking at this meeting, and I didn't finish, so here is my COI, and if that happens, then, you know, you can just note that and you can associate the two comments. If you have a duplicate comment, I mean, it's still the same geography, right? So you're still talking about the same polygon
that's just sitting on top of each other, and you get it twice, you know, oh well. That's fine. So --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: I see Marian's hand up.

MS. JOHNSTON: I was wondering if maybe you want to give the chair some leeway. So if someone has identified all but the last east boundary or something, that you give them a little of extra time to finish it because otherwise, you're going to be wasting a lot of time trying to recreate it later, and your time may be better served by just allowing that little bit of extra time, if in the chair's discretion, they think they are nearly finished.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marian, and that is actually one of the questions that Neal -- Commissioner Fornaciari and I wanted to bring forward are two protocols that we as a Commission need to land on. One, what happens after the three-minute period is over? What do we do? Do we let them keep talking, do we cut them off, do we hang up, do we let them finish if they're close to finishing? I don't know the answer to that.

The second protocol is what do we do for when someone comes in and gives non-COI public input during the COI input period. So they come in, and we're anticipating them talking about their COI, but instead
they're saying, your meetings run too long, period, right? What do we do in those situations?

So those are two questions that we have for the Commission that we would hopefully land on something today, so that we can at least test it out for the June 10th, and if it doesn't work, we come back and we change it. If it works, great, but that is a question that we have.

Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do you want to talk about those two or just continue going with other questions?

CHAIR AHMAD: So at this point, I'm trying to think what would be the best way to frame this massive conversation that we need to tackle. If we can go through the items one by one and check them off the list, I think that would be helpful. The easiest that I'm thinking of, and Commissioner Fornaciari, you can tell me otherwise, but the easiest item that I can see us checking of is the proposed agenda which is posted online for the COI input meeting, and we'll come back to the COI sessions, the dry run that we just had, but the proposed agenda encompasses the meat of what we just saw, right?

So it includes, you know, the typical call to order, the roll call, opening remarks -- which we didn't act out for you today, but it would just be an introduction of
the Commission, who we are, what our charge is. Going
over the housekeeping rules so that, you know, we have
three minutes per person to share their input, and then
jumping into the introduction of the COI tool, that it
exists, here is where you can find it. What was the
phrase that Fredy came up with? Skip the line, submit
online. And then jump right into what you just saw, that
public input session, which we anticipate is going to be
majority of the meeting. At the end, we have to take
public comment -- general public comment followed by
adjourning the meeting. So it would be helpful if we
have a general consensus on the bigger, high-level
structure of these COI input meetings for June 10th, and
if we can get that moving forward, then we can start
tyling some clarity to the meat of the agenda, which is
the COI input process.

Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just had a quick question
on this agenda. It's a public input meeting. Are we
required to have a general public comment session --

MS. JOHNSTON: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We have to?

MS. JOHNSTON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That just seems kind of --

VICE CHAIR YEE: Even though it's not a business
meeting? Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- opposite. Yeah, it's a public input, not a regular business meeting, so I'm surprised we would have to take public comment.

VICE CHAIR YEE: You're muted, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: Because it's under Bagley-Keene, you have to allow time for comments on matters not on the agenda.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I've got lots of different questions, but I think on the agenda, I just want to -- I've shared this and I can't remember where, but one of the things we're going to need to be careful -- I mean, one of the things I want to make sure that we also deal with is the visual that others are having as well as the visual we have. The feedback that I've received is that it's very confusing of who are Commissioners and who are not because everybody is on, and I think for the public input sessions, that piece is going to be important that they, you know -- it'd be very easy if we were in person to know who the Commissioners are and who staff is and who are other contractors and all that.

Also, it was a really interesting conversation that someone had that's got me thinking that with Zoom, every meeting looks the same, and since these input meetings
and the line-drawing meetings in the future, we do need
to do recall. Our memories need to do recall that if
there's a way we can think of making something different
each meeting, just for that memory. You know,
something -- and I'm not sure what that would look like.
I mean, we could argue, well, it would be a -- it
could be changing -- the chairs changed, or whatever it
is, but just to help your memory click into the event.
Because if we were traveling from place to place, our
memory would click in because it would be that place, and
we don't have that place; we just have a Zoom screen.
And I have ideas of how do that when we go to the other
regions, but for June 10th, I was kind of looking at June
10th and then June 18th kind of together, you know, those
two meetings, just to have something to help us see them
as different to do the recall.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Do we
have any other comments on the agenda, the proposed
agenda?
Yes, Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think it's a lovely proposed
agenda. The only other piece I wanted to add is when we
get down to public comment, can we only take non-COI
public comment? Can we make that distinction to the
point that was raised earlier? We're taking in all of
these COIs and if we get down to public comment and
someone that didn't have an appointment, didn't get in,
and I'm just wondering can we at least state, we're in
general public comment for closing. This does not
include COI input.

CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony or Marian, are we permitted to
make such a distinction?

MS. JOHNSTON: I'm looking at Bagley-Keene right
now --

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: -- to see what it says specifically.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: Let me check it out, and I'll get
back to you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

Great, any other questions or comments on the
proposed agenda?

Yes, Commissioner Andersen, and then Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry, did
Commissioner Fornaciari want to go first? Okay, getting
no. Okay, because I actually have a couple of answers
for some questions here, and then on the agenda itself.
Front page looks great; I love what Commissioner Turner
just said about the general public comment, which I think
is allowable because it's supposed to be about things --
well, I guess it's only can be about things that are not on the agenda. Because public input is on the agenda, so anyway, don't have an answer for that.

Under the housekeeping rules, reinforce the three-minute rule. I think if we have warnings ahead of time, like, just all of a sudden, I'm sorry, you've gone out of three minutes. I mean, no one would know that. So if you have, like, a thirty-minute (sic) and people know ahead of time, you're going to get a warning, going to get a warning, and then at three minutes we have to stop, then that would be fair.

And guidance for public input to include public boundary. I would say there's two things is please give us your boundary location and who your community is. Additionally, who you want to be with or who you do not want to be with, and the chair, I would say, prompt the -- if they say, I want to be with these people, say thank you, are there people you don't want to be with or groups you don't want to be with, and vice versa. If they say, I don't want to be with them, who would you like to be with.

Then for the spinning and the geography -- I think if we had a different background color for the public input, like, say it's a completely different color behind all the public persons who come to talk on Zoom, then
that would very be distinct, and if it even said you know, public input or something like that.

The confusion about the geography and that sort of thing. I think it would be extremely helpful for the Commission if we could have a chance to go through the actual geography so we are quite familiar with what the colors mean, you know, if we see pink dots around, that is an Assembly district, or that's the Senate district, so we instantly recognize the coloration of them because I'm a really good map person, and I was a bit like, okay, wait, what's this, what's that. And if we could have a review for the Commission on that, I think it would be very helpful, and then I think as soon as a person mentions highway numbers, make sure the highway numbers are on. As soon as they mention a county, or a city, or a district, put that one on, and then if the Commission's already familiar with that, you recognize that, even if we're starting to zoom in.

Now, I understand there's a protocol when they zoom what can be shown and when you zoom out what can't be shown, but handling that, but I think that would make it much easier for all of us, whether you're a map person or not a map person, to understand what's going on.

And then the one who can't finish, if we have an identification, like speaker number, and we're planning
to try to -- essentially, like, posting our notes or the review, say, with our COIs, however we want to -- like, a picture of it, whether it a PDF or quite what, and ask for edits, you can catch that, probably, the ones that didn't quite get finished, even if we have to cut them off, even with the warnings. But the only thing is for security, those should be from either the same website or the same IP address. So that was a lot.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Yes, it was a lot. Are there any specific recommendations for the one-page agenda document that we would be posting for June 10th only?

Yes, Commissioner Kennedy. You're on mute.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was on my phone. Can you hear me now?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. We had discussed having the California Redistricting Basics presentation presented before the meeting. So I understand that that might not be on the official agenda of the meeting, but are we still considering presenting the California Redistricting Basics presentation beforehand?

CHAIR AHMAD: Can I ask a clarifying question on that, Commissioner Kennedy? What does it mean, before the meeting? Like, before the official start of the
meeting? Before we have --

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Correct.

CHAIR AHMAD: So I'm not sure what logistically
would need to be in place for a videographer to have that
set up if it's outside the meeting time, but I'll lean on
Marcy. Maybe you have some more insight into the
administrative part of that?

MS. KAPLAN: I think we discussed internally some
alternatives approaches to that should it infringe on the
time that we have the videographers, that staff can embed
the video into the website. It could also be posted on
our social media pages as well if we want to display
those prior, but I think if there's consensus around
having that on the live link beforehand, just getting
clarity on whether that is something the videographer can
do, but it doesn't count as part of the hours of the day.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Really small question, but are
we using this header versus the one with the people on it
for this agenda? Because our other agendas, we used the
people one.

CHAIR AHMAD: I'm leaving that up to the discretion
of the team to figure out.

MS. KAPLAN: This was just a sample just to have --
my understanding, it will go in the same format as it
always does. This was just having the content up for
everyone to review.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes, on the agenda on page two on
the left, each Commissioner will introduce themselves and
the city they represent. I don't think that's actually
correct because we all represent the whole state. We
might mention the city we're in, you know, if that would
be of interest, but we don't represent that city.

When it comes to the Zoom identities, we could all
add our titles. You know, staff and Commissioner, so at
least someone looking would know who's a Commissioner and
who's not.

Also, just to mention, when people make comments,
our input -- we are going to allow them to be anonymous.
I didn't handle that very well in my dry run, but maybe
in the appointments, we'll have them numbered so it'll be
speaker number 3, if they want to be anonymous, or so
forth. That's all.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, circling back to
Commissioner Turner's comment about public comment. We
could limit the time to public comment. Right now, we
have it at two minutes. You know, it doesn't have to be
the same time as we would give for public input. So
that's another thing that we can consider doing is making it two minutes or even down to one minute, you know, depending on what we want to do there.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Are there any other comments on the agenda document? Just for June 10th?

Yes, Marcy?

MS. KAPLAN: I just had a clarifying question that we put in there but I think helpful to have legal weigh in on, just ensuring that we can close the queue at the scheduled close time of the meeting? Or are we not able to close the queue at all? Like, can we close the queue at 8, and then anyone who was in the queue, we still need to -- Commission still needs to hear a comment?

MR. PANE: I'll share my thoughts and Marian may have additional thoughts, but my thought is if the 8 o'clock close is for recommendation or an idea of the time to -- sort of bookends, if folks are still in line, my recommendation would be to hear them, not to close off. I can tell you, I've seen Bagley-Keene meetings that go well past their appointment times because of a comment. If they're very boisterous and energetic on a particular topic, and public members need to not infringe the content of speech for members of the public. So that would be my recommendation.

CHAIR AHMAD: I have Commissioner Fernandez,
Fornaciari, and then Turner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was looking at some of the agendas from the 2010 Commission when they went out, and I like some of the language they had, and it deals specifically with, you know, the number of people providing input, and it said "the posted meeting time may not extend more than two hours beyond the original closing, subject to venue limitations and speaker demand. No speaker numbers will be given out after the end of the posted meeting time" -- so that kind of goes back to Marcy's issue, and then it also noted, "due to high speaker demand, it may be possible that not all people will have the opportunity to speak".

Part of it is if we have a policy or if we post that in our agenda ahead of time, people would know. Again, I realize the first one's going to be virtual, but I also think that if we adopt something for the future, we might want to consider that for starting from the beginning, but I did like putting a limit on it so people know.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. We are right up against our break. I have Commissioner Fornaciari and Turner in the queue. Do I have any other folks who want to speak on just the agenda for June 10th after the break so I can jot down your name now? Yes, no? Okay, and then when we return from break, I encourage us to make a move to
either recommend those edits to the agenda, and then move
forward with accepting the agenda, and then move onto the
ten other items that we have on our list.

Commissioner Sinay, I will write down your name for
the list, but we have to go to break. See you all back
at 2:45.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR AHMAD: All right, welcome back from our
break. Just so that we have clarity on the next chunk of
time, our next break will be at 4:15, so just keep that
in the back of your mind as we continue this
conversation.

So before we left for break, in the queue for
comments on the draft agenda for June 10th was
Commissioner Fornaciari, Turner, and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just wanted to
comment about the question about the public comment
session in closing the queue. I think the intent was to
close the queue at 8, but whoever's in the queue at the
time, to let them all speak. I mean, that was the
intent, so just to clarify.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great, thank you.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, and I'm wondering,
can we show the time on the screen in a way where the
public will be able to see it in addition to Kristian
having to say so many times, because I think that throws
people off sometimes. And I am absolutely in favor of
ending at three minutes so that we will not lose our
appointment times and fall so far behind. So I think if
we do a countdown on the screen, and in whatever we're
doing to set their expectations, perhaps we can let them
know in advance that the session will end in three
minutes and then they can perhaps prioritize their
comments.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
Turner.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: On the agenda, is it possible
to switch break 2 and break 3 and just call it a meal
break?

CHAIR AHMAD: Are you referring to the public-facing
agenda or the logistics piece?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: The logistics.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, I'm sure the logistics will
probably change depending on the timing of the meeting
itself --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. That's the part I didn't
understand was if we were supposed to be looking at that
and giving input on that as well. Thank you.
CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I did want to do a quick input on the logistics piece of it, now that there's a differentiation between the two. When you look at page 3, where it has public input session 1 and then session 2 and then session 3. So some are for regular three-minute appointments -- three-minute for speaking versus six-minute for interpretation -- not translation, interpretation. And then there's -- each of them have a two-minute transition, and I'm a little concerned that it's going to take us that long to transition, because then we're actually cutting off the number of people that can provide input if we're giving a two-minute transition between each speaker.

Is there some way to cut that down?

CHAIR AHMAD: I think the idea was to give a two-minute max buffer, but as the transition gets more and more -- the process gets more and more fleshed out throughout the COI input meetings, I don't know if they'll take two minutes, but I think that was just to have something on paper so that we can work with it, just for June 10th, but I'll leave that to the experts of the videography team to show us their magnificent skills.

I have Cecilia, and then anyone else, comments on
the agenda?

Go ahead, Cecilia.

MS. GOMEZ REYES: It's kind of related to the agenda, but just for clarification, maybe for future meetings, when I made my fictitious appointment, I let them know that I was going to speak about Santa Paula, California and Ventura County. So they weren't completely not knowledgeable that -- what I was speaking about. I had to submit, like, an official COI tool on the mapping tool, but I had let them know that, and they obviously told me that I'd be speaking around 2 o'clock.

So just to kind of let you all know if that's something that you want to consider for future meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

Are there any other comments on the draft agenda for June 10th? The public-facing draft agenda?

Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Real easy. This meeting is going to start at 12 and not 1; is that the intent?

Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: So what I heard in terms of recommendations for the draft agenda just for June 10th were to add in the time frame for the public input session, so three minutes per person, and then a time frame for general public comment.
Is there anything else?

Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: That sounds right. I think that was Commissioner Fornaciari made a suggestion for the general public comment that we can do, and he reminded us that we can even reduce that down to one minute, but I don't know if we've made a determination on that one way or the other, so I just wanted to lift it again to see what distinction we want to make for the general public comment.

CHAIR AHMAD: That's a good point, Commissioner Turner.

Do you all think for the purposes of June 10th, would it be safer to leave the time constraint off of the agenda and just verbally state it once we open for general public comment at this point? I'm not sure how many people will show up for COI input and how much time at the end we'll have for general public comment, but if we write down two minutes, then we can change it, but it would be nicer if we can just verbally state, now we're opening for general public comment. Each person will have X amount of time.

Thoughts?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you --

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah, go ahead.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Are you thinking -- are you thinking, Chair, in that that if we've gone through the session and we had lots of public comment, of course, based on our counsel, we know that we'll receive only those that are left in the queue. And is the queue the same as public comment -- or excuse me -- input? You know, because those are appointments and people that we accept into that queue, but then someone watching has a public comment. If it's after the hour, I'm assuming they still won't be able to get in. So maybe if we do not put a time on it, and we know that we've been packed all day going well past the 8 o'clock hour, when we open it up, we can just say we'll have public comment for one minute each, and if, indeed, we are early or not so behind, we can maybe leave it two minutes.

But I like giving the flexibility of not putting it on the agenda, and just would not be in favor of putting one thing on the agenda and then later shortening it because of time. I do want us to live up to whatever we say. So given the option, perhaps no time, and state it based on what we're experiencing.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. That's great feedback. I know we, as a Commission, did agree on three minutes for COI input, so that is pretty clear to me. I hope it's clear for others, but just for that general public comment.
And you're right, maybe nobody will show up on day 1. Who knows? Okay.

Are there any other pieces of feedback, just for the agenda for June 10th, at this time?

Yes, Commissioner Andersen, feedback on the agenda for June 10th.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Under the housekeeping, it was also -- you mentioned the three-minute rule, which Commissioner Turner had a great idea about. And then on the -- it says the last bullet was "guidance for public input to include boundary information". Also the -- who their community of interest is, and who do they want it to be with, or who they not want it to be with. So those additional comments for the --

CHAIR AHMAD: Are you recommending we put that on the public facing agenda for June 10th?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is logistics --

CHAIR AHMAD: Or is that something -- is that something --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Is logistics public facing?

Is that --

CHAIR AHMAD: I mean, everything's technically public facing, but logistics is more for our own planning purposes, right? So staff will be working together a
script for whoever is chairing those COI input meetings. So we can include that point into the script, if that works.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Fredy, you had your hand up?

MR. CEJA: Yeah. I just wanted to mention that instructions were actually included in the flyer, and our purpose, or our hopes, is that we can also put instructions in all social media postings and e-blasts that we send out, but it's not necessarily on the agenda, but it can be found on the flyer and other postings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Marcy, and then Commissioner Fernandez.

MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. Just to piggyback on that. I guess it's -- I don't know if it's on the -- not necessarily on the agenda related, but highlighting what Fredy's noted, and I think what we've all seen, is that the boundary info seems like the first thing we want them to say, so that the line drawer can zoom in, just ensuring that they get their -- that they get their boundaries on there versus, like, if they do get cut off, it may be on some of their narrative, and not on the actual boundaries. So I think just clarifying if that
CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez, and then Commissioner Sinay, and then Turner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for consideration up top on the agenda, it's 12 to 8 p.m., and I would just add similar wording to how we do it now for our business meetings, in parentheses, "or upon conclusion of public input", only because if -- let's say we only have an hour of public input, then we'll be done in an hour. I don't want it to -- once we're done, we're done. We're not going to stay there until 8 o'clock if we don't have additional input.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

Question for legal on that piece, do we have to stay during the time that we have allotted on the agenda regardless of if folks are coming in?

MR. PANE: Chair, are you asking the situation when there aren't any more, and there's an absence of it?

CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. Like, we start at 12, we hear public comments until 3, and then there's silence, but we have our agenda out until 8 p.m. Are we required to be present until 8 p.m.?

MS. JOHNSTON: No.

MR. PANE: No.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Thank you.
Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for clarification, we keep saying boundaries, boundaries and narratives, and boundaries first, narrative second. And to me, the narrative is more important than the boundaries, because the stories people tell, the narrative is going to give us the reasons why. At some point, we may have conflicts, or different views, or whatever, but we need to be able to -- so I just -- I don't want to discount how important the narrative is over just boundaries.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: If you can just direct me when we are going to talk about the flyer and the handout information, I'll hold until then.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I'm looking for a motion to approve the agenda and allow our team to make the minor edits that we have recommended here. So time frame to include three minutes for COI input meeting, and then also, include at the top, during the end time or upon conclusion of public input.

Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll make that motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

Any discussion?

Commissioner Yee.
VICE CHAIR YEE: Also the edit about us not representing cities, but rather representing the whole state.

CHAIR AHMAD: And that's on the logistical piece, not the public facing, right?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Sorry.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. That's right.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Okay. Any other comments or thoughts on the agenda?

Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And just for clarification, so if we run out of community members that want to provide input, our thought is that we're going to conclude the meeting, although it's listed that the meeting's from 12 to 8?

CHAIR AHMAD: I don't know if we have a consensus on whether we're going to conclude, but what I heard was we can conclude.

MR. PANE: So one thing you could also do is you could say, "upon the conclusion of business", and not put in any time, if that would help, and then maybe if that addresses your concern, Commissioner, that then there isn't an end time that people will have the potential to wait for. That might be one option.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. I guess just to the extent that if Ralphs is open from 12 to 8, and I run there at 7:50, and they said, I had no customers at 7:30, I would be a little disappointed. So I think that if we outline this meeting at a prescribed time for input from community members, we have to be respective that someone might want to walk through the door at 7:50.

MR. PANE: So to address that concern, Commissioner, You could also say, "upon the conclusion of business", and that would -- then you're not in the circumstance that you just described.

CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, yikes.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you. I didn't mean to open up a can of worms, but I think that this meeting is specifically for input, so again, I'm just -- however, whatever our thoughts are. And that's just because it's on the public facing agenda, so that's why I said it.


COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And the only -- I understand your concern --

CHAIR AHMAD: Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Taylor, but the reason I'm not as concerned is that they're supposed
to sign up for appointments, and if we have no one signed
up for appointments. I would expect someone to be there
if they signed up for an appointment, not to, hopefully,
not show up at 7:55, hoping to give input at that time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I share Commissioner
Taylor's concern about being open the hours posted,
particularly -- different than even a regular Commission
hearing that we have ended soon sometimes, from
conclusion of business. In this one, I'm not in favor
necessarily of the suggestion to state "upon close of
business", because we have that other flip side that said
that we will need to continue to take public comment of
everyone in the queue, and if there is no closing time,
then has business concluded, and does that then open us
up to just be there till slumber party time. So I would
just want to -- if we're thinking 12 to 8, I don't know,
maybe we'll get to know each other a lot better while we
chit chat and wait on those hours to pass.

I do like, again, doing what we say we will. I
don't want someone to plan, and I don't, again, want to
penalize folks for not participating in the appointment
system. That is a nice offering that we're making
available, but it is not a requirement for people to look
at their schedules of the day and say, oh, I'll be
finished with work, and I think on this particular
Saturday, or whatever the day is, I'm going to dial in at
7 o'clock and wait my turn. I don't want to penalize
them for no appointment, and I don't want to be a no show
and not there if we told them till 8 o'clock.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Pass.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, I'll guess I have to
just say I'm confused at this point, because I thought
that was the whole point of the appointments. So now I'm
hearing that you don't have to have an appointment. I'm
just confused, so if we could get some clarity on what
the plan is. I particularly don't think we should sit
around for four or five hours if we're done. That
doesn't make any sense to me whatsoever, and I don't
think that's a good use of taxpayer money either. So I
think we just need to be clear on what we're doing at
this point. Again, I'm confused.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

I saw Marcy, and then Commissioner Turner. Oh,
okay. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I don't know if it'll
help or not, but when we determined to do the appointment
schedule, there was nothing in it that stated it was a
requirement that people participate in the appointments that we're making available for them. It was an added offering to help people be able to plot out their time in the day, so that when we talked about it, we talked about 2011 Commission people having to wait for hours on end for their two, three, four minutes to speak, or what have you. And this is to help them be able to arrange their day, not necessarily for the convenience of this Commission. So that's was the appointment.

There was another piece that I think I forgot. I wanted to just lift up, at least as it was presented in the sessions that I was in. Not a requirement to have to have an appointment to participate in the sessions.

CHAIR AHMAD: Fredy, and then Commissioner Le Mons.

MR. CEJA: I'll let Commissioner Le Mons go first.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I think, and maybe I missed those sessions, but let's say we have a situation where all the appointments are taken, which is the flip side of this. And if all the appointments are taken, how does that work? And how does that impact this in the queue that we've been discussing in terms of people being able to get in a queue. So those appointments cut off at, say, 6 o'clock, and then there's two hours of in the queue. Or do we announce at the top of the meeting, we currently have whatever number appointments are possible
within in that particular session, and so therefore, there aren't any additional slots, so people don't sit around waiting and hoping for an opportunity to speak if all the appointments are already taken.

So I think that there are some variations on what could play out, and I think that the 10th of June is kind of that test to see how this all plays out. I think these are some great discussions, and some of these things, maybe we can't solidify yet, but I still don't feel like I have clarity on exactly how we're approaching all of these various scenarios that can bump up against each other.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

Fredy.

MR. CEJA: Yeah. So two items, right? What if we have not enough people show up, or what if we have too many people show up? For the first one, if we don't have enough people show up, the intent of having a registration system was to give people a time certain, so that they're not waiting around for hours and that they have a solid place in line. But we also have to take into consideration that people might not have internet access, especially in rural areas, where they will be phoning in, so I think the idea was to both allow people to come up on the spot and call up, or call in, and have
our staff give them an appointment by that means.

The other problem is -- oh, and in all the years
that I've worked in City Council Los Angeles, and the
State Legislature, or even committee work for the
Legislature, if you finish your agenda, then you're done,
and you're not expected to be there till the end time for
whatever you had set on the agenda.

That being said, if people do show up, and we're
done, we can always refer them back to the Draw My
California community so that they can leave their input
there, or email us their information. We accept that, as
well through, email.

If we have too many individuals, that's a great
problem to have. I think we mentioned at the last
meeting that we would try to determine at what point we
cut off the waiting line, and for those individuals, do
we send them to Draw My California community, and how
long we would wait after the 8 p.m. to exhaust that line?
So I think those are questions that need to be taken up.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: I don't think that you can require
only people who have appointments to testify -- to be
able to testify, not just for the reason Fredy says it,
there may be others, but that would be imposing a
requirement on them for literally attending your meeting,
and that's the problem that Bagley-Keene says you cannot do. You can't impose pre-requirements on someone to attend a meeting.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Marian.

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just wanted to get clarity on Marian's point, because there's attending a meeting and there's participating. So it's not that you have to have an appointment to attend the meeting, you have to have an appointment to give input. And that's a question. Like, I really am still trying to get crystal clear on exactly how we're structuring this.

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, at the very least, you would be discouraging people from participating, giving their comments, if you said it can only be by appointment, since appointments require them to provide information. There was a -- we were having a conversation with Marcy about you can't require their name, but maybe they can give an anonymous email address or something, so they can get on the line, but even that is requiring information from them, so they can't be identifying information.

CHAIR AHMAD: I saw Marcy's hand, then Commissioner Vazquez, and then Le Mons.

MS. KAPLAN: So my understanding, to address this, we framed it in the agenda with these appointment time
slots, and then also gave a block of time where it would be for no appointments, and so the phone or email would not be required -- this is in the considerations document -- would not necessarily be required. However, if they wanted an appointment slot, they would need to submit something, or there would be -- we would work with Counsel on language to advise that there is still an opportunity for them to call in, in the fourth block of time that's identified in the agenda for individuals who were not able to get an appointment, or who did not want to provide information, if that helps clarify.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez, Le Mons, and then Toledo.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Forgive me. I'm coming in midway to this conversation. In terms of the identified problem of us potentially waiting around for hours in an empty virtual Zoom room for 1 or 2 comments, or 100, who knows, right? We don't know, but we'd be waiting. Could we consider blocking off a time certain for the last hour, so 7 to 8, or 6 to 8, what have you, right? That's no appointments needed. You want to show up, and you want to hang out with us for two hours while we go through everybody, fine. That's your time certain for open -- that's the free for all, and whoever we can get through in those two hours, that's how we get
through.

You don't need an appointment, that at least, we have -- we could, I think then, potentially, if we go from 1 to 2, nobody left, we recess until 6. That's time certain, and we show up at 6, and whoever's there at 6, we'll take you until 8, and that's that. 6 to 8 seems most community friendly, considering folks are working during the day, and they can't make an appointment that, again, requiring these extra steps. I imagine savvier folks, who don't want to wait around, and just want to come and give their comment will avail themselves of the appointment slots earlier.

And we leave ourselves an hour, or some change, buffer to get non appointment public comment, but it does put some parameters in it. You have to be there at 6 in order to get in the line, so we know you're there, and know that you got to get there early because if we -- when we get to 8, we're done at 8. That's my third way.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, and then Toledo.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I like the plan that Commissioner Vazquez just outlined. I'd probably go -- do it a -- suggest doing it a little bit differently and maybe shortening the number of appointments per session or per block and have a free for all -- not free for all. That's probably not the best choice of words, but a
nonappointment window in each of those blocks.

So let's say, for example, in the first block there's fourteen appointments at five minutes each, with the transition and the speaking time. If that was cut by four appointments, that's twenty minutes, or three appointments, even, so there's a fifteen-minute block that's just back to back people who didn't have an appointment, but the lines are open.

And then that way -- because people's schedules are different. Sure, after dinner might be time sensitive for some, but for people who work midnights, that's not time sensitive at all. So that way, they can just have that opportunity where there's appointments, and then in each of the sessions, there is an open, whether it's ten minutes, fifteen minutes, or whatever. And if we're sticking to the time requirements, we shouldn't have a problem with being able to accommodate those ten, fifteen minutes in each of the session blocks.

So I would recommend something more like that, and I think it gets more to the intention of the caution that Marian raised earlier, because even if we sort of narrow it to 6 to 8 at the end of the day, or a specific two-hour block, we've created barriers until we get to that two-hour block, wherever we have it. So I think this at least better balances this idea of requiring something of
someone to participate. So it would be my recommendation.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm curious how the analysis, the barriers analysis that Ms. Johnston raised, how it relates to the interpretation requirement, because we are asking for five days requirement, right? Five days to get an interpreter. And certainly, that impacts the appointment process, and also could be seen and serve as a barrier for limited-English-proficient individuals, so I'm curious how that applies, and how your analysis might relate to that. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: But at present, there's no legal requirement to provide an interpreter, so you're doing a disservice to people and saying that in order to be able to provide an interpreter, you need that notice to get the interpreter available. I think this is different. That's making it more available to the people who aren't proficient in English.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Appreciate that, Marian.

Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. So I think this is going to be really interesting to see play out in our dry run,
but one of the things that I wanted to flag, I like the
creative thinking about how we get this appointment
schedule done without penalizing folk, and allow open
spaces. And I envision the first public input session,
if we -- when we or should we reduce the number of
appointments down to allow some for people that did not
have an appointment, if those that are watching in their
input session 2 is listening, if they said, hmm, they're
asking for open comments, I think I'll take that slot
now, I'm wondering how will it -- what will the impact
be? Because part of the appointment system, as well, was
to give the line drawers, because in that system, it was
described, I recall that people will also be able to say,
and this is my COI number, this is what I've already
submitted. Not that we're encouraging both calls, but
this is what I've already submitted. And then the line
drawers would be able to call up whatever area they're
going to be speaking on.

And now, though, I'm speaking earlier, because you
have open slots that I didn't know you were going to
have, and why would I wait around till 4 o'clock, if
you're now calling for open slots? And so now people
will give their testimonies, or could conceivably give
their testimonies earlier, and maybe that's a nonissue or
problem. I'm just lifting it up as we think through
what's the best way to move forward, because then, we'll just create kind of more open slots at the bottom that now we're not prepared for.

And from a line drawer perspective, though you lifted that up as what you would do, maybe it's a nonissue because everyone won't have that advanced notification. So it just feels like it starts to get a little muddled in what the pristine, prepared way you're attempting to do. At least of what I envisioned in my mind when this was initially presented.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. We do have a motion and a second on the floor.

Commissioner Fernandez, would you please restate your motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe it was Commissioner Turner. I seconded it. Commissioner Turner made the motion.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: It was. And the motion had to do with accepting our front-facing public input meeting agenda with, I believe, a couple of adjustments, Chair. What we have not landed on is what to do with this end time in order for people to be able to actually vote on if they're accepting this or not.

CHAIR AHMAD: So the motion, as I understand right now, currently includes "with the adjustment of the three
minutes included for the COI input" as well as the "or upon conclusion of public input" language at the top of the agenda. And that is the piece that this conversation is about?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: So from my understanding, Anthony, we have to move forward with this or is that something we with -- not we, Commissioner Turner has the authority to withdraw and or amend?

MR. PANE: Well, so we have a first and we have a second. We would want to ask for public comment before we have a vote on the motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I guess what I was suggesting, Chair, is that the motion was on -- this was prior to our conversation, I think important conversation about the time period, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and do we block it out and come back? Do we do up on conclusion of business? And before trying to vote on that, I'm really curious to know if we've come to consensus as far as what is desired for that time piece, not so much what's on the agenda. I think that's pretty cut and dried. But the time is what I don't feel yet we have landed on.

MR. PANE: So if I could just make a recommendation, perhaps there might be an amendment on that particular
aspect that may be incorporated with the blessing of the
two Commissioners to make that part of the motion.

CHAIR AHMAD: So they are allowed to make that
amendment and then --

MR. PANE: Yeah.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- we can proceed as usual?

MR. PANE: So long as that's --

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

MR. PANE: -- been approved. Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. So I guess we continue this
conversation until we come to a resolution on that item
of "or upon conclusion of public input".

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can't we just do the -- like
we do on our regular ones -- it says, you know, like,
today, or -- well it's from 1 to 8, or upon conclusion of
business. Why can't we do the or upon conclusion? I
mean, why do we have to do either 8 o'clock or upon
conclusion? I mean, why not do what we're always doing?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Yeah. So when I
interpret it, I do see a distinction. Our normal public
meeting, we are the engine of that; it is us conducting
the business. For this public input, we're inviting
people to come and we're giving them a prescribed time.
And then we're saying that something falls out and we're going to conclude, but it's still within a prescribed time. So I just think that there has to be another key that states what we'll do, another trigger, another statement, or something that states what we'll do so that someone looking at this can know that I need to be in the room by six or I need to -- I need to -- there's something I need to do so that I can be heard based on the information that I received. That's what I'm seeing.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez and then Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarification, when I suggested adding the "or upon conclusion," it was -- I meant it to be 12 -- including the 8 o'clock, 12 to 8 o'clock. Because again, we can go beyond the 8 o'clock timeframe. I wasn't recommending that we remove the 8 p.m. end time. I was just recommending you just add "or upon conclusion" after that.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So yeah, a couple of things. I think, you know, I think we need to be there till 8 because it's a public input meeting, right? It's not a business meeting. We're asking for input. And if people want to show up later, you know, I mean, we've got
a time block from simply 5:45 to 7:15 with no
appointment. And you know, we don't know how many people
are going to queue up. So we've committed to doing that.
I think we should just state in the agenda that, you
know, we're closing the queue at 8 o'clock, but everyone
in the queue at that point for general public comment
will be heard.

The second thing is, with regard to Commissioner Le
Mons's suggestion, I like that idea. I do like that
idea. I'm a little worried about the logistics of that
idea and figuring out the logistics of how to do that.
So I mean, I kind of would like to see, at least for this
first meeting, if we could just go with the agenda as
it -- if we're comfortable just going with the agenda as
it is. You know, just setting aside this one block for
no appointments, and giving us a run through to figure
out the logistics.

And then we can revisit that idea of you know,
having each section having some open time later. I just
think it adds some complexity to the logistics with
regard to queuing people up and the appointment system.
So just my thoughts.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree with what Commissioner
Fornaciari was saying about -- yeah, it is important to
keep going back to we're talking about June 10th, not all of them. And I completely support what Commissioner Taylor is saying. I feel that this is -- we're giving an invitation to the community. And you know, you don't say a party is from 12 to 8, and then just -- okay, sometimes you do.

But what I would recommend, what we could do is we don't have to have all Commissioners there at the full time. So we could have a team that sticks -- that's there or whatever. But I strongly recommend that we don't close the doors early. As Commissioner Taylor was saying.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Pass. Motion stand -- I mean, my motion is the same.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Are there any more comments before I go to public comment?

All right. Katy, would you please help us go to public comment on the motion on the table, which is to approve the agenda for the June 10th COI input meeting with the two recommended edits, adding in a three minute notice for the COI input time, I believe it's agenda item 5. And then adding in "or upon conclusion of public input" at the top of the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Fernandez.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed; it is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 9263886526 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.

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And the Commission is taking public comment on the motion on the floor in relation to the June 10th public input meeting agenda approval.
And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time. Oh wait, here they come.

If you could press star 9, indicating you wish to comment. For those calling in, star 9 will raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Thank you so much. We do have a comment.

Caller 9538, star 6 will unmute you. Star 6 will unmute you. Again, caller 9538, the prompt is star 6. It will unmute you. There you go. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, sorry about that.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I was just calling to make -- or ask for clarification on the appointment system. One, for the -- the time slot, there are specific time slots where the public can sign up that -- and I'm just making sure that -- that the times there are available are automatically assigned, or are they given the option to choose what time works best for them? And then --
CHAIR AHMAD: I'm so sorry to interrupt you.
However, the public comment at this time is regarding the motion on the table. Do you have a comment regarding the
motion on the table?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is -- is that for the agenda for the -- the meeting, currently?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I just wanted to -- is for the appointment system for the meeting? Just so I'm -- I'm aware of how to make an appointment.

CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, we haven't had that conversation yet. So I encourage you to continue watching our discussion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. And that was all of our public comment at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro, can we call role for the vote?

MR. HERNANDEZ: So once again, the motion is to approve the COI public input meeting agenda with suggested edits. Add three-minute notice on item 5, and language "or upon conclusion of public input." Is that correct, Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: I'll defer to the Commissioners who made the motion.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Again, the motion was made by Commissioner Turner. It was seconded by Fernandez. And we will begin the vote.
Commissioner Akutagawa.
Commissioner Andersen.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Could you repeat that? Was that a confirmation, yes?
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I'll say yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh. Thank you.
Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Abstain.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Abstain.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Moving right along, Commissioner Fornaciari, do we need the line drawers present for the rest of the report out for agenda item 11? They have given their COI input dry run? We had only scheduled them until 3:15, so they've been kind enough to stick around for a little longer.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think we're okay. I think we're okay if they go.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, sounds good. Thank you, Karin, Andrew, and team -- and Jaime.

