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MR. HERNANDEZ: Good morning, commissioners. Good morning, California. Welcome today to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, December 14th meeting series.

Wanda, could you please do roll call?

MS. SHEFFIELD: Good morning, commissioners.

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Toledo. Commissioner Toledo?

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAVA: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen. No?
Commissioner Fernandez.
Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: And Commissioner Le Mons?

CHAIR LE MONS: Here.

Did you get Commissioner Vazquez? She's present.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Commissioner Vazquez is here.

Thank you.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Mr. Hopkins, if you could read the instructions for public comment, please? And this is our opening general public comment on any topic.

MR. HOPKINS: 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. The telephone number is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 939 8946 6294 for this week's meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press pound.

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to submit their comment. You will also hear an automatic message to press 9. Please do this to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will unmute you, and you will hear an automatic message that says the host would like you to talk, and to press star 6 to speak.

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

The Commission is taking public comment generally at this time. It looks like we have one person waiting in the queue.

CHAIR LE MONS: Please invite them in.

MR. HOPKINS: All right.

MS. HUTCHISON: Hi. My name is Helen Hutchison. H-E-L-E-N, H-U-T-C-H-I-S-O-N. I'm with the League of Women Voters of California, and I have two things.

I wanted to say that you heard yesterday from Rosalind Gold of -- about letter that was coming, and the letter was delivered yesterday in the late afternoon. So I hope that you have seen it, and if not, that you will see it soon.
And then also to ask about the agenda for today, if you're planning on taking action on the outreach and engagement plan, or just continuing discussion? Thanks so much.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Ms. Hutchinson. We are not planning to take action today. It will just be discussing.

MS. HUTCHISON: Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: You're welcome.

Mr. Hopkins, do we have any other callers in the queue?

MR. HOPKINS: Yes. We have one more at this time.

CHAIR LE MONS: Please invite them in.

MS. HOWARD: Good morning. This is Debra Howard, D-E-B-O-R-A-H, and I'm with the California Senior Advocates League.

My comment goes back to something that happened at the last meeting, and that is that there was discussion brought up by Commissioner Fornaciari regarding the capacity to manage in the house grant making. And in that discussion, there were three commissioners who volunteered, one Republican, and two no party preference commissioners. At the chairman selection, he decided that the two no party commissioners, no party preference commissioners, would be selected to hash it out and
report back with recommendations. At the time, the decision was justified, calling on – that the two members who were selected provided diversity by gender and racial considerations. But doing so ignores your Commission's, your own operating procedure of having two members of the three parties partner in your subcommittee discussions. That's something that you've carried out with some discipline.

And it primar -- I also want to point out that the prioritization of those considerations prioritized that over the secondary considerations of regional, which has been raised fairly often, and to which your conversation yesterday and today is quite focused. And I want to point out that the two commissioners who were appointed for that discussion live roughly 50 miles apart from each other.

I flagged this not because it's going to change the outcome of what you are doing, but that the process of your decision making is going to impart confidence in your outcomes. And at the time, I thought the decision was impulsive and in contrast to the way that you had been operating, and I was also troubled that it actually excluded the commissioner who had raised the issue and who was explicit in his perspective on the issue. And as I've thought about it over the last week and yesterday, I
continue -- I think it's worthy of raising it for you to acknowledge that this was different than how you have been doing business, and to ask that you consider, if you are so inclined at this point to disregard your own operating standards when it just barely gets uncomfortable, how easily will you do that when the choices get really hard? And what will -- how that will affect maybe not the outcome, but the perception of the integrity of your work, and the process, and the final product.

And I'm sorry to sound scolding, but I've thought about it for a week, and this is as good as I can be. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Ms. Howard, for your comment. We appreciate it.

Are there any other callers in the queue, Mr. Hopkins?

MR. HOPKINS: There are no more -- there are no more callers at this time.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just wondering if I can reply briefly to Ms. Howard's comment.

CHAIR LE MONS: If you are inclined.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Just to note that the
partisan makeup of committees has not always obeyed a strict rule. One of our most important subcommittees is the Admin and Finance Subcommittee, which is two Republicans, both of whom live in Northern California. So just wanted to point that out. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. There any other comments? Okay.

Mr. Hopkins, final check for anyone in the queue?

MR. HOPKINS: There's nobody in the queue at this time, Chair.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much. At this time, we'll close public comment.

I will go through the agenda real quickly as to what we can expect for the day. We are currently on item number 11, which is our -- actually will be our final substantive agenda item for today. There will be no closed session. We will discuss future meeting dates and agendas.

Once we've completed item number 11, we will open for public comment, and dependent upon how the conversation goes this morning on item 11, because it is a robust topic, we'll do some time checks along the way, respecting our break at 11:00, as well as lunch. It is conceivable that we could be done by lunch, but we'll see.
So with that, I'm going to turn it over to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee, Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Vazquez, to pick up where we left off yesterday. And I want to thank them before they take the helm in making the adjustment to these zones that we discussed in preparation for our conversation today, and putting together a very beautiful outline presentation to help guide the discussion today.