All right. Moving right along. We have a few more items to get approved and move forward for item 11, which is just the June 10th COI input meeting, just the June 10th. We haven't even gotten to the contentious part of our conversations yet, y'all.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Y'all.

CHAIR AHMAD: The flier. This is something that Fredy has worked hard on to incorporate all of the
approved language that we have included in the PowerPoint presentation. So the language should not be anything new to anyone. If you have high-level feedback, very high-level feedback, please use this time to provide that. If it's very specific comments, I would highly encourage folks to email that directly to Fredy. And then on top of that, I would also like to, whenever we are ready to move this forward, to allow Fredy full discretion to make edits and changes to the fliers as needed as this is not something extremely pertinent that we need to continuously bring back to the full Commission meeting.

With that, I saw hands up. I saw Commissioner Fernandez and Turner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much, Fredy. This is a great flier. The only thing, the (audio interference) is, like, super hard for me to read. It's just, if we can maybe pick some lettering that makes -- especially when it's the blue background, like the top part, and then you've got blue directing them to the website. So -- but other than that, great job. Thank you so much.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Fredy. Real quick, three high-level items. Number one, under the last sentence on the paragraph where it's underlined, only
communities of interest testimony will be accepted during this meeting. We will also have to do public comment. So I don't know if that only is correct or factual or what. And so I just wanted to lift that up, however it shakes out. I'm asking also that we find a way to put "you will only have three minutes to present" on the flier. And then under the save time skip line, I'll send you some email -- I'll email you a thought to have a word before that slogan that means a lot to us, but perhaps not to someone that's just reading the flier for the first time. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass; Commissioner Turner covered it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Are there any more high-level recommendations for Fredy to take into consideration at this time?

Great. What I'm looking for is a motion to approve the flier with recommended edits for the June 10th meeting, and to give Fredy the authority to edit the flier for the remainder of the summer COI input meetings.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So moved.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian?

MS. JOHNSTON: I think you do need to change that last sentence of the first paragraph. You could say
community of interest testimony will be preferred during
the meeting, but I don't think you can exclude other
testimony.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee?

VICE CHAIR YEE: Maybe you could say it's -- you
know, this meeting is primarily for community of interest
input. Just.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I will go ahead and make
the motion myself then. I move to approve the flier with
the recommended edits presented here today, and give
Fredy the authority to make edits to the flier as needed
for the remainder of the COI input meetings.

Do I have a second?

VICE CHAIR YEE: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I second.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. I heard Commissioner Yee first.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's fine.

CHAIR AHMAD: Do we have discussion on this item?

No.

Katy, can we open the lines for public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, for motion
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The Commission is taking public comment on the motion on the floor.

And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Katy, if you can let us know when it catches up on the livestream, that would --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do.

The instructions are complete, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Alvaro, can you call for
vote?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. Okay, so once again, the motion is to approve the June 10 COI public input meeting flier with recommended edits and give the communication director, Fredy, the authority to edit as needed for the remainder of the summer. And we will begin the vote now.

Commissioner Akutagawa.
Commissioner Andersen.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Moving right along, we have two protocols that we need to come to consensus on for our COI input meetings. And those are what to do after the three minutes are up per person; and then also, what to do in the case someone calls in with non-COI public input during that COI input time.

We can come to a consensus on a protocol and apply it blanket over every single COI input meeting. We could potentially leave it up to the chair of that COI input meeting to figure out what's the best way to manage that, depending on the situation at hand. Or some other way that I haven't thought of. But I welcome discussion on those two items at this time.

Yes, Anthony?

MR. PANE: Oh, just a quick word on this. Again,
happy to invite Marian if she wants to chime in on this. But we want to make sure whatever policy you all choose, that it's fairly and adequately applied so that it's uniform. That's my quick statement. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Your quick statement really tells us the direction we need to go. So we need to come to a consensus, y'all. What are our thoughts on what to do after the three minutes are up?

Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think as long as -- I believe it was Commissioner Turner -- as long as there's a clock and they've been given warning, like, thirty -- even a two-minute warning, and then thirty seconds before. As long as they've been given warnings or they're known how much time they have left. I think at three minutes we do need to cut it off because there's other people that are waiting in line as well.

And I know it gets a little bit sticky when you think, well, there's nobody -- maybe that's the last appointment and we still have a break. But I think, as Anthony mentioned, we just need to be consistent.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'm just trying to understand Anthony's -- or Mr. Pane's comment. Does that mean that we wouldn't be able to leave it at the
discretion of the chair or with guidance for the chair or --

MR. PANE: No, I think that is something you can leave to the discretion. The discretion needs to be fair and applied uniformly. So in other words, if it's something where, you know, you're going to say at the beginning of the meeting, we're going to do it at three minutes, then that's the policy that's being applied uniformly. We don't want to get into a situation where we're doing some three minutes, some one minute, some something else. We want to apply it uniformly. So we don't -- so if its policy, call at this point, but you don't necessarily have to know that now. It's something you could determine at the beginning of the meeting, for example. But whatever it is, it needs to be applied uniformly so everyone has an equal level of participation.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian?

MS. JOHNSTON: One more caveat. If someone's using a translator, they get up to six minutes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts on this item?

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think the fair and equitable approach is -- can be subjective. If it's
put -- not that the chair, whoever the chair is, is
incapable of making calls, but I think that that becomes
subjective and circumstantial. So I would prefer not to
support the idea of discretion of the chair, and have the
time conclude at the time. And we err on the side of
really communicating and modeling it through the course
of the process so that in some meetings we don't go one
way in one part of the state and in other meetings we go
another way.

So if three minutes is three minutes, then we should
definitely have the time signals that Commissioner Turner
referenced. And I think they should be visual. We need
to figure out how to do that so that it isn't just this
voice looming, saying thirty seconds, but you can pace
yourself by seeing the clock tick down.

And then when it ticks down, either the
microphone -- it should be disconnected. Because
dependent upon the power of the person's voice or their
cadence, even when we do public comment, I notice that.
That certain individuals are able to leverage their
cadence or whatever it is to where we'll lean in for
more; and it's in the body language of the Commissioner.
So that's just the power of people, right?

So that's why I think the clock, it needs to just be
what it is. And it's up to the person. You know, I've
done many public meetings and they cut the microphone off. That's your time, the microphone's off. So that's the end of it. And I may not like it, but I understand it. Right. So that would be my recommendation, is that we're clear and we're consistent with all the public input meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani and then Taylor?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll pass.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. I think I would agree with Commissioner Le Mons. I think consistency lends itself to fairness and being equitable to all parties throughout these input meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts?

Yes, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm certainly in agreement. I've noticed, though, depending on which of us are chairing, that we have different tolerance levels and it's almost like we're allergic to just saying, you're done, because it seems so harsh. But it really is in fairness to those waiting behind. So I'm wondering if we can also say -- Commissioner Le Mons mentioned shutting down the mics or closing it or ending the call. We need to do something in addition to just saying three minutes. If it's on the flyer, if we've set the expectation, if we're going to go with three minutes, sometimes you think
people have one more little thing to say and it goes into the next and the next thing. And so I just want to be able to provide all of our Commissioners with the power, ability, and comfort with being able to let three minutes be three minutes if that's what we're deciding.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great point, Commissioner Turner. Maybe that's something we can include in the housekeeping, in the intro of the COI input meetings. Are there any other thoughts on this item?

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just to follow up to Marian's point, I think we have to be as diligent about communicating the six minutes if you have an interpreter as with the three so that people are aware. And also, if someone is tuning in and aren't aware and they're wondering why is this person seemingly get -- be able to speak longer, they're clear. So and that should also be, I think, in the housekeeping, as you mentioned.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Any other comments? And if not, do I hear a motion from someone on the first protocol of what to do in the case of three minutes?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: So moved.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commissioner Turner.
So moved what?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: That the motion as was indicated, that we definitely want to be able to end at three minutes and not allow additional time to go on.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second? Commissioner Fornaciari. Discussion. All right. We're going to do things a little bit -- oh, yes.

Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: So are we instructing the staff to turn the person off at three minutes? Bang, goes dark?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I didn't know if we needed to specify that it's three -- six minutes for if you have an interpreter for the motion, but I know that we're legally required to, correct, Anthony and Marian? Yeah.

MR. PANE: That's correct. It's already that there's a requirement that it's twice as long. So six minutes it is, yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, does your motion include any specific guidance to staff to cut off the mic or turn off the mic?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Based on technology, I would love to know what the options are. If indeed Kristian has the point on or if it's whoever's currently monitoring our systems, if they have a chance to just end
it, I think that would be fine. I don't know the
technology that's used.

MR. MANOFF: Was that --

CHAIR AHMAD: Is it appropriate for us --

MR. MANOFF: What was that question?

CHAIR AHMAD: -- to ask Kristian? Yeah.

MR. MANOFF: Yeah. I'm standing by, Chair. We can
absolutely mute them. We could also remove them from the
meeting, and we have -- we've requested some guidance on
that already, so.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: So my suggestion in motion
would be to mute and remove.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

MR. MANOFF: Well I --

CHAIR AHMAD: -- Fornaciari, are --

MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry. Just for clarification, in
this particular situation, what would happen is we could
mute them and they could still listen to the meeting, but
there would be some circumstances where you might want
somebody completely removed. And so those would be
different circumstances. But you know, as far as, like,
a timekeeper standpoint, we can mute them --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

MR. MANOFF: -- and prevent their ability to unmute
themselves.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: And the reason I say -- can I answer why for that?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: What happens is, is at the end -- what I am hoping for is the fairness and consistency of testimony. And if they're at the end of three minutes, I am hoping we don't then go back into, oh, they look like they had a little bit more. Let me ask you more questions, or can you clarify about because now you're just really giving them additional time to speak.

And it sounds a little like I'm being really harsh on this, but I really am thinking about staying on time with the other appointments and everyone else. So okay. Mute them, but I'm hoping that we don't then keep bringing them back into the conversation.

CHAIR AHMAD: With that minor edit to Commissioner Turner's motion, do we still have a second, Commissioner Fornaciari? Can you verbally confirm that? I got some training.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. I --

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- accept the amendment and second.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments on this item?
Okay. Before we jump to public comment, is it okay, Anthony, if we get consensus and a motion and a second for the other protocol item and then take public comment on both of these motions at the same time?

MR. PANE: You can certainly do that if you want, yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Awesome sauce. Let's do that. So the other protocol in question right now that really staff need clarity, and ourselves, for uniformity across all our COI input meetings is what to do in the case that a non-COI public input comes in during the COI input time frame. I welcome discussion on this item.

Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It would be my opinion that the Chair would redirect them to let them know right now it's just we're taking input from communities of interest and we will be taking general comment at the end of the meeting and direct them that way.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Anthony.

MR. PANE: So again, just a -- just a quick comment. If we were discuss -- if a member of the public were to bring something up that wasn't germane, they still have an opportunity. I think this is what Commissioner Fernandez was talking about. They still have an opportunity to provide the comment. What the Commission
would be doing is essentially regulating what we refer to as a time/place/manner restriction. Not now, but later.
Not that you can't at all. So I want to highlight that important distinction. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts on what to do if a non-COI input comes in? Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we also suggest that they submit their public comment through our website to give them another opportunity? They can wait till the end or make their submission online. We're not currently accepting their comment. Not now, but later. Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I recommend that a brief script be developed so that could be consistent. So whoever's chairing, it will be the same statement that's made every time. Brief.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other thoughts? Does anyone want to make a motion on this item given the discussion we've had? Yes, Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I move that if we -- if during the public input time, a nonpublic input is received, we redirect them either to a -- we can redirect them to other ways for them to provide public comment. Something like that. And we're going to have some sort of statement, right, Mr. Le Mons? A brief --
CHAIR AHMAD: Script. A brief --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- script.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- script, yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: A brief script.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second for that motion?

Yes.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'll second it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons has seconded this motion. So there are two motions on the table right now.

The first is to limit the time for public input -- COI public input to three minutes and use the technology that we have to limit their three minutes. And that was made by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Fornaciari.

The second motion on the table is to redirect public comment that comes in that is not about COI public input to another avenue to submit their statement and also include a brief script so that that statement can be uniformed.

Before we call for vote, we will need to open the line for public comment on the two motions on the table right now.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.
When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on
the livestream feed, it is 92638886526 for this meeting.
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pound key.

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To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9.
This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is
your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says,"the host would like you to talk", and to press star 6 to
speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
and spell it for the record. You're not required to
provide your name to give public comment.

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

The Commission is taking public comment related to
the two motions that are on the floor at this time, and
there is no one in the queue. And I will let you know
when the instructions are complete.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Have you seen --

VICE CHAIR YEE: I think Director Hernandez has a --

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I wore blue and red so I wouldn't blend into the background today. I just wanted to confirm the motion, and I'll share my screen so that you all can see that as well. So motion to allow Chair to redirect a non-COI public comment during public input, and I included time/place/manner restriction that chief counsel mentioned, to another avenue and include a brief script for the Chair. Is that correct?

CHAIR AHMAD: I see Commissioner Fernandez nodding.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Whenever you're ready, Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are complete.

CHAIR AHMAD: Let's give it about twenty more seconds in case someone's dialing in right now on this very, very interesting topic.

VICE CHAIR YEE: How about using a brief script for the Chair?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Can you repeat that, please?

VICE CHAIR YEE: To another avenue, using a brief script for the Chair.

MR. HERNANDEZ: To another avenue --

CHAIR AHMAD: Is that an appropriate change, Commissioner Fernandez, to your motion?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Yes.
VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.
CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I think we're ready for vote on both of those motions.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So this is motion to allow Chair to redirect a non-COI public comment during public input, time/placement/manner restriction, to another avenue and using a brief script for the Chair. Motion made by Commissioner Fernandez and seconded by Commissioner Le Mons. And we'll begin the vote.
Commissioner Akutagawa.
Commissioner Anderson.
Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. That was 403. And moving on to the next motion. This is the three-minute protocol motion. Motion to approve the protocol as was indicated to end at three minutes and not allow caller to go on and direct staff to mute their microphone. Is that correct, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fornaciari. And we will begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Moving along, I have two more discussion points for item 11 before Commissioner Fornaciari and I are done with our piece of motion.
Tuesday, and this is the question remaining that our staff still need clarity on and direction on of whether we are using an appointment system. Just need a yes or no formality on that. And then as well as understanding if we will be directing staff to employ a video option during the COI input process.

Let's take these two items separately. First, let's tackle the appointment system. Are we going with a appointment system, yes or no? I welcome discussion on this item.

Yes, Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm looking at the draft considerations for June 10th public input meeting, the document that was distributed. And in that right-hand cell of the table, first page, it says, are you requesting an interpreter, and then goes on to say these would be for designated interpreter blocks of time.

My understanding throughout has been that those designated interpreter blocks are there for convenience, but do not exclude the possibility of people requesting an interpreter for any other time during any of these sessions. And so therefore, I'm wondering if this shouldn't stricken from the document. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marcy.

MS. KAPLAN: Just can you clarify that? So in --
I'm referencing that the language access subcommittee had recommended -- there are the specific dates where there would be two blocks of time. So again, this is the -- an appointment system for June 10.

For the dates where they had not recommended language, they had put in that language access reference document to set aside one hour for every public input meeting for language assistance and that appointment slots would be open until five days. So that's where there's one bucket of time that's -- that we have set aside that is for language requests. Should there be no language requests at five days, the five business days before the meeting, those appointments would open up to anyone.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My understanding throughout the discussion is that anyone is able to request interpretation at any time during any of these sessions from the 10th of June until the middle of September. I guess we had -- we had allocated time prioritizing reserving time that might not otherwise be available, but that does not override the principle of anyone needing interpretation can request it for any time for any meeting.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner. Oh. Marcy, do you have a direct response to that --
MS. KAPLAN: I would --

CHAIR AHMAD: -- at this --

MS. KAPLAN: -- defer to the language access

subcommittee on the -- what was approved by the

Commission.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm hoping I understood you
correctly, Commissioner Kennedy, because I was -- I'm
having technical issues and you're -- I couldn't hear you
very well. Yes. If it is a public input meeting that
does not necessarily have a designated language, you
can -- anyone can still request interpretation services
as long as it's done five business days prior to the
meeting. Is that what you were asking or inquiring
about?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My understanding throughout
our discussions on language access during the communities
of interest input sessions has been that anyone can
request interpretation for any time slot on any day. The
fact that we have set aside certain blocks and
prioritized those for individuals needing interpretation
does not exclude someone from requesting interpretation
at another time.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And therefore -- and
therefore, the appointment system should simply ask, are you requesting an interpreter for any time slot on any date.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And they'd have -- they'd have to be specific as to the time block they were asking and --

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- five days in advance, five business days in advance.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Exactly.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But because we don't -- we don't know what time will be convenient --

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- for them. Yes, correct.

CHAIR AHMAD: I saw a couple hands up and then they went back down again. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think coupled with that, the other part -- my understanding was the same as what Commissioner Kennedy spoke. But coupled with that is that the public can call with their own interpreter and -- which means we would still need to provide the
same time. So the question not just will you -- how the phrase -- where's it at?

In addition to that, we need to be able to ask are they bringing their own interpreter because we would still need to double the time. So without that information, someone could possibly sign up for a slot thinking I have my own interpreter and if it is then a three-minute slot or five minutes, whatever the time frame on there, we're just going to blow our appointment -- appointments out.

So I think the wording here needs to be inclusive of will you need an interpreter or will you be bringing -- something different. I don't have the words quick enough. But we can't just rely on the five days in advance. People also can bring their own interpreter.

CHAIR AHMAD: Other comments on the appointment system. Yes, Marcy.

MS. KAPLAN: Sorry. I just want to add to this discussion around grouping the appointments for language assistance. If the Commission is looking to be more efficient with the costing of an interpreter, I would recommend that you group a block of time for an interpreter, or else you could be potentially paying for the whole day. So just highlighting that as it's your discretion on that decision, but the intention of the
language access subcommittee with grouping the language
appointments was to than have the interpreter on for that
slot of time instead of the whole day.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I appreciate the time for
talking and thinking this through, and I know this is a
new process, so I'm grateful for that. I'm wondering,
our flyer doesn't necessarily say anything about specific
times for those, so I'm just trying to think in the
mind -- in the experience again of the Californian
calling in a couple of different things can happen.

Yes, we talked about trying to minimize cost and if
it's possible to put it within a same block. But if
someone's asking for an interpreter, I guess I don't know
enough information about the behind scenes what does this
system do as opposed to what we're trying to do. When
they're calling in for -- to make a public comment, and
even if they answer the question are you requesting an
interpreter, then does the system automatically give them
an appointment to a time or does the system allow you to
ask your time preference?

And based on how that works, that would make a
difference. And then even with that, back to the -- what
we've said from the beginning, five days' advance notice.
If they've given us the five days and our block doesn't
work for them, I think they still can go to a different
time period. And although we desire to have everyone
within one block, if they don't choose that block, I
think our previous recommendations or our previous --
what we've stated previously will override what we're
trying to do now.

We said from the beginning, five days' notice we're
going to get you interpretation. So I don't know. It's
kind of challenging to figure out what would be best with
cost and to be able to say all of the Californians that
call in along with what we've set up and to this point.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I am jotting down those folks
who want to speak next. I saw Commissioner Sinay. Just
putting together the queue as we do have to go to break
in about 30 seconds. After Commissioner Sinay, is there
anyone else who has thoughts on this item, or perhaps
you're going to take the break to mull over your thoughts
and then we can return and continue this conversation.

Sound good? Great. See you all back at -- here at 4:30.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break, everyone. We
left off on a conversation about the appointment system.
I just wanted to take a step back so that we can refresh
our memories of the document that we're specifically
referring to in this conversation.
What I'm learning through my conversations with counsel is that, you know, we can have a lot of ideas within our conversations, but unless we actually make a motion and direct staff to implement these ideas, there's no clarity in that, right? So with the appointment system, we've had, you know, robust conversations of what we would envision it to look like. Obviously, it's not going to be as intense and fine-tuned as Disneyland, but you know what, we can get there one day or another.

So at this point, I really want us to focus on the conversation at hand of do we want an appointment system or do we not? And staff has outlined in that document that is posted online titled Draft Considerations for June 10th, 2021 Public Input Meeting. In that table they have outlined what the realities for the June 10th appointment system would look like.

And I would specifically want to draw your attention to the second bullet point, the second hollow bullet point that says appointments will be assigned to a seventy- to ninety-minute time block. So the system that we have currently won't say, hey, you show up at 2:05 and you speak until 2:10. You'll have a seventy- to ninety-minute time block to show up. So the question is, do we want to go with such an appointment system or do we want to go the route of, you know, our traditional business
meetings where we just open the line up and then just
call folks up one at a time? And I'll lean on Marcy to
elaborate some more on the research that they -- the
staff has done to put together this document and
recommendation.

MS. KAPLAN: And just one additional thing to note
is that we folks would be able to choose that time slot
based on openings. So if it's, like, 9 to 10:30, there's
X amount of appointments that are basically outlined in
the agenda document, time slots available. And then
there's the next block of time.

And so they vary a little because we have the intro
of the Commission meeting so some of the slots may not be
the full ninety minutes to accommodate for breaks. But
essentially, someone would sign up for a time, they would
receive a link, they would then come into the meeting and
would not necessarily be in an exact order. So they
would do a hand raise once they're in the meeting; it
does narrow down the time frame. So instead of having to
wait the full day, they're waiting seventy to ninety
minutes. And so that's the capacity that we have for
June 10th. Unlikely -- so I think just in order to set
something up for this meeting, that's what we have
capacity for, and not a three-minute slot like
Commissioner Ahmad had noted.
CHAIR AHMAD: And I think we really do need a
decision on this item just because the document also
outlines that -- the hope is to release the link two
weeks prior to the first COI input meeting, and two weeks
prior is this Thursday, so that folks can actually get in
there and sign up. So us giving direction to staff today
would give them until Thursday to get that system up and
running and start advertising it.

So with that, I had Commissioner Sinay in the queue
for discussion on this item before break, so I wanted to
go back to her.

And then Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm stuck between two places
right -- okay. So what I was going to say before this
was I think we keep -- there is a -- we keep saying
"costs" and we mean the -- all of us, because we've all
said it at different times -- and there's costs and
accessibility. And I think sometimes -- we've never
really said, okay, when it comes to accessibility, that
is more important than cost or whatnot. But I feel like
we often have that tension and we've had it twice today
just as we're thinking through, do we stay in the
meetings past -- until 8, even if it's over, and then
we've had it again when we're talking about interpreters
and if we can group them, then we'll save money.
And I would fall in the camp that if we're making things more accessible, then it's worth the investment of funding and of cost. And there may be other places -- you know, we've been pretty frugal along the way on a lot of stuff. But I would encourage us not to limit accessibility because of costs.

On your question, Isra, about -- sorry, Chair Ahmad, about bullet number 2, I think even though we can't do exactly a three-minute book like we would like, I think that assigning to a seventy- to ninety-minute block is better for the public than signing up for an eight-hour block. So I would recommend that we do continue and move forward with the system that we have found.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I would concur that I would agree with that. At least a seventy to ninety minute is better than a six-hour time frame, potentially, to think of. But I also want to ensure that past June 10th, that staff's continuing to look at appointment systems that can maybe narrow down those blocks, like maybe thirty minute blocks or even, you know, three-minute, six-minutes blocks would be great, too, because if we're going to open up time slots two weeks prior to meetings -- public input meetings, that's coming up -- they'll be coming up very quickly. So I just want to
make sure that we continue to do -- or research how we
can implement that. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions or comments at
this time?

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just a clarity question,
because I missed something. So we have an appointment
system, but the window is seventy minutes and not the
three minutes? I'm sorry, I missed something. So yeah,
so if somebody could just explain that part to me, how
that works.

CHAIR AHMAD: Marcy.

MS. KAPLAN: So just given the time constraint and
finding something that we can essentially utilize as
something that we have access to already as a Commission
that's easy for staff to just build out as, like, a sign-
up form. This is a proposition for -- or recommendation
just for June 10th. I think we have been researching
other types of systems and had conversations.

And so one, it's like actually finding something
that will give us that more narrowed-down time and also
just the feasibility of, like, how long it will take to
implement and bring on for the continued meeting. So I
think we really were trying to focus -- staff were
directed, can you come back at this meeting today and
come with a recommendation for some sort of appointment system. This is an appointment system. An appointment sign-up, I guess if you want to say, it's not really a system, an appointment sign-up option that's feasible for the June 10th meeting.

And then I think this is where you -- where we, staff, can look at options, but essentially this is something that could be implemented for June 10 should you want to have this type of system. That's the right word.

So and then if I -- if you need me to clarify more, it's essentially like -- if we open up that agenda document it might be easier. Like let's say how it had split up public input slots. So there's the first -- we're working within time frames where the Commission needs to take breaks also. So we grouped those time slots around the breaks. And so the first one is seventy minutes. We timed out, if you're looking at three minutes per person with the two-minute transition estimate for this first meeting, that gives you, I don't remember, it was fourteen slots or something, we would allow for this sign-up form to have fourteen spaces open and then it would close once there's the fourteen. And then on the back end we would get what we need to then give these people -- give the public a way to then, the
day before or -- I think probably the day before or
something, to then come into the meeting.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

And then Yee.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I think I get it. So the
fourteen slots is the -- fourteen spots, I call, I want a
spot, I might be number 1 or I might be number 13?

MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: But I won't know until day
of?

MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

MS. KAPLAN: But at least -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm clear. Thank you.

MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: So I would know the day of,
though, I would know I'm earlier or later?

MS. KAPLAN: You would know, like, if you got a slot
that you would have that block of time. When you're in
the meeting, I think it will likely be a hand raising.
So you would come in to your slot and then folks would
raise their hand. And then that would be the order that
Kristian and his team would go in utilizing the names
that they have.
COMMISSIONER YEE: So it's first come, first serve within the block?

MS. KAPLAN: I believe that may be our only option in order to have a system on the other -- on the side for VSS (ph.) and their team to be able to organize this. And so we can look into that, but I understand that we will want to communicate that should it be a first come, first serve once you come in.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So people know.

MS. KAPLAN: And we'll communicate that. Yeah.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry, Marcy, I'm just trying to understand. So would each time block have a different call-in number? Or are you going to confirm that those fourteen people, based on the last four digits of their number, are the fourteen that you have? Does that make sense? Like, how are you going to ensure that the --

MS. KAPLAN: Yeah. So that would be the info that they're providing. There's a -- like, just logistically, we went through this with Kristian on -- I don't if you need me to go into the details how we can assign an ID for someone based on what they're submitting. And that is --

MS. JOHNSTON: Marcy, it's not a call-in number, is
it? It's they're listed somehow on a sheet so if they actually appear.

MR. MANOFF: So just to answer that question from a technical standpoint, basically they would be logging in to a Zoom meeting. Their name that they provided at the time of registration would appear.

If they called in, then we would need to know the phone number. And we know that calling in is always an option.

CHAIR AHMAD: So at this point, the question is based off of the proposal that Marcy has brought forward on what is feasible for June 10th, is this something the Commission wants to direct staff to act on and implement for the June 10th meeting? And that is the question that we need to come to a consensus on, or not consensus, whichever way we are feeling.

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons, and then Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I was going to offer up a motion if you're ready, Chair. Do I make the --

CHAIR AHMAD: You have the authority to do so, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I move that we adopt the proposed appointment program that's been presented by staff for the June 10th meeting as proposed.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I second that.
CHAIR AHMAD: Discussion. I see Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I support the motion. I guess my only concern, and it's not -- has nothing to do with what we're talking about, which with -- for the June 10th, but my concern is the June 10th meeting, everything's being done for the June 10th meeting, and then what about the June 19th meeting, which is less than two weeks after the June 10th meeting and we don't have a business meeting until the 16th of June, right?

What's going to happen to that COI input meeting date if we're not going to have time to regroup and decide what we're going to do with that meeting? I guess I'm getting a little nervous about that piece of it. But I'm fine with the motion. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So what I have asked our staff to do is create a repeatable process. So though we are planning for the June 10th meeting, what we are planning is something that we can implement and move forward as a repeatable process for the upcoming meetings.

And as we see or as we determine what system, if we decide to go to a system, we'll implement that system at that time. But the whole plan for this June 10th meeting is to create this repeatable process that we would then...
implement for the next meeting and so forth and so forth.
So in the time being, this system that we're talking about, pseudo-system I would call it, is what we would use for the June 18th meeting. And until we get something on board that is more precise that we're talking about, a system that is more precise, we will continue to use this format. If that adds any clarity to the question or to the issue.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I would imagine the only caveat to that is if for whatever reason, the system was a total bust, it just did not work, total confusion, and at which case, perhaps right before the chair adjourns, the meeting would simply state we would just be accepting public comment old-fashioned way, first come, first serve. Because we want time to implement into the system.

So it will either be continue it -- I'm just thinking if it was definitely detrimental to the meeting, we have to leave ourselves an option to just take public comment the following meeting without an appointment system, is what I would imagine.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I concur with that. I'm wondering if we need something a little more -- yeah, we
can -- maybe that should be a part of the motion is that that's at the discretion of the chair. Because if it is a bust, how do we determine that it's a bust? Some of us might think it was a bust, some of us might not.

So maybe if -- I'd be willing to amend the motion, because I am concerned with what I just heard in terms of it going beyond the 10th. Not that I'm anticipating it not working, it's just if we're making the motion specific to the 10th, we're kind of boxing ourselves in.

So I would prefer to amend the motion some way.

So I would amend it to say -- I forgot what I said, but the chair would have the discretion to sunset the appointment system or process if the chair deemed it was ineffective, until we're able to revisit a new process. Something along those lines.

Is that okay, Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: Is that me? Yeah, yeah, that's totally fine.

And I'm also thinking about, you know, along the lines of what Commissioner Turner brought up and what you just said about boxing ourselves into the 10th, we did approve the agenda for the 10th, but in reality, the agenda is set by the chair. And the agenda for the COI input meeting was brought to this full Commission so that we can get that agreement ahead of time.
So unless the agenda is, like, completely not working out for some reason, the chair would have the responsibility to set the agenda for the 19th COI input meeting as well, right? Is that -- am I understanding it correctly from a legal standpoint and from a process standpoint even?

MR. PANE: Yes --

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

MR. PANE: -- that's correct.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commission --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm sorry.

CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, okay.

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I mean, I'm appreciating this conversation so much. I'm wondering, do we just want to schedule a short debrief meeting? I mean, unfortunately, we're meeting the day prior to June 10th. I mean, if we could switch those days, it would be even better. But do we want to just have, like, a short two-hour meeting to just debrief and see what worked, what didn't, and what adjustments can we make before our next -- the next input meeting? We still have time to book that.
CHAIR AHMAD: We certainly do. The -- we do have a full Commission meeting, if needed, on the calendar for June 16th. I don't know what items folks have to bring forward for subcommittee report-outs, but I anticipate that meeting will be very heavily focused on the first COI input meeting.

But if we need an additional meeting outside of that time, please raise that so we can schedule that as needed.

Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we do have a two-hour public input design meeting tentatively set for the 14th that -- where we were going to -- as a design committee review the outcome of the meeting, and we could redirect that to more of a full Commission meeting to spend that time sort of reviewing how the first one went, and that would give us at least a few days to make some tweaks.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I was going to say with that, I don't think I need to amend the motion, if we go in that direction. So it's just a question of -- so I guess I'll wait to amend. If we go in that direction, I don't have to. If we don't want that direction, I will.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari, are you proposing that the public input design committee not meet
on the 14th and rather we meet as a full group on the 16th?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I was proposing that we meet on the 14th as a full group to take that time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Unfortunately, we missed the deadline of fourteen days post the agenda for the full Commission meeting to be held on -- no, we didn't. Just kidding.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We have until the 3rd.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, we do. We do. Okay, so if folks are okay with that, we can push that date over. But I know that gets into agenda 14 of future meeting dates, so I don't know if we want to hold off on that conversation or if that is going to be very pertinent to the motion on the floor.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I vote that we leave it to the Chair's discretion.

CHAIR AHMAD: It's too much discretion, you guys.

Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Just so I don't tie this motion to that date, I'll just add the discretion and the discretion is there. So I'll amend my motion to include how we move forward with the process post the 10th to be left to the Chair's discretion.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: My second remains.
CHAIR AHMAD: Oh.

Discussion? All right.

Katy, can we open the floor for public comment on this item, on the motion on the floor?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, Chair.

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the livestream volume.

The Commission is taking public comment on the motion that is on the floor at this time in relation to the public input meetings.

And we have no one in the queue at this time.

Chair, I believe Marian has her hand up.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Marian. You're on mute.

MS. JOHNSTON: I pressed the wrong button; I didn't mean to raise my hand. Sorry.

CHAIR AHMAD: No worries.

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

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I believe we are ready for roll call for the vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: If I may, Chair, just repeat the motion. The motion to adopt the proposed appointment system process for the June 10th public input meeting and leave to the discretion of the Chair on how to move forward with the system -- with the process. Is that somewhat accurate?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I think I would just add leave to the discretion of Chair how to move forward with the process post the 10th.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The process post --
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, post June 10th.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Post --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Is that (audio interference)?

Yeah.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: You okay with that, Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Absolutely.

MR. HERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you.

And we'll proceed to the vote.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: PM, Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. It defaults to a.m. I tell you.

All right. Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.
VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.
CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.
CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro.
Marcy, I know there's two more items that you all need clarity on. I'm seeing the video or nonvideo discussion.
So based off of all of the conversations that we've had as a group regarding displaying videos for our public commenters through the Zoom platform, we need clarity on whether we are going to go with that route or not so that we can provide direction to staff to either set up for that or not to set up for that. So I welcome discussion.
Yes, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to clarify, which video? This is the presentation video?

CHAIR AHMAD: I'm sorry. The video for seeing the person who's giving the comment.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Their webcam video.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just wanted to say I had a great point at some point last night, and now I have no clue what it was. But yeah. I'm sure we all have had those -- have --

CHAIR AHMAD: So we've had a number of conversations.

So Commissioner Fernandez, and then Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And just for clarification, this is video in terms of being able to see them provide their input, correct?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: As if I was a member of the public, right? We would be able to see.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I know there's security issues with that. So I guess in my opinion, I
would opt to not have the video because it's providing some security issues that would come with that.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can -- yeah, I was wondering about -- I'll piggyback it off our conversation -- yeah, whatever those security concerns, I think we've resolved them, I guess, because it -- yeah, I guess that's my question, is this even a question based upon the potential security risks? Yeah.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Alvaro.

And then Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Yee.

MR. HERNANDEZ: More than anything, we just want to make sure we're clear and we're not -- we being the staff -- that were not being asked to still consider that as an option. So that's where we want the clarity that we're not going to do it so we stop going down that path.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Yee, and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I was not under the impression that we were canceling the videos. I continue to support the videos. And I think let's see how it goes. June 10th is our opportunity to test this out. I think we can have certain protocols in place should things go awry. And we'll continue to monitor that as we move forward.
I think it's fair to say that a big concern would be Zoom bombing, where people presenting something that is inappropriate. And I would say let's put our faith in Californians until we can't, because I think we've discussed in the past the pros of being able to see folks who want to be seen, right? And there will certainly be some who want to call in and not have their cameras on, and that's okay, too. But I think at least starting out with the videos is certainly something I support.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I'm generally in favor of allowing videos. I myself would even consider allowing screen sharing. But that's pretty risky.

I'm wondering if Kristian could review for us the pros and cons and maybe even does he have a recommendation?

MR. MANOFF: Certainly. Just a second. So from a pro standpoint, we can offer the Commission the ability for people to enable their video. So that's pretty cool that we can do that. That would be in addition to providing an interactive conversation with the mapper in real time. So it would enhance that conversation. That would be a pro.

The con would be is that once somebody's video is enabled, they're in control of that space. With the
guidance of the Chair and anybody that the Chair deputizes, we could have a set of criteria for dealing with times that the video was considered inappropriate by the Chair.

I'm confident that we could have -- we've got a great team and we would have a lot of eyes on it. Is that a recommendation? I don't know. I'm willing to give it a shot and -- if that's what you all want to do.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I still am very for having the video. And as Commissioner Sadhwani said, people can opt not to be seen. But I think as this process moves on and we may go live, as much as we can make it similar -- I mean, to me it's -- I really appreciated what Commissioner Taylor -- I definitely understand the con. But I do, I trust Californians until we don't. And I just think that the pros make it worthwhile.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you for your comment.

And we've had discussions about the video in the past and allowing -- video being seen, but what we're really looking for right now is that clear direction to staff to actually enable that for June 10th, given all of the discussions that we've had prior in a number of meetings, both public input design and full CRC meetings.

So if folks are ready -- yes, Marcy?
MS. KAPLAN: Just want to add one note that's in this document, that video could be capable for people with appointments. Someone who is calling in at the end of the day will not be able to call in -- come in via video, and they will need to call in.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I make a motion that we do direct staff to use video as part of the June 10th community of interest input meeting, and if it works, I guess the June 18th community of interest meeting, or do you want just for the 10th?

CHAIR AHMAD: I think we would need clarity on what "if it works" means, as that might be differently perceived by different folks, so.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, depending on what the conversation is -- okay. Let's just -- I guess everything's up in the air until we have the meeting on the 14th, if we have the meeting on the 14th. So let's just go forward.

I move that we have video accessibility for those providing input at the community of interest public meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second to that motion?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Seconded by Commissioner
Sadhwani.

Discussion? Commissioner Le Mons, and then Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just have a clarity question based on Director Kaplan's comment whether Commissioner Sinay's motion is for both appointment holders as well as open sessions at the end?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: My thought it was whatever is doable. I kind of left it ambiguous on purpose. I know for right now, we're saying that it can only be for those who have appointments, but maybe some miracle happens between now and June 18th and we can do it for everybody.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass. Commissioner Le Mons made my point.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other discussion on the motion on the floor?

Katy, can we open public comment for the motion on the floor to allow video capabilities and implement video capabilities for the COI input meetings?

Right, Commissioner Sinay?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Okay. Yes, I can. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
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The Commission is taking public comment on a motion on the floor in regards to video during the COI, or community input -- community of interest, input meetings. There you go.

And there is no one in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

While we wait, Commissioner Kennedy, I saw your hand up?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. So I was, on the basis of Commissioner Le Mons's point, if I could offer an amendment that this apply to those individuals with appointments. That we don't ask the staff to do the impossible by setting up video access for those without appointments.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree. I was keeping the flexibility in case another system was found, or something is found, but yes. I'm not asking for -- yeah. To do the impossible.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, I just wanted to clarify, are you changing your motion at all, or -- okay.

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

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Alvaro, we're ready for a vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So let me get that set up. And I want to make sure I confirm the motion. There we go. So the motion is to have video accessibility for the June 10th COI public input meeting and apply to those who sign up for an appointment.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I didn't put that second part.

MR. HERNANDEZ: That was the amendment that was
being discussed. So not include that amendment?

    COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I had left it open in
case -- yeah. Okay. We can leave that. My thought was
I was leaving it open in case we did find something that
would work for those who had appointment and those who
didn't have appointment.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. My mistake. I can remove
that.

    COMMISSIONER SINAY: Also, the second is by
Commissioner Sadhwani.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you. So the motion is
accurate as it stands now?

    Motion to have video accessibility for June 10th COI
public input meeting. And we'll begin the vote.

    Commissioner Akutagawa.

    Commissioner Andersen.

    Commissioner Fernandez.

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

    COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

    COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

    COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

    MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Toledo.

CHAIR AHMAD: He stepped out.


COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. The last item for agenda item number 11 that we need a decision on so we can direct staff is regarding attachments.

Marcy, I will let you lead this conversation.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. So this is under the assumption that we are not going to allow screen sharing for participants. So I think if we can do a thumbs up acknowledgment on that and then move into attachments?
And so there's a few reasons that we are not recommending attachments. Just the logistics around getting the -- compiling the attachments, and then getting them over to our -- the assess team, and also to the line drawers team to then be able to bring them up. So I think there's the logistical side. There's additional timing side of that it could take to do that upload.

What we did note in this document was separately from an attachment, there is the submission ID for the COI tool. And so it was not clear on the timing of whether with the Airtable setup would be finalized for the June 10th meeting. So we noted that as a possibility for a future meeting, but not necessarily a recommendation for the June 10th meeting to also, in people's registration form, to allow them to note their submission ID, which may be an easier process for the line drawers to bring up during the meeting versus getting all the attachments somewhere for them to then cull through the attachments and match them with the -- with whoever is speaking at that time period. So it just could cause some additional time in the transition from speaker to speaker. So that was just a little bit of the background to help make that decision.

CHAIR AHMAD: Questions and/or discussion on this?
Yes, Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I'm confused on what the question is.

MS. KAPLAN: So recommending yes for attachments or no for attachments. And so staff is recommending no for those reasons I pointed out. And that the public could still submit an attachment to the Voters FIRST Act email or through the COI tool. And so it would run similar to the meetings -- the dry run we did today, where there were no attachments and the line drawers had a map up, and folks used the line drawers to point out their area.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, and then Sinay?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Director Kaplan, you may have already said this, but say it again one more time. So someone that will be calling in, of course, if they've already completed a COI, they'll have a COI number. They'll be able to tell us that ahead of time. But this is in case someone is calling in, but they've created something separate, different, whatever, and they may want to bring it with them to their phone appointment or to their --

MS. KAPLAN: Yes. Or their video appointment.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: And they would want us to then be able to match it with them and screen share?

MS. KAPLAN: So essentially, we're -- if we don't
allow attendee screen sharing as a security protocol, this would then fall on staff to consolidate attachments, associate with them with the speaker, and ensure that the line drawer and the VSS team have those to then upload and display them as that specific speaker that's associated to that document is up. So there's just a lot of additional logistics around that that could also cause more of a transitional delay during the actual input meeting.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Got it.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, Le Mons, and then Sadhwani. And then Turner.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead and skip me.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Le Mons, and then Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I support not accepting attachments. However, encouraging the speaker -- so the speaker participating in the live experience using the maps that the line drawer puts up so they can, if they want to have that reference point and talk to us from that point of view, and then follow up by submitting their attachment, like if they have a copy or something that they want to give us, to still send that to us, but we're just not able to make that document live in the moment. So I think we should still encourage people to, if they have gone through the trouble of creating
something, to submit it to us, and I think at that point, we should be able to attach it to them after the fact. Would that be fair?

MS. KAPLAN: I think that's a process that we are looking at in terms of notes that will be taken on the public input and the -- I don't have all the background of that, but I -- sorry. I couldn't have spoken because I don't have the -- I think that someone else on staff may be able to. I think we could look into that. Sorry. I'm going to go on mute now.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Turner.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I completely agree with Commissioner Le Mons. I don't think that we have to view the document, or whatever it is that they -- that folks want to show us at that point in time, because technologically, it's just too complicated, but I do want to make sure on the back end, and I think this is where the data manager comes in, if and when we have that person, that that testimony, that might also be emailed separate from a public testimony, that those get matched together.

One of the things we've talked about is that we want to assess all of our public input and think about the quantity, the volume of input. So if we're thinking
about that in just like a simple spreadsheet, right, if these pieces are coming in separately, one person might ultimately generate, like, three different lines within that spreadsheet. So if we're thinking about the quantity of input that we've received from a specific area and saying, oh, we've gotten a lot, or we haven't had that much, but several of those pieces are all from one person, then that's not going to be very informative. So I do think on the back end, once that data manager is in place, that we need to be able to connect those pieces for that larger analysis that we would want to be able to do. So I support the staff recommendation, but I think this is a piece that we would want to continue to work on as we bring on that data manager.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Definitely support the staff recommendation. When it's time, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the staff recommendation, and I want to state that there still are other pieces that we're going to have to feel our way through. So of course, once someone submits through the community of interest tool, there is an assigned designator, that person can have that, or print it out and come into the meeting without any attachments and talk about whatever, and we would be able to then attach them to what they've
already done. If they did not utilize our COI tool, or
if they used the Districtr, or something else that
they're using, and if they just show up before the
Commission and give public testimony about whatever they
want to say, I'm wondering what that looks like for them
to then later go in.

There is not a process that I'm aware of yet that
would allow them to attach their brand new testimony to
something that's going to happen in retrospect. And so I
still think that it is cumbersome. I think it will take
additional time for us to try to match up and bring up
all of the additional attachments. So I agree with the
proposal here, but I think that we have to work out some
more pieces with post COI input based on them just
showing up, giving public testimony.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, and then Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm kind of -- I'm struggling
on this when I understand why staff is saying this, and
it is one of the reasons why I thought it was too early
maybe to do some of this. I keep going back to kind of
all testimony is -- all input is important, be it
written, be it at our meeting, be it -- however it's
submitted, it's important. We keep talking about COIs,
and I'm kind of concerned that those people who have COIs
are going to demand more of our attention, just we will
pay more attention to them because they have COIs, and I'm wondering if it just speeds up the process, if we know that there's a COI, and we attach it to the testimony, but we don't have to pull up the COI at that moment, so that the process is equal across everybody who's presenting to us.

And then, my other question, and these are minutiae that probably staff needs to ask the line drawers, but if each speaker is going to have a number, and each COI has a number, is there a way that we can use those numbers interchangeably? So a speaker's number is their COI number, and that -- if they already have a COI, and if they're a speaker, is there any way that that speaker number can be used as a COI number later?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy, and then Alvaro.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I support the staff recommendation. The one thing that I want to highlight is if we expect people to have their COI tool submission number in front of them, that's going to take some education. I don't think we can count on people having that in front of them. So we're going to need to -- going to need to do this outreach on that. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So we did have a conversation
with the line drawers in this regard, and this is something that we'll have to work out with the data manager as well. And the COI number is an identifier provided or created by the COI tool, so we can't create a separate COI number. That's a COI number exclusive for the COI tool. We are going to create a number for the public input, so there'll be the date, 001, or 002, and so forth, for us to be able to map and connect any attachments to them. And we're not saying we're not going to accept the attachments, we're just not going to be displaying them. So those attachments would have that same reference number that we can then, if it's input into the COI tool, put that reference number included in there, or in our Airtable, have that number and reference connected to a COI submission that has the same number. So there's a lot that needs to happen in the back end for us that we would have to do, the data manager and so forth, but there is a way to connect that attachment, that public input together. And we're not saying that again, we're not saying that we're not going to accept it. We're just not going to display it during the public input meeting. So they can attach it, and we would be able to collect that information. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And maybe Alvaro
said what I wanted to ask about the reference number for an individual that's giving their public testimony. A reference number will be assigned. We will internally have that. I'm wondering, are we giving that to the speaker so that when they leave that space, they're actually able, should they choose, to enter that reference number into the COI tool?

Short of that, I'm wondering what is the process that would match my public testimony, because I can have multiple COIs, and if I -- or the same, whatever it is I'm trying to describe, and then go home into a computer and submit my COI without me having the reference number and putting it into my notes, I'm still don't know how we're saying we're going to match reference numbers with input that was received in retrospect.

CHAIR AHMAD: Other thoughts?

Yes, Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: I think the best case scenario is when somebody has already done a COI map, has noted the number, if the appointment system allows them to include that number in their appointment request, and it all comes up the day of, staff can call up their map ahead of time. They have it all ready for them right when their moment comes, and away we go. That's the best case.

The harder case is, indeed, if somebody does
testify, and then later submits the COI map, how do we
back-associate that with them? If they do have their
testimony number, at least we could have some reference,
I guess, but it's also not the case that their map, that
map would actually exactly match what they said that day,
even, you know? We don't know. So that is a lot more
cumbersome.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I guess the idea is to
connect people to their various forms of testimony. The
COI tool is a form of testimony, the verbal in front of
us, talking to us, elaborating, or saying something
completely different even, maybe, since they did the COI,
but connecting all of the input from that particular
Californian together, to the degree that we can. So I
think what Director Kaplan was talking about is the
attachments and being able to real time, as Alvaro
outlined, and so my concern or desire was that -- and I'm
clear that we're not saying we won't accept it. The
question is, can we connect it? And it sounds like you
guys have some ideas about how to maybe do that.

And the same thing with Commissioner Turner's point.
If I come as a Californian and give testimony, then I
decide that I want to go and do a COI tool after, which I
can identify or label, right, then we probably
shouldn't -- we should be transparent and say if you want this testimony tied to a COI that you create after the fact, please include your testimony reference number, and we make sure that we actually do supply that to the person. So that's about a feedback loop, and there's a whole process that would need to go into that. But our goal, I think, is to tie all forms of testimony, which would be multiple, from one person together.

Is that what we're trying to accomplish? So that we know -- yeah. I think that's what we're trying to accomplish.

CHAIR AHMAD: In a perfect world, if I may, that would be nice, but this is a classic data management problem, right? How do we ensure that someone from the public enters in the correct reference number on either way, right, of their COI input or their live input? And how do we ensure that the correct COI input is matched with the correct Californian without any identifiable information, which we are not collecting either? So I guess it's the beauty of the messiness of democracy. I don't know.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to say, I think all that's right on, but then the other way to think about it is is does it have to be connected? So if
they are spot on and create the exact same thing they
talked about, it's just going to be layered, as Karin
mentioned earlier, on top -- one on top of the other. We
know people can submit multiple COIs. We've encouraged
that, talked to them about it.

So I don't -- I'm wondering at this point, even if
it is crucial, critical, what is the fallout if it
doesn't get connected? Again, it's a nice to know, but
we don't have to use real names, all of the other -- all
of the above. I think where we can connect it, great,
and where we cannot, I don't think it's detrimental. We
still want the information, and it's still good data.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. That was basically
going to be my point, in that we're not creating a system
of votes, right? And we're not not trying to make sure
that people don't have, like, multiple bites at the
apple. Like, we're not trying to reduce input. We're
trying to paint a picture, and in many cases, more data
is a fuller picture, and sometimes, more data is just --
there's a signal to noise ratio.

And I'm guessing if -- I'm guessing if the same
person is submitting similar-ish input in multiple
avenues, that's just going to clarify a signal around
certain boundaries, and if they're submitting slightly
different things at different points, again, it could be
noise, or it could be signal based on what other folks
are also inputting. So I'm a little less concerned
about, like, tying specific testimony together per
person.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, and then Sinay.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thanks for that perspective,
Commissioner Vazquez and Turner, because it got me really
type of pondering the idea, because I was thinking about
it through the lens of the richness of that individual's
story, not anything other than that. Just I drew it, I
talked about it, I decided I was going to free hand draw
it, too, and then you put it all together, and just
really got this rich insight into my perspective.

So I was looking at it purely through that lens, but
in hearing the two of you speak, I go, well, you don't
necessarily lose that, I guess, if it's not tied to the
individual, and therefore, maybe that is a signal that we
don't need to overcomplicate it for ourselves from a
system point of view, that the richness of the story will
be rich because it will just be all of this different
data, period, whether it's tied to an individual or not.
So okay. That was helpful. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, that was helpful because
one of my notes that I never got — one of the questions I had when we did the dry run that I never got to was Karin had said, well, if we receive something twice, that's fine. And I was like, wait, how's it fine? How is it -- and so now I can see why it's fine. And as you -- yeah, it's painting right now -- a lot of this is painting.

I wanted to share a quote that -- I just went through a lot of my notes in the last few days because I was trying to put something together and someone had said, let folks see the whole process and where we are now. And that really struck me as we're thinking about the script and stuff because it's we can -- how we describe what we're doing right now, how all these different pieces of communities of interest goes into the map drawing, that's going to be really important in our transparency and building that trust with the communities that we keep mentioning.

And so I just -- if we're kind of -- we were kind of struggling with this a little bit, it'd be just really important in the script to kind of just explain how we're painting this picture with everybody's input. And until we get the data from the census, there will be no drawing.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, for that. Are we ready to make a motion on whether we will
be accepting attachments or not during input meetings?

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I move that we not accept the -- we take the staff's recommendation of not accepting attachments during our community of interest public input meetings.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.

CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani.

Discussion?

Katy, can we open the line for public comment?

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please state and spell it for the record. You are not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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The Commission is taking public comment about the motion on the floor in regards to not receiving attachments for the June 10th public input meeting.

There is no one in the queue at this time.

And the instructions are complete, Chair, and there is still no one in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. While we wait in case there's additional callers, or callers, for this item, Commissioner Fernandez, would you please verify if your motion reads correctly?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Then with that, I think we are ready to vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Oh, not yet.

CHAIR AHMAD: I think --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I got excited.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was excited.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner. I mean --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.


COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I believe that were -- that was all the items that we needed for public input design committee report out. Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari, and thank you, colleagues, for your collaboration on this.

Just so we have an idea of what the rest of the day looks like, we do have a dinner break scheduled starting at 6 p.m., and we have a few Commissioners who are in and out until a little bit later. So we wouldn't be able to take up the special vote item, which is item 9J, until after we get back from dinner. So I just wanted to make sure folks were aware of that.

So with that moving forward, item 9B, finance and administration.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. We do have one action item that will be a special vote. It has to do with recommending moving forward with an outreach manager position, so we'll have to hold off on that.

The other one is we posted the public comment during Commission business meetings draft policy online. Hopeful that the Commissioners had time to review the policy. It was brought up during our last meeting in
terms of what to do when callers -- basically it stemmed
from what to do when callers come in when you have public
comment for a specific item in terms of what we're voting
for and what our process moving forward. So and expanded
it just a little bit more.

This is for our Commission business meetings, and a
lot of the language will look familiar -- or some of the
language will look familiar because it is posted on our
agendas in terms of our public comment. And what we also
did was to split out the two types of public comment.
One is for general, and those are normally the general
comments at the beginning of the day and towards the end
of the day. So they're just specific information saying
that normally we have general public comment shortly
after we open our meeting and then also towards -- at the
end of our open session for that day.

And then the other public comment is a specific when
we are calling for public comment prior to a vote of an
action item. And in there, basically what we drafted is
saying that if an individual is presenting comment not
related to the specific action item, the Chair will
advise the individual that the Commission is only
accepting comments for that specific item and then direct
them as to how they can submit their public comment, and
that could be either, you know, later on in the day or we
also noted down below there's other ways for them to provide public comment.

And then I also put in there -- or we also put in there that, at the Chair's discretion, if it's towards the end of the day and sometimes this happens where it's the last agenda -- or the last action item and it's also going to be the end of the day, you could call for both general public comment as well as specific comments all at one time.

So Commissioner Fornaciari, is he -- did he leave me? He left me. Okay. That's okay. Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The only thing I didn't hear in there was the after lunch one.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Commissioner Le Mons, our -- what's in our agenda, our actual agendas, if you read it, it only notes that we will have public comment at the start of the day and at the end of the day and then at other times prior to a vote.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: At the last meeting -- when I was Chair, I only did it at the beginning of the day and then also at the end of the day. I did not do it after lunch. But again, I do have information in there that it's at the Chair's discretion. They can always
call for public comment as they deem appropriate.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: You have a hand.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I do?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, how'd I do that?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Commissioner Kennedy.

I'm sorry. Oh, on my -- okay. I'm sorry. I just completely -- Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If my memory serves me correctly, way, way back -- and this may even have been, like, September, October, way back -- there was some discussion about lengthening the public comment period, if not to three minutes at least two-and-a-half minutes. And I just wanted to raise that to see if -- I guess to get a sense of the group. If increasing the comment period to two and a half at least, or perhaps three might be useful.

I don't see that there are so many that that's going to cause us any significant harm, and I do feel like it would provide better opportunity for meaningful input into the process. So again, I'm just bringing this back up however many months later to see if there's any
interest in extending the period for public comment.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll respond. I do remember having that conversation, but as you noted, Commissioner Kennedy, it wasn't a formal, I guess, action at that point. And so we are -- we have stuck with the two minutes. I guess my personal opinion, it seems like two minutes seems to be appropriate so far in terms of individuals getting their message across. Again, they can also provide public comment via email if it's something that's lengthier. There's other avenues, but of course, open to what my fellow Commissioners would like.

Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I'm comfortable with staying with two minutes. I think that having a distinction between input -- for the input, we're doing three minutes, which is more specific and targeted and a little more in depth, and that makes sense to me. And the two minutes seem to have, to your point, we've been doing it for quite some time now and people seem to be able to get their comments in in that length of time.

I think if we received some feedback contrary to that, that people just didn't feel like they did, want to look at it again. The other thing is, I think as we get
more into this, we're probably going to have an increase in the amount of feedback that we get, so I think that there's this balance -- not balance. There's this perspective that we can give more time, but there's also a reality about there being a finite amount of time.

So there's also the other side of that is with two minute, you give more opportunity to the number of people who can speak within any particular time window. So my position at this point would be to stay with two minutes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think I'm comfortable for sure with two minutes as well. But kind of along the same lines of the conversation we had earlier, I do know that there are some individuals that consistently go over the two minutes and just keep talking beyond Kristian with his lovely velvet voice, the two, one minute, one and a half, two minutes, two minutes and one -- you know, two minutes, thirty seconds, three minutes until they just finish.

And so I think we've also created precedent in our lack, I guess, of discipline around that because we've not talked about it. So it's great to say two minutes, most people can fit within two minutes. And I'm just wondering -- and I think more people will start participating right in through here as well for public
comment.

And I'm always worried when we allow people to go on

And I'm always worried when we allow people to go on
to, you know, two plus, two-and-a-half, three minutes, I
worry about the inconsistency and someone else that
watches and will be concerned when we get to the place of
closing them down at two minutes. So I just want us to
kind of see where we're hanging out and if, indeed, we're
going to allow two minutes, but not for real, maybe three
minutes, let's state that. But I really do want us to be
disciplined in what we say.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, I agree. Maybe if we implement
that time clock that we're going to do for our public
input meeting, we can do the same thing with our public
comments. Any other questions?

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I apologize.

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you. I
apologize if I -- it was already discussed, but it used
to be that public comment was at the beginning, after
lunch, and at the end of the day. When did we drop after
lunch?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Commissioner Le Mons
brought that up as well. If you look at our agenda, the
agenda actually states a public comment will be at the
beginning of the day and at the end of the day and does not note that it will be right after lunch, and the last -- I did note that the last -- when I was Chair for the last few meetings, I only called for public comment at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. But when did that happen? Because, I mean, we've had a whole bunch of Chairs that happened all the way through.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's at the discretion of the Chair. And it's also in the policy at the discretion of the Chair is they can call for public comment at different times. But if you look -- if you go back to the agendas, the agendas all state --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. All of them --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Well, the ones -- as far back as I've gone with some of them.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Because I -- okay. And so how -- did people -- did we talk about it, like, well, that's okay? I mean, because the public was sort of expecting that I -- I know that our lunches vary. Maybe that's why we wanted to drop it or -- just again, for consistency, which I agree with Commissioner Turner was saying about we need to be consistent with whatever we do. I personally kind of liked it, but.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yeah, I recall we made that change because we were getting a lot of critique, I think, or encouragement to be consistent, set expectations with people. And I believe we just kind of layered that extra meeting in to allow kind of people to feel like they can get in and make public comments, and I believe they've done that.

I like the policy, as it's noted here, at the beginning, at the end, because it does set clear expectation, and then also it allows the Chair to be able to add in additional time. If we felt like we had a lot of people that's engaged and participating, they certainly can call for additional general comment meetings when we come back as well.

So I think we -- I think we're getting ready to go into a whole different phase of participation, and it's exciting, but I think I'm still leaning towards the beginning and end and flexibility if there is any additional time needed.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Any other comments? Okay. I will make a motion to approve the policy, the public comment during Commission business meetings policy.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second?

VICE CHAIR YEE: I second.
CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think Commissioner Turner was getting there with the -- with her mouse.


Seeing none, Katy, can we open the line for public comment?

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The Commission is taking public comment on the motion on the floor in regards to adopting the policy around public comment.

At this time, there is no one in the queue at this time.

The instructions are complete on the stream, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. While we wait a few more seconds in case others want to call in, Commissioner Fernandez, does your motion read correct?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it does.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. I think then we are ready for the vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: We'll begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.
Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: The motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. And we will return to item 9B for the special vote. By my count, once we return from our dinner break, we should have exactly the right number of people broken down by party to make -- even call for a vote on the special vote item. So with that,
let's break for dinner and be back by 7 p.m.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from break. Just wanted folks to know that we do have three Commissioners who are here but off-camera. And so we have quorum to start this meeting, and we will just pick up where we left off with item 9B. I believe there is an expected motion for a special vote.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

Yes. Executive Director Hernandez and Outreach Director Kaplan did forward information on a candidate that they would like to build for our outreach manager position. We're very excited. It looks, based on all the information that we've received, the candidate will be able to jump right in and start with the outreach efforts. I'm not sure if, Director Kaplan, would you like to add a little bit more information?

MS. KAPLAN: Sure. Do you want me to also cover the role or just some more background on the candidate?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about the background?

MS. KAPLAN. Okay. So this candidate was recently an executive director of a congregation in Northern California where she managed day-to-day operations and supervised over thirty employees. She also has extensive
experience implementing and managing programs for
government, nonprofit, private, and legal sectors, as
well as an extensive contract management experience.

She's a natural problem-solver, effectively aligns
project operations with organizational objectives, and a
keen ability to foster a culture of collaboration, and
that really came through in our conversations with her.
And she also was a senior analyst for Language Access to
Justice as a part of the California Judicial Council.

So there was a lot of her background in contract
management and also language access as well as outreach
was a really good fit for the position and she had
glowing references as well, and really, just as
Commissioner Fernandez noted, the attitude and ability to
really jump into the work.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm really excited
about this hire. Can you remind me the reporting
structure, though? We, of course, just had our field
staff introduced. Will field staff be reporting to that
outreach manager, to you? How does that -- can you just
remind us of how that works, and do you anticipate -- it
is somewhat -- not unusual, but you know, it does present
some dynamics that the outreach manager didn't hire the
field staff. Do we anticipate that all of this will run
smoothly as we move forward?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm not -- I'd probably pass that onto Outreach Director Kaplan, but the position would report directly to the outreach -- our outreach director, which is Ms. Kaplan, and then the outreach coordinator that -- the field staff would report to the coordinator and the coordinator would report to the outreach manager. Is that correct? That's how it will work.

And I think -- you know, I envisioned it being similar to any of us when we go into a new job being a supervisor or a manager or a higher level, the staff's already there. And in a way, that's probably -- that could be somewhat of a relief for her because she won't -- hopefully, won't have to train them, although she'll be training at the same time. So but that's the reporting structure.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If there aren't any other questions, I'd like to make a motion to move forward with the hiring of the outreach manager with the candidate that was forwarded to us by executive staff.

CHAIR AHMAD: Is there a second for the motion?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Second.
CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani.

Discussion on the motion.

Seeing none, Katy, can we open the line for public comment?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 92638886526 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.

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down the livestream volume.

The Commission is taking public comment on the motion to hire the recommended applicant by the executive staff on the floor.

There is no one in the queue at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: When could this person start, and will this person be working remotely?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: In terms of when the person will start, I believe, it will be the first week in June, so fairly soon. Which would be great, if everything goes well. In terms of working remotely, I can't answer that right now. I'd have to defer to Outreach Director Kaplan. Or Executive Director Hernandez.

MR. HERNANDEZ: So she will be starting June 7th and she'll be working remotely. She's in Oakland, so depending on, you know, needs and when the COVID restrictions are lifted, she may join us here and there in the office.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know. An Oakland candidate; what do you think, Commissioner Yee?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are complete, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. I think we are ready for a vote.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez, is the motion correct? Motion to approve the hiring of the candidate recommended for the outreach manager position?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion made by Fernandez. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sadhwani. And we will begin the vote. Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons. Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.
MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez, is there anything else you need or would like to report out on for agenda item 9B?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The only thing I want to report out is that Commissioner Fornaciari and I met with Executive Director Hernandez, and Ravi has done a wonderful job of doing an agenda time table. So basically, he went back to prior meetings, and he's identified the specific timestamps on our videos of when every agenda item was discussed. And so he will be posting those to our website. And we're going from most recent and then trying to go backwards. So be patient, but that's very exciting for us to start seeing that on our website. So thank you so much, Ravi, for all that work that you've done. Wonderful job. Thank you.

MR. SINGH: You're welcome.
CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Wonderful. Moving right along. Agenda item 9E, outreach and engagement subcommittee. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari is moving this week, so that's why he's coming in and out. But we met with outreach staff, and we heard what has been said a few times about what do we do with public education sessions. And we have a motion -- well, our thought is we're moving into a new phase -- our community input phase -- and the community input meetings are one piece of that phase. There will be various strategies, because, as we keep saying, you know, community input meetings can only accommodate a small number of people, but what we want -- we want to get COIs from many more folks.

We also want to make sure as we're collecting the communities of interest, that we really put a separation and we don't create confusion between when we're accepting input and when we're not accepting input. And so our thought was to really kind of phase out the public education phase -- not completely. What we're proposing is that after today we will no longer accept public education requests -- requests for public education sessions. We will honor all the ones that we have received.
And any that are after July 1, when we're really out there a lot more collecting, you know, at the community of interest meetings, those will be done by the Commission field staff. We're really seeing now that we've staffed up, we can use this time to transition from Commissioners doing outreach and engagement in the different zones to transferring, you know, sharing their contacts and the work that they've done, and the field staff can build on that. More than anything, we really want to, you know, put kind of a -- this is an opportunity to stop the confusion of when it's a public input session where we can get input from the community and when it's us just sharing and education. Before, you know -- let me stop there, take comments, and then I can share what the motion is.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, would you like me to help you facilitate the conversation?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, I can do that. I'm sorry.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. No worries.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I see Commissioner Kennedy, and then Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. You know, I've long supported creating a clear distinction, but from our last discussion I was happy enough with the consensus that seemed to be there to continue these
presentations -- or continue accepting requests a little
bit longer. So I'm a bit taken aback with the abruptness
of stopping them as of today and would propose that we
extend it a little bit. I think if we can have them
done -- let me put it this way, the only ones that I
would hand off to staff are ones after the 10th of June
that have not already been scheduled, if that makes
sense.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner
Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I kind of agree
with -- I do agree with Commissioner Kennedy. I would
like a little bit, I guess, to give the public, I guess,
one last chance and not do it as of today. I was
thinking more of end of -- you know, end of May --
anything after that. And in terms -- I think I have one
scheduled in July and I would still want to honor that
instead of handing it off. So if it has been scheduled
and a Commissioner's okay with doing it then I think
that's okay. That's my only request, that if we feel
that we can handle it and we prefer to do it, that's
fine. If we want to hand it off, obviously we can do
that as well. But yes, I agree with having some sort of
date to cut off the requests. However, I guess you could
continue to receive requests. We just wouldn't be the
ones to present them -- do the presentations.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, I've seen you unmute. Did you want to be in the line, too?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I have Commissioner Andersen, and then Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I agree. Sorry. I agree with what Commissioner Kennedy said. I did not think we were just doing this abrupt stop. And I do have others that are coming in still. So I would be made a liar at this point if you say that's it today. And I actually thought we were at least, you know, continuing to accept things through the end of June and that be the clean cutoff, giving people time. Because if we just say, now -- you know, like, particularly I'm working with, you know, councils and things like that. They can't actually get it together in time to get that in next week.

So I would like to -- I understand -- and also if people want education sessions, my understanding was that we were still going to present -- say, either the staff, like, we'll still accept these, but they have to understand that even past our date, that it wouldn't be, say, necessarily a Commissioner. But it would be staff and/or the videos. So I would still like to honor that
because I know people who'll say, oh, can I have the
presentation? Or you know, can I have some staff asking
questions. So I would propose the end of June, and we
still take requests with that caveat from then.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm supportive of entering
phase 2 of our phases -- I think we had three phases.
And phase 1 was education. Then there is this -- then
there's the public input, and then there's the line
drawing. And so it does make sense to move into phase 2.
I don't think it needs to be as abrupt as today. I do
think -- but I am concerned with some confusion that
might happen as we're getting -- we're going to be having
public input sessions where those'll be public, we'll
have to meet all the Bagley-Keene requirements and
certainly any other requirements. And then having
education sessions where we won't be able to take public
input on redistricting matters.

And so I know the distinction. I know we all
know -- everyone on this Commission knows the
distinction. I'm not so sure the public will. And I
think we just need to be clear in our communication about
that. And there may be a way to do that. And I'm sure
there is a way to do that. I think we just need to make
sure in whatever we do and whatever we decide to do we
have very clear distinction about what we can and cannot
do in the education sessions if we decide to continue
them on a little bit longer and to have a longer
transition time. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Turner, and then
Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. I like
the phases. And I don't think there's anything abrupt
about stopping the sessions. We've been providing these
sessions since January of this year, and in my script --
every time I read it when we go through the time line --
we explain the time period that we'll be doing
presentations. And that time period ends in May. And I
know we've continued to take the requests, and they are
currently scheduled, but I don't think this should come
to a surprise for anyone that's accessed the information
that's online or that we've shared based on what we've
stated. Now, if we're stating something different than
what was in the script, then that would be a different
issue. But we did say we were going to pretty much stick
with the script, and that's the time line that's in
there.

Also, we took time to create a video that does the
exact same thing. And we, to me, are not promoting that
to the extent that we should. I think the video is a
wonderful video. We all are featured on it. And I think that we could just as well send the information out -- we're moving into our next phase and next time period, and what we do have, though, is suggesting that you view this video that we have. And for sure if they have questions we have methods whereby they could still submit questions, and they can still be answered by this Commission. So I support the proposal and even in that, I think it's going on even longer than what we said -- what we've stated -- but to be able to end it today, and at least complete what we said we would, I think is a great kind of compromise.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Kennedy, and then Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Two things. One is, I just looked at the outreach calendar. It looks like there are seventeen events scheduled for after or maybe on and after, the 10th of June. So it would require quite a bit of undoing for what's already on the schedule.

Second of all, my sense -- and I've been very happy with this -- is that, A, staff have done a very good job of conveying the limitations on the educational events, because anytime I get online to do one people have been very, you know, aware and already cautioning their members about the limitations even before I say the first
word. And then, of course, we have the slides at both
the beginning and the end of the presentation, which,
again, have been very effective. I mean, I would like to
honor the commitments that we've made and just have a
discussion at this point of, you know -- and I do think
that a stopping -- or not accepting any further requests
after, you know, this week might be a reasonable way to
go with this. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee, and then
Commissioner Sadhwani.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes. I definitely support a
transition, and especially as we go into the public input
phase. Two thoughts, though. One, I'm wondering if
Director Kaplan may be looking over the educational
events that have been held so far. Looking at the state,
and you know, I would want it to be clear to somebody
looking at the ones that we've done, that we've covered
the state, you know. So I'm just wondering if -- I don't
know if she'd be prepared to speak to it right now, but
whether, you know, looking at that you would get that
impression, you know. Or whether there are holes that we
actually should make some effort to fill before we
completely wind down this phase.

Before she responds to that, though, one other
thought. It occurs to me -- so after this educational
phase is formally over, are we not to appear anywhere, you know, that anyone invites us to? Not for an education presentation, but -- right, you know -- even to say, hi to a group that -- and some of these educational events have actually been almost that, really, more than an actual full educational event, like, if they give you ten minutes. If I'm, you know, given fifteen you really can't do all that much. But would that be a policy that we would not visit -- Commissioners would not visit groups after this phase is over? Just as we're thinking about this, I'm wondering about that.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Director Kaplan, can I just -- can we wait to respond until all of the questions come in? Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I was just going to say I agree with Commissioner Turner and others. I fully support a sunsetting of the public education time period, largely for the purpose of separating between our outreach versus our, you know, our collection of input and just making that clear distinction. You know, I think -- the point was that Commissioner Kennedy around honoring our commitments, I think that was a part of the recommendation, so I think that we would honor those commitments.

I do also think, though, that when it comes to
handing some of this off to staff, we do have a lot of
new field staff and staff on the outreach team. And you
know, I don't mean to put it on them, but at the same
time I think I have learned a lot. Like, the more I give
the presentation, I'm like, okay, I feel more comfortable
talking about the Commission and our work. And I think
that could be a really valuable experience for staff
also. You know, I would support ending as of today, but
if others are feeling uncomfortable about it, then I
would say end of May as the cutoff date for receiving new
requests.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, and then
Commissioner Turner, and then I have some responses.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm sorry. Can you hear me
now?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can you hear me? Okay. I
was chattering away. I apologize. So what I was saying
is I support Commissioner Turner's comments in their
entirety. And I wanted to echo that what I heard in the
recommendation was that any requests that were currently
booked were going to be honored and that any future
requests would be handled by staff. So it sounded like I
was hearing a lot of feedback, like we were just going,
you know, as of today no Commissioners were going out, and I just wanted you to clarify that because that's not what I heard at all. I think that putting the partition there is of the most importance.

And I agree with Commissioner Turner that we have made this available for a significant amount of time, we're honoring the wind-down, and I think we do need to move to phase 2. And I'd love to see the video put out there and really pushed. It's a real opportunity. So that's my comments.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was just going to ensure that I heard you correctly that we will be honoring these -- Commissioner Le Mons just said yes. And even for the ones -- I think the distinction was is that the recommendation was to make the cutoff in July that it would be turned over to the staff. And as I look at the schedule, there are only five meetings currently scheduled in July that's hosted by five different Commissioners. So if they all want to do one more in July, I mean -- or turn it over to staff after that. I'm hopeful that we'll be able to sunset the offering from live Commissioners outside of what's posted and any new requests that come in. You know, we're right at the end
of the month, so even if they come in then at the end of May we're able to turn them -- I'll suggest that they utilize the video offering.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Okay. Commissioner Kennedy, I'll let you go, and then I'll answer.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I would be very happy with not accepting -- or any requests that come in after this week are handed off to staff. If they come in this week and can be accomplished on or before the 10th, then I would say I would be happy with Commissioners doing them. And anything after the 10th would have to be something that's already on the books by the end of this week.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. So let me see if -- Commissioner Andersen, I'll get back to you after. Let me just answer some of the things that came up. There's a real reality on why we're doing this and part of it is that it is staff-intensive to organize these -- to organize it all. Staff will be -- yes, we are staffing up, but the staff needs to be trained now. So Director Kaplan and Director Ceja will be busy training. And also we have the community input sessions that are beginning, and so staff is busy with those. And that was why the kind of the sudden stop. I'll be honest, it was sudden for me too. But I was convinced that, you know, that it
was better to -- you know, to have a date just because there is so much going on for staff.

The people that we're getting -- that we're doing the public sessions for, they're not confused -- or they may be confused -- but it's about perception. And we really need to really be careful about the perception that's put out there. And because these sessions are public, anyone can -- you know, we do post a lot of these. We post the flyers. So anybody could attend one of those sessions and turn it into an input session. And so that's why we're trying to say, hey, let's stop. We purposely chose July 1st as the stop date for when Commissioners would be out in public doing these sessions because there were only a few after July 1st. We didn't choose June 10th because there was still a lot between June 10th and July 1st. So that's where the July 1st one.

We are honoring all our commitments. The only thing we're not -- we're just changing who the speaker is. And I have a big one that I had been working on for a long time, and you know, they didn't get it in in time and I'll have to work with staff to figure out how it's going to happen. And it's in one of -- you know, it's in Chico. We've only had one presentation. We're going on our second one in Zone B. And so it would be good to
have. But I really believe that this separation is going
to be critical.

Commissioner Yee, we're not saying what to do right
now in regard to all appearances and speaking to the
media. That is a longer conversation that I think that
we all need to have. Right now, we'd like to focus this
just on the public education sessions, and take that step
back to kind of create that space that we need. And also
create the space that staff needs to refocus -- and
outreach teams -- and all of us need to kind of refocus
through -- sorry -- shift to this new phase. Thank you.
I did add "by CRC field staff or offer the video"; I had
forgotten to put that in. So thank you, all, for
reminding me about the video. And we also have discussed
creating a shorter video, because it's hard for some
groups to show a video for twenty-three minutes. So you
know, we are working on -- there's PSAs and vignettes and
others that are being created.

With that, Commissioner Andersen, you had your hand
up?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I did. I
understand the need for change, and I understand that,
hey, we've been out there a lot. But we've been out
there a lot in areas which it's easier to get to and it's
easier to be received by. There are a couple of areas in
our state which are not -- people, like, oh, you know, we've been telling them this, telling them this, sure, they don't even know that we exist yet.

And that's a little bit what I'm working with. And I've made some great in-roads. And I have people who are calling in now to make appointments. So they would be literally, like, see, never should've trusted the state in the first place, if we cut it off today. Because those requests aren't in yet. They're coming in. And so I can't go with that. That's not -- you know, to hear that all of a sudden we're doing this today. Now, I understand that, oh, it was in our literature, but if you look at our website, we have public meetings scheduled.

Now, if we say, we can only schedule things, you know, boom, they have to come in and they're only in June period. I think that's very fair. But the public does not know that we're doing this right now. And we've been -- you know, hey, get in touch. We're doing presentations, doing presentations -- and not that many of -- not that many people -- even our partners, who are watching this now -- they'd have to then start telling all their groups. And a lot of them are going, like, oh, I just reached the people up in, you know, in Humboldt. Or I just reached the people in, you know, different parts of our state.
And so I understand that need -- we want to do this, but I'd say the two big statewide meetings that we're having are in June -- the first parts in June -- June 10, June 19. So why don't we have -- those are still statewide. We don't start going into the zones input meeting until June 21st. So if we don't want to go through the end of June, you know, let's do at least past the statewide meeting, so at least we're still reaching statewide. Then we're clearly going into individual zones. But I really do not like the idea that we're just saying, we're not taking any more requests as of today. It just doesn't give the people enough time.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

Director Kaplan, I meant to call on you after me. Did you want to add anything?

And then Commissioner Le Mons and Commissioner Akutagawa, I see you both.

MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. I really appreciate this conversation and all the different viewpoints. I do want to just follow up on Commissioner Yee's comment, and then just one other point. I did do an analysis of the zones and presentations about a week or two ago, which I'm trying to find the document -- but for the most part, besides for Zone B, there was two to three where we had
done five. And I think since then some of those have increased. And all the rest, including statewide, we had done at least ten to twenty per each zone, including ten to twenty statewide.

So I think the presentations are one component. And I hear Commissioner Andersen's point. And what I want to also add to this is we do have field staff who are going to be focused on doing an analysis of their zone, evaluating communities that have been engaged so far and ensuring that we're reaching all across those zones. And so while, you know, should we close these presentations, there is the opportunity for them to still reach out to groups, to send the video to, you know, provide information on how those groups can activate the members and communities that they serve. And so there still is opportunity to get the word out in particular regions where we feel like we, you know, need to really ramp up public education as well.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Director Kaplan.

MS. KAPLAN: I'm sorry. If I can just add one other layer that Commissioner Sinay had noted in terms of scheduling and coordination. There's also the follow-up, which is a lot. It's getting the flyers. It's getting it over to Fredy to post. It's the, you know, getting the recordings, having those uploaded so that we have
original files. So it's a lot of moving pieces that involve a lot of staff in that layer as well.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And there's still a lot of planning also for phase 2 that hasn't been done. We've focused a lot on one strategy, which is the community of input meetings, but there's other strategies that we are developing to bring to you all.

Commissioner Akutagawa, and then Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for this really interesting conversation and discussion. I want to just bring back, I think, what Commissioner Andersen is saying, and to a degree what Commissioner Kennedy and also what Commissioner Yee also referred to as well, too. And Director Kaplan, thank you very much for sharing some of the regions that maybe had significantly more presentations because the organizations in those areas were organized. Others maybe where there has been a little less, I think you noted, like, in some regions it might have been only two.

I'd like to see if maybe there is some middle ground, and whether you know -- the end of May is just basically at the end of this week. I'm wondering if there's maybe some middle ground where maybe we wait an additional week and we get into, like, that first week of
June to give organizations, like Commissioner Andersen was referring to -- to give them that time to just get their requests in.

And then I hear what you're saying, Director Kaplan, about the amount of work, and I understand that. But I also wonder if in the communication with the groups as they bring something in -- asking them, you know, we're moving into a new phase, would a field staff be an option for them or an acceptable option for them? Is that something that could be asked? And/or, you know, perhaps offering the video to them as another option as we move into this other phase, too. And that it could be, then, also up to the Commissioner as to whether or not they really feel strongly that they would like to make the presentation. Because to Commissioner Andersen's point, you know, she's made some commitments, and I think she's worked really hard.

And I want to just acknowledge that even though we have been doing this since January, I really feel that it's taken some of the groups some time to really get to understand what it is possible that could be done through these public education presentations. And so it doesn't happen quite as quickly as I think maybe some of the other groups have done. And so I just want to be able to honor some of these other organizations and be able to
allow them the chance to get these presentations. But also giving them the option that it doesn't have to be one of the Commissioners, that it could be, you know, field staff or the video.

But to the point that Commissioner Sinay also said, there are some regions that don't see Commissioners, and it is a big deal to have a Commissioner come. So I also want to just acknowledge that as well, too. So I just wanted to share that perspective.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So Commissioner Akutagawa -- I see Commissioner Le Mons; I see Commissioner Turner. I want to acknowledge to everybody that I'm the lead staff to the one region that's had probably the most presentations and the one that's had the least. And I probably have worked harder on the one that has the least. But even just reaching out has been really positive. And that is still going to be happening -- I mean, outreach staff will be happening. And we shouldn't be reaching out as I, Patricia Sinay, am reaching out to you, but the Commission is reaching out to you. And you know, it is relationships 101, but it's a relationship we're creating with the Commission and that organization.

Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I guess, I hear what Commissioner Andersen is saying, and I guess I -- and I
might be still confused -- that to me is predicated on
the notion that we're saying -- when they say, cut it
off, I'm not hearing that that's what we're suggesting --
that we're cutting it off completely. It's just that
Commissioners won't be doing them after July 1. And I
just feel like -- I don't know why we're so stuck on this
idea that it's got to be a Commissioner. The education
is to get the public to engage in the process. It's not
about us as individual Commissioners. Yeah, that's a
nice to have if a Commissioner came out, but we are all
in the video as well. So staff represents the
Commission. They're not Commissioners, but if you're
thinking the value of the information is only if it's
coming out of the mouth of the Commissioner, I don't know
if that's a little egotistical. I'm not saying it is,
but I'm not sure. I mean, the information is what's
important and getting it to the people is what's most
important.

And if organizations are brought into this and want
the communities they represent to have the information,
they validate it. They're the ones -- the organizations
validate it. It's not so much that it's you or me or
some other Commissioner. So I'm a little confused by
that part. And that's not to negate the hard work that
Commissioner Andersen has done to see hers through.
Great. But we're talking about the outer dates in July, not the end of the week. So that's where I'm a little confused on where people are interpreting the dates -- the drop-dead dates of what happens when. And maybe that needs to be reviewed. Or I could have it all mixed up.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons. I see Commissioner Turner, Toledo, and Fernandez. And I'm just going to repeat -- well, let's do it this way. Okay. And then I'll repeat the motion with some tweaks based on what we've been hearing.

So Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I found it really helpful when Marcy -- Director Kaplan -- gave us the breakdown, just off the top of her head, and maybe if we had that exact number of how many presentations that's been done in each area. Perhaps we have a perception of not reaching into different areas, but I think she sounded like she said most areas, including statewide, had twenty presentations, which I think is kind of impressive.

So I would love for her to state that again, but it sounded like there were lots of presentations that's going on. I feel like I've done a lot in my area. And I love doing them. I volunteer quickly, respond quickly, love giving the presentations. I just do feel strongly
that this isn't anything that's a surprise. The time line has been there, and I think that, again, being able to complete what we already committed to still allows these going on through the July time period, but to leave this open for more presentations to come in for live presentations when we have an option of having people see the presentation that we took time to prepare, to me, seems like something that's not necessarily prudent when we can just have people view the video.


COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No worries. So I'm very supportive of having staff conduct the education sessions moving forward. I do worry about the fact that if I'm remembering correctly, we haven't hired northern California field staff yet. And that it's been difficult to recruit that position. And I worry, representing some of the rural north, that that might be a challenge for us I know, but Alicia and -- representing the other side of the rural north -- has had a challenge as well in just reaching out and scheduling these forums.

So just ensuring that we have the staff to be able to do the -- continue our outreach, continue and expand upon it. And ensure that we're reaching all areas of California, it would be my -- yeah. It's something that
I just think that we -- we all prioritize, we all want to happen. That's the only concern that I would raise, because I know we've hired staff for other portions of the state but not yet for northern California area. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez, and then Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. I was going to say the exact same thing that Commissioner Toledo just said. As you are aware, I had to hand off my Zone D for a while due to personal obligations, and unfortunately, there wasn't any progress. And again, there hasn't been field staff hired for north yet, for the northern zone, so I'm really concerned about that.

I feel at this point I'm able to jump back into Zone D, which would be great, and to reach out to those communities. So that really is my concern. And I realize that we have hired some field staff for central and southern, and normally what happens -- that's what I happen -- when I start a new job is I concentrate on what I know first, right? Instead of jumping into what I don't know. So that really is my concern. It really is for the northern regions, northern zones, that we really need to delve into.
And then the other part of it is -- I understand part of the justification is that staff are busy. But then staff are busy, but then we're going to have them do the presentations. So it's almost like, okay, they're not going to be busy doing this and that. Another thing you may want to consider, Director Kaplan, for those presentations that we're still conducting in the next month or so -- you may want to have one of your field staff attend, you know, to be there because that's always learning as well, as the Commissioners do the presentation. So I'm just kind of offering that up to -- it would probably be helpful. They can learn more about redistricting and also about the Commissioners and their area as well, so. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ahmad, and then I'm going to reiterate kind of our recommendation and add some of what I've heard.

CHAIR AHMAD: Just administratively, we have ASL until 8:30. So we do have a hard stop. And that's it.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Hold on, Commissioner Andersen. Well, okay, I'll let you go, and then please let me so that we can -- there's a lot of other motions, and I know other subcommittees really want to get to theirs and we're repeating a lot of the things, so that's why I'm trying to move us forward.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I just --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So is it new?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just need to make a correction. And I appreciate Ms. Kaplan. We just verified this. There have only been four in Zone G, and there's one more that's scheduled to this point. And there are several coming in. So it was -- so that's why there's a difference. And all of those have been in the same three counties. There are four counties I still have not -- and they're the ones who are coming in. So I really --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So let me encourage us to say, "we" instead of "I", because now, some of --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, correct.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because it is -- and there is support now. The reason we all started going out there was we didn't have staff. And if we wanted to get the public education going, we had to jump on. And so we created the presentation and the script. Staff is coming. We are allowing for a transition. So what I have heard is it might make more sense to put a cutoff date of June 4th. And the reason I say June 4th versus June 1 is because June 1, I think, is Memorial Day, but that gives us kind of you know, a little time with the Memorial Day weekend.
And then we will honor all scheduled requests that are -- all the ones that we already have that are scheduled and those that are coming in. Those that we have already, you know, that haven't been scheduled. Those public education sessions scheduled post-July 1 will be done either by staff or they can be offered the video. We won't say, would it be okay, but we would say, yes, you can have a session. You can either do -- a staff member can come and do it or it can be -- or it can be the video.

Mr. Pane, you keep looking like you may want to say something, so I just wanted -- no? Okay.

MR. PANE: No.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just was checking in on you. And so if -- I mean, I understand what you're saying -- what everyone is saying. And keep in mind again that I am -- one of the leads is north of the -- you know, the north region. We've done a lot of outreach. I feel really positive of the outreach we've done. I think Commissioner Yee can speak to it as well. We haven't done a lot of presentations but there has been a lot of connection, and that's what they were looking for. I hear what Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Toledo's saying. And if I can suggest that the outreach Subcommittee, when meeting with staff, you know, staff
come up with a plan on how we will not lose the focus on the far north. And we'll, you know, continue that conversation and bring it back. So whenever --

Commissioner Turner wants to say something. And then if someone wants to make the motion -- or if you want me to make the motion, Chair.

Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I do want us to spend time, at some point, focusing on did we do what we said we would? I would love, Director Kaplan, if we can see the analysis of what was accomplished for California in the education sessions, presentations that we've had. If that shows that there is a zone that only had less than what we think it should've been for whatever, if there seems to be a disparity. I would recommend that we all then make an offer of going into whatever the connections were and maybe we can lift up all of us doing them. Because even if they start responding right now, one or two people are able to provide the presentations it still will drag them out.

So maybe if there's a great disparity in one area, we can post something in that area via whatever the best form of communication, saying that you have fourteen Commissioners that want to ensure that we provide this for some kind of like, covering the area, blanketing it.
And whether they took us up on it or not, perception is everything. We gave you the same opportunity as everyone else. You had people assigned that reached out. And now, yes, we are also willing, able, excited to cover your area -- G, B, D -- whatever the areas are -- and do knock out five, ten, presentations because we'll divide and conquer, and then we'll feel good about any area that was not necessarily covered. Of course, that would depend on them responding to allow us, to invite us in.

But I'm trying to think -- I don't want us to leave the space feeling like we did not cover an area or do our due diligence of whatever we could.

So I just wanted to name that as well. You know I'm for moving on to the next phase. But if the -- if the statistics -- the numbers, whatever it is, Marcy, that you have for us -- if it shows that we've failed in an area -- and I say failed intentionally just for drama purposes, but if it looks like there's an area that we did not do our due diligence, then let's try something different to get it done.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And if I can -- since I'm one of the -- since Commissioner Yee and I are one of the failed zones -- I would say that --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It's not your zone. I think you just gave us that caution.
It's our zone.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, that's why I said

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Nope. Nope. Not you and

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So Zone B has only had

one, but it was cohosted with the United Way of Northern

California and two League of Women Voters, and they're

putting it on two different government channels. And so

the spread of that one is much more than a lot of the

ones that I've done in San Diego combined. And so I

think it's deeper than just looking at how many

presentations were done, was kind of what I was -- I was

trying to share. And there's different ways to reaching

people, is what I've learned.

Yes, Commissioner Ahmad -- Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: I believe Commissioner Fernandez was

ahead of me.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just quick. I love that

idea, Commissioner Turner. I'd also like to see it maybe

by county. Sometimes you can cover a zone and it looks

like you've done twelve, but it might've all been in one

county versus widespread. Commissioner Sinay, I can

support your motion; however, for those that have been

scheduled in July, I would like to still have the option
of me presenting -- or the Commissioner presenting if
it's already been scheduled and we're able to do so
instead of automatically handing it off. Because those
have already been requested well in advance.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ahmad?

CHAIR AHMAD: I am in favor of sunsetting for the
very reason that I would not feel comfortable giving an
education session and having someone give public input.
And that distinction being very difficult when we're
having a public input session the same day as a
presentation. I just looked at my calendar and I have a
public input meeting scheduled right ahead of an
education session on the same day. So I wouldn't know
how that would pan out. So I'm in favor of sunsetting;
however, given the conversation, Commissioner Sinay, I
want to engage what you think about bringing forward a
recommendation based off of the comments that we've
heard, at the next meeting. I really want to see what
your thoughts are on that, considering time and other
items we have to get through.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I was in favor of that
originally. And my partner in crime isn't here. So I'm
okay with that. But I do want -- I was one of those who
didn't want to let go and wanted to keep them going, but
as I started speaking to the -- where I was talking to
community groups and explaining kind of this line, all of
them said, oh, wow. That makes a lot of sense. So yes,
we've made some commitments, but when you explain it it
makes a lot of sense to people why we're creating kind of
this line. I'm perfectly okay bringing, you know -- just
if we bring it up again I would encourage us -- well,
yes.

The only thing I would say -- sorry, Commissioner
Ahmad. The only thing I would say is that that's going
to extend the deadline of what we're accepting, and it's
going to get longer and longer and we're just avoiding
the inevitable. And so I would recommend that we make
a -- that you maybe you allowed me to make the motion,
see if it dies or lives. If it dies, then we refix it --
you know, we jimmy it until it can pass. But I just
don't --

CHAIR AHMAD: We --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- want to kick the can.

CHAIR AHMAD: No. Every Commissioner has the right
as a Commissioner to make a motion. You don't need my
permission. So if someone wants to make a motion, please
feel free to do so.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will make a motion, but
I'm going to ask you to help me through it. I make a
motion that we, as of June 4th, that will be the last day
that we -- June 4th, right? It'll be the last day that
we accept requests for our educational
sessions/redistricting basics. What else did we have
there? We also had -- oh, and we will honor all requests
up until that point. I'm going to modify from what you
had. If -- we will honor the requests, and anything
beyond July 1st is the option of either the Commissioner,
staff, or just directing them to our video.

    COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second it.

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Did I catch everything?

    COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll second it.

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

    COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sounds good.

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

    CHAIR AHMAD: Seconded by Commissioner Turner.

Discussion on the motion on the floor? Specifically, the
motion.

Yes, Commissioner Akutagawa.

    COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just thinking about
this. I wonder if -- I agree with the June 4th cutoff.
I'm wondering if we could also caveat it by saying to
anybody, if you want any, you know -- if you want a
presentation, we're encouraging, you know, that you
request a date by the end of June if you want a
Commissioner. And so we try to keep any new requests from going into July. And we try to as strongly as we can, just encourage that any Commissioner-lead presentations, public education presentations be done, you know, before the end of June. So that way, then, it will help to alleviate some of these concerns. And then we could try to just for those who want to, you know, finish out any presentations previously scheduled in July, it could be done and we could try to minimize the amount of additional presentations in June conducted by Commissioners.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Toledo and then Turner?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I just wanted to -- I know we know this -- but just remind the Commission that public input can't be received by Commissioners or staff of the Commission when on redistricting matters. It's our policy; it's also the law. And just to the point that it's -- to Commissioner Ahmad's point about the, you know, the difficulty in having public input and being part of both public input and education sessions. It wouldn't just be difficult or -- it could potentially be difficult for employees, especially newly hired employees, to know the distinction and to -- so just making sure that we have very good training, which I'm confident Director Kaplan and others
CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner, and then Commissioner Le Mons, and then Commissioner Andersen. Comments on the motion on the table.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Wondering if the motion needed to include anything with the fifteen, I think was reported, presentations in the pipeline, which is not on the schedule. But they are already submitted.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons? You're on mute, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, thank you. This is only on the motion, though, right?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I'll pass.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, comments on the motion?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Commissioner Kennedy had said, his original one when he was making modification was if we're cutting it off -- cut it off -- when I say cut off, I'm specifically saying that we're no longer taking requests for Commissioners, and that those requests could come in as late as the 9th just before first day of the public input meetings. And specifically say that -- and all these new ones coming in can only have a Commissioner if they are scheduled before the end
of June, okay? And that is -- so essentially what the 
motion was -- but if we extend that from the 4th to the 
9th.

CHAIR AHMAD: There was only one motion made, and 
that was by Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. So Commissioner 
Fernandez's motion is to the 4th --

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I believe. So if we made 
that through the 9th, at least we would be consistent 
with -- we have had no Commission -- no public COI 
meetings yet. So that would be through the 9th, and I 
believe --

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Was the motion -- just to 
clarify the motion -- is that as long as it's scheduled? 
The new ones coming in -- as long as the new ones coming 
in are scheduled before June, they could still have a 
Commissioner?

CHAIR AHMAD: It is up to Commissioner Fernandez if 
she so chooses to amend her motion based off the 
comments. But we do have a motion and a second on the 
floor. Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm keeping my motion. I'm 
keeping the June 4th date. And I did say anything
scheduled past July would be up to the Commissioner to
decide if they still wanted to honor that date, or it
could be passed off to a staff member or video. And I
don't think -- Commissioner Turner, you asked if we
needed to include the fifteen in the pipeline. We would
not -- as long as the request is received by June 4th.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sinay, is your comment on
the motion?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: It was, but Commissioner
Fernandez answered it. I was going to say, we could put
"submitted or scheduled", but I think the way she said it
was clean.

CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Are there any
other comments on the motion?

Katy, can we open the line for public comment on the
motion?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to
maximize transparency and public participation in our
process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment
by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
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The Commission is taking public comment on the motion on the floor at this time.

And there is no one in the queue. And I will let you know when the instructions are complete.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. While we wait for callers, Commissioner Fernandez, is the motion reading correct?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I wish you would get my spelling right, but that's okay. I'm trying not to be sensitive about that.

MR. HERNANDEZ: It's late in the day. I can't see well.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's okay. I'm teasing you, Alvaro.

Yes. Could --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And the instructions are complete at this time.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, Commissioner Fernandez, could I ask for a confirmation of "no public education sessions", regardless if it's -- I thought this was only Commissioners -- request for an actual Commissioner. I thought -- is that not the case? This is -- no more public education sessions will be scheduled.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- I think we should leave Commissioner Fernandez to yes, confirm if it's accurate or no, confirm it's not.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. That's -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you just confirm that is -- that's the case?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. It's accurate. Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Give me an E. There we go.

Thank you.
CHAIR AHMAD: All right. We are ready for a vote.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We're only one letter apart.

MR. HERNANDEZ: If we're ready for a vote, I can go ahead and start. Just let me know, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, we are.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Okay.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Pass. Come back to me, please.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

Commissioner Toledo.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

VICE CHAIR YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, if I can verify, is this a special vote?

CHAIR AHMAD: Simple majority.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Simple majority, then --

CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony, can you confirm that?

MR. PANE: Yes. That's correct.

MR. HERNANDEZ: If that's the case, the motion passes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro.

So at this point, we are at a decision point, and I'm going to need the subcommittees to step up and volunteer or step back. We have three subcommittees left who need to bring forward a motion. The materials development subcommittee, the website subcommittee, and...
the grants/contract subcommittee.

After that, we still have the discussion of future meeting dates and agenda items. We have not heard from legal affairs committee and we have not heard an update from line drawers updates and training subcommittee.

I would recommend that since we have the critical mass here to conduct the special vote, that we continue the conversation 9J, the contract subcommittee, finish what we can finish by 8:30, and then I'll work with Alvaro and team to figure out if we have enough items to cover for next Wednesday's as-needed business meeting that is scheduled. And we can figure out if we need to meet on certain items next Wednesday or if certain items can be pushed to the 9th.

So based off of that, is it okay with folks if we have a conversation -- a continued conversation on item 9J at this time? Yes. Okay.

Commissioner Akutagawa and Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So where we were -- I think I'd like to just start with reintroducing the motion that we closed with last time. I think that might be -- and then we can open for discussion. So can we pull that motion up? I just don't remember it from memory. That's what I'd like to do.

MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll read it off and then I'll
retype it. Give me just one second. So the motion that
was made was motion to make the edits to the outreach
RFP, as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up with OLS and
incorporate releasing funds for technology equipment, and
changing the opening of the proposal time to June 25th at
10 a.m.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, are you making
that motion?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Do we have a second for that motion?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll second it.

CHAIR AHMAD: I heard Commissioner Akutagawa as a
second. Discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Fernandez and then Toledo.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Could you just
read the motion one more time? I apologize. It was --

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I couldn't hear all of it.

I apologize.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion to make the edits to the
outreach RFP as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up with
OLS and incorporate releasing funds for technology
equipment, and changing the opening of proposal time to
June 25th at 10 a.m.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And just to remind
everybody, we did report back on some of the equipment questions.

CHAIR AHMAD: I have Commissioner Toledo and then Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just a quick question. Does this motion authorize the approval of the contract or are we just -- it's just unclear to me from the language -- from the reading of the motion whether we're approving this contract to move forward without it coming back to the Commission for full approval. So I'm just trying to gauge whether this is approval of us moving forward with the contract should all of these items be approved by OLS?

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, would you clarify your intended motion?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. So it would -- with Director Kaplan making the edits per our previous conversation, it would go back to -- there shouldn't be anything substantive, but it would go back to OLS for approval. And if they gave their approval, we would post.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I realize -- so one of the things -- I think we -- what we did is we just reopened this just to get the conversation started. So OLS did
say, or Raul did say that computer purchases are
allowable under the contracts as it stands right now. I
think the bigger question is whether or not this
Commission believes that allowing contractors to purchase
equipment as part of the contract is a good use of State
funds.

CHAIR AHMAD: I would ask colleagues to consider the
motion on the floor, rather than a discussion on the
specifics of your questions related to the contract. So
if you have a specific comment on the motion --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: -- please. Yes.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Can I clarify something,
because this was a question in the last discussion on
the -- with the motion?

CHAIR AHMAD: Sure.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The motion -- because I --
unfortunately, I'm not reading it, but it was to
incorporate. So once -- part of the motion that I didn't
hear, actually, this time, and I may not just remember,
was the portion of clarifying with or OLS, since that
step has already been done.

It was a two-part, that we will clarify whether
computers could be included. And if they could, we
would. And so if you could just have Executive Director
read the motion again, just so I can make sure that it is
my intention.

CHAIR AHMAD: Alvaro, would you please read the
motion?

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. Motion to make the edits to
the outreach RFP as noted by Director Kaplan, follow up
with OLS and incorporate releasing funds for technology,
and changing the opening of proposal time to June 25th,
2021 at 10 a.m.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. So I would like to
edit it. I apologize. The OLS piece can come out,
because we already have the answer to that question. So
the part where it says incorporate it, it would be
dropping that bullet.

We would be removing computer from the equipment
bullet, as one of the noted edits, because that was to
get to the point of people being able to use the
resources for tablets, et cetera, and then that would get
handled in the review process, if they made the case for
and we felt that those were a good use of funds based
upon what they were proposing. So I'm not saying all
that goes in the motion, but it is just that edit of
taking out the OLS part and removing the word "computers"
from the equipment bullet, whichever bullet that was.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was unallowable.
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Correct. That's unallowable, removing from that statement.

CHAIR AHMAD: Given that change to the motion, Commissioner Akutagawa, do you still second that motion?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, is this about the motion specifically?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, it is. Would -- with that answer, would the proposers and second agree to an amendment that would request any equipment purchases of this be so indicated, and like, justified in the proposal? Because it doesn't -- remember we were looking for a limit or something about it?

Right now, it wouldn't necessarily -- it wouldn't have to -- the way it's written, they wouldn't have to say anything about it. We wouldn't be able to evaluate that option. And so I would request if they'd -- if we could put in a wording saying any equipment purchases in this -- in the budget must be documented or I'm not sure how you would --

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, are you asking Commissioner La Mons to edit the motion to include specific language on the purchase of equipments?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Le Mons, would you want
to make that edit or no?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. Yes. If that moves us forward, yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you still second that edit --

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: -- edited motion?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. The RFP has language that -- I think it's ten percent that it would be for technology.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just feel like we're really, like, digging in the weeds and getting in their business if we ask -- let me just finish, please. Like, I didn't interrupt you. We're just digging in the weeds, if that's how they choose to use their ten percent.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: At least. No. But it --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It does say "at least", so I am --

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen, you're not on mute.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. It's -- yeah.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That was the only concern that says at least ten percent. I think if we could maybe specify the percentage instead of saying "at least". But again, it's how -- I don't want to get into the business of telling them how to do their job and what resources they're going to need to do their job. They are going to have deliverables. I don't know. I guess I'm just trying to stay in my lane.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay. I know how I want to edit it. I know how I want to edit the motion. So Executive Director Hernandez, so the part where it talks about -- drop bullet 5. I mean, drop the -- I don't know what bullet number is. Drop the equipment bullet because per Raul they can use it for equipment. Drop that bullet.

And the ten percent, don't specify a percentage. So it'll just be on the strength of their proposal, whatever they put forward. And I hope that gets to the intent of Commissioner Vazquez and others who really wanted to give people the latitude to put forward a proposal based on what they need in order to get the objectives done.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you accept those changes and still second that motion?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. I don't. I'm a little -- I am uncomfortable with making it open-ended in terms of how much the money can be used on equipment purchases.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that -- yeah.

CHAIR AHMAD: I will -- I'm sorry. I will interrupt there. Do we have a second on the motion that is on the floor?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I will second.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Kennedy seconded.

Discussion on the motion on the floor.

Yes, Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I apologize. I was not here for yesterday's conversation. Has there been a legal review of the entire basis of these contracts in terms of impartiality? From the beginning, I have been very concerned about the notion of impartiality with the Commission making choices about who we will fund.

At this point, I would continue to vote no on this, and that's not because I don't support community-based organizations getting funds. I absolutely do. But I think in the long run for our maps, this continues to present real problems.

CHAIR AHMAD: Any other comments on the motion that
has been seconded on the floor at this time?

Yes. Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, can I just read off what I have so far --

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Yeah.

MR. HERNANDEZ: -- on the motion, because it's changed. Motion to make the edits to the outreach RFP as noted by Director Kaplan and changing the opening of the proposal time to June 25th, 2021 at 10 a.m. So that reference to the ten percent, that's part of the RFP and that's what we're, you know -- those are some of the edits that -- no, let me clarify.

Edits were provided to us for the RFP. This would not be an edit. We would be leaving that alone. So we're not pointing it out or pulling it into this motion. It's part of the edits; is that correct in my understanding, Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No, no. It is isolated because it wasn't a part of the edits specifically. The percentage wasn't; that's a new addition, actually.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. And --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So it would be not (indiscernible) that was part of the edits from our original conversation.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Could we repeat the -- that part of
the motion?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. It would just be to
and remove the ten percent max on --

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: -- whatever that line item
was. I'm sorry. I'm not reading -- I'm not looking at
the document.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Just -- I'm just
curious. To Commissioner Sadhwani's point, if Ms.
Johnston or Mr. Pane believe that this RFI sufficiently
covers us in terms of the impartiality requirements. If
the RFI as written at this point, if it sufficiently
protects us on the issue of impartiality.

MR. PANE: So I'm certainly if Marian has any
opinion, I right now, we -- from my understanding,
especially with working with Raul and working with OLS on
this. So the impartiality question is going to be a
question of fact for perhaps individual Commissioners as
to whether or not that's problematic for them, given
their involvement. But I don't see anything on the face
of this contract that's legally problematic generally for
the Commission.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just to follow up, though,
not just in terms of the contract itself and the awarding of them, but by awarding such contracts, does that leave us open in terms of the maps being impartial? That we've given undue favor to, potentially, the groups that we're contracting with?

MR. PANÉ: I don't see -- I can't -- I don't want to wade into policy, but I -- what I would say is I don't see that simply approving this RFP to move forward automatically ruins any sort of future map drawing you all will decide to do. That's very much a policy decision that you all are making. So I don't see that approving this contract necessarily impairs that separate event.

CHAIR AHMAD: Marian and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

MS. JOHNSTON: I would just add that you're not approving contracts. You're approving the request for contracts. So if you have any problems with the contracts that are being submitted, that's something that could be considered later on.

CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I also want to note that one of the big changes after OLS review of this RFP was that it is open to any bidder. It's not necessarily just a community-based organization.
CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to ask of Commissioner Sadhwani. It seems the concern is not so much down to who ultimately gets -- who gets awarded the bid. But it's the perception and impression that we have selected any one group over a different group. It feels like that's what I'm hearing her say.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. If I may respond. Yes. That's absolutely the concern. That's been my concern since we first started having these conversations many months ago, is that when it comes to the maps themselves, we have an obligation of impartiality. And in giving out -- awarding these funds to groups, many of whom are also -- potentially, I mean, I suppose, depends on who we end up contracting, but potentially could also at the same time be mobilizing communities to present communities of interest input to us.

If we then give additional weight, or it is perceived that we give additional weight to that testimony, potentially because they've had this contract, does that leave us open, and you know, moving down the road to potential litigation? This has always been my concern.

And I understand, and I so appreciate all of the work of the subcommittee to develop it this far. But at
the end of the day, as we've discussed it numerous times, there's a whole lot of people out here who want to see us fail. And I just see this as an ongoing way of just leaving ourselves wide open to that kind of attack.

CHAIR AHMAD: Question for Marian and Anthony. Am I allowed to take public comment generally and for the motion on the floor at the same time?

MR. PANE: I would -- Marian, happy to chime in, but my recommendation would be that we keep them separate.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

MR. PANE: I understand the time constraints, but for clarity, for public participation, it would probably make more sense to keep them separate.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Katy, can we open the floor for public comment on this item, the motion on the floor?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. All right. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

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The Commission is taking public comment on the motion on the floor at this time.

There is no one in the queue at this time, and I will notify you as soon as the instructions are complete.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So I guess my concern is, Commissioner Sadhwani has made her position pretty clear. This is a special vote. One Democrat is absent. I don't know if this is even -- we should even proceed. I'm really thinking I should just withdraw my motion at this point.

CHAIR AHMAD: Anthony and Marian, is that something
that is appropriate to do at this time, or would you all recommend that we continue?

MR. PANE: If the Commissioner wishes to withdraw his motion, he certainly could.

CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

Commissioner Le Mons, would you like to withdraw your motion?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could -- before he does that, there are five Democrats here.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No. There isn't.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. There are.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, there are? Okay. I guess I don't know who they are.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Vazquez, Sadhwani, Sinay --

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I don't know who they are. Okay. That's fine. I don't really -- I have -- that's the worst thing, I have not kept track of who's who. So I apologize. Okay. We can move forward. If it fails, it fails. We can move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are complete, Chair.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

Alvaro, we are ready for the vote.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The motion reads, motion to make the edits of the RFP as noted by Director Kaplan,
remove the ten percent max for technology, and changing
the opening of proposal time to June 25th, 2021 at 10
a.m.; is that correct?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. We'll begin the vote.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

Can you repeat that, Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, please come back to me.

Please come back.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Abstain.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It doesn't matter, because we only have two nonpartisans who voted yes.

CHAIR AHMAD: It's just yes or no, Commissioner Andersen, or abstain.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, with one amendment.

CHAIR AHMAD: No. There's no amendments allowed at this time.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I'll say yes.

MR. HERNANDEZ: One, two, three. One, two, three. And then one, two -- so there isn't a three and three. It's three, three, and two, so the motion does not pass.

CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Alvaro. With that, I would like to announce that we will be meeting on June 2nd, as we have many items that we did not get to cover. So we have remaining item 9J, which is this item that we just
covered. Item 9G, I heard materials development
subcommittee needed to bring forward a motion.

9H, website subcommittee needed to bring forward a
motion. Item 10, legal affairs committee, we didn't get
to. Item 12, line drawer updates and training
subcommittee, we didn't get to. And item 14, discussion
of future meeting dates and agenda items, we did not get
to.

So given that there's still quite a few number of
items remaining, we will have the meeting next week. So
please change your calendars to mark the CRC action
meeting if needed, to will be happening.

With that, can I open for general public comment at
this time?

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And there is no one in the queue at this time.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair Ahmad, can I just ask a quick question? So will --

CHAIR AHMAD: Sure.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: At the Tuesday meeting -- or I'm sorry, next week's meeting, will grants again be coming forward? I wasn't -- I don't know if I caught that or not.

CHAIR AHMAD: Wednesday, June 2nd is a scheduled meeting if needed. We have agendized all of the subcommittees for that meeting to come forward if they still wish to bring forward a motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR AHMAD: I just listed out the items that we
didn't get to.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Chair?

CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Could we request that you change the name of the grants subcommittee to contracts subcommittees?

CHAIR AHMAD: Can certainly do that.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: For clarity. Thank you.

CHAIR AHMAD: And in the meantime, if anyone has any other items that you want to bring forward, I can certainly add those next Wednesday's meeting agenda, if they fall within the agenda items already on. If you have time estimates, that would be greatly appreciated.

Another general announcement, tomorrow's legal affairs committee and public input design meetings have both been canceled. So there are no subcommittee meetings or full CRC meetings happening tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The instructions are complete.

CHAIR AHMAD: All right. With that, I would adjourn this meeting. And I will see you all next Wednesday, June 2nd.

(Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned)
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