So with that, Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

CHAIR LE MONS: -- Sinay and -- yes?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The -- Director Claypool has his hand up.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, sir?

MR. CLAYPOOL: We did not receive the letter that Ms. Hutchinson referenced. We've checked -- we've checked our email box and we've checked the Voters FIRST Act box. So we need to know where that letter was sent, whether -- if it was sent to one of the commissioners or how it was sent to us, because we don't have it at this time.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Can we -- well, I don't know how we propose to find out. If the caller would like to call back and tell us where they sent the letter, or more -- they could also send an email to -- if you'd
share your email address, Director Claypool, they can
send you an email and answer that question as well.

What's your email address for -- if the person is
still listening?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It is

Daniel.Claypool@CRC.Ca.gov.

CHAIR LE MONS: Great. Thank you.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: And just as a point, I am really
paying attention to hands. And there's a cadence that I
like to keep, and so I will recognize hands as I see
them. If you don't think I see a hand, please send me a
chat message, but I prefer not to be interrupted
midstream to tell me about a hand.

So with that, I'd like to pass to number 11 to
Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Vazquez. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Angela, I saw that.

Commissioner Vazquez, would you like to begin with the
zones, and just for -- so that the public can follow
along, the zone updates have been posted. My apologies.
We kind of missed seeing it. It's under 8G Updated
Outreach Regions. So you can find them there, and
they're updated outreach zones.

And commissioners, we emailed it to all of you.

And Angela, you can walk everyone through it.
CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just for clarification, there was a -- it looks like what was a PowerPoint type slide.

Commissioner Sinay, are you talking about the updated zones? Is that what was posted as part of the handouts previously, or is there a new handout? There's a new handout?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: There's a new handout, yeah.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. And that was emailed?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just this morning.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I may have missed someone. I hope I didn't. But it's also posted right now on our handouts, 8G Updated Outreach Regions. And if we could just ask staff, if something's posted, can we also just trust that you will email it to all of us?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: All righty. I will not -- would folks prefer me to share my screen, or should we just walk through? Is everyone good?

Can I see thumbs up for I am looking at the document? Great. Okay.

All righty. So proposed -- these proposed outreach zones, we have made an attempt based on our discussion
yesterday, and some additional comments and feedback from
two of our commissioners to these new proposed zones.

What you see in blue, highlighted in blue, in this
handout are places where we have made adjustments from
what was presented yesterday, or we have also, rather
than -- rather than preserve the numbering system -- or
rather than keeping the naming system from either the
census or the previous Commission's nomenclature, we are
using instead zone numbers. And we've also added to this
what we believe are the existing team (indiscernible) in
the regions. I don't believe that those have changed so
much, but we do have an additional zone, too, which I
will walk through, that needs a team assignment.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And Commissioner Vazquez,
sorry, there was one that there was some changes in the
Central Valley and the Central Coast, and I didn't assign
teams to them, because I wasn't sure how the teams wanted
to split up with the kind of the changes there. So there
is a gap there.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. So that will be part of
the discussion as well.

So walking through the zones, we wanted to make sure
that you saw that Nevada County and Sierra County -- I'm
missing where these are coming from, so I'm just going to
assume that folks are most interested in the actual
changes. So Zone 1 has had the addition of Nevada County and Sierra County. You'll see over to the left, what was originally Region 1 contained many, many, many, many counties. And so Zone 2, if you look down, has had the addition of Lassen, Modoc, and Plumas. I'm definitely saying that wrong. Zone 3 has the addition of Lake County and Trinity County.

We have not made any significant adjustments, other than if you look at Zone 5, you'll see that several counties San Joaquin, Stanislas in particular, have been removed from Zone 5, and those are up -- well, now my -- oh, there we go. Sorry. My document froze on my computer. Those have been added to -- where'd those go? I am missing those.

CHAIR LE MONS: Zone 7.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Zone 7. Thank you. And Zone 7 also has the addition of Inyo County.

Lastly, most of note, I want to draw your attention to Zone 10. So we did hear the feedback, particularly about Long Beach, and have moved that back into Los Angeles County.

Also wanted to note for folks that there were several potential sort of makeups or divisions of Zone 9, which is Los Angeles County. So made our best attempt to denote a nonlimiting set of potential regions to look for
within Los Angeles County. So just wanted to note that
addition as well.

Any questions about these proposed zones? And we
can get to the team's part in a second.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Taylor, and then
Commissioner Ahmad.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah. Just looking at, sort of,
how you broke up L.A. County. I probably, if you have
that region broke up, I probably would have West L.A.,
East L.A., and South L.A. as a distinction. Not that I'm
breaking up, but just as a distinction. I would see that
community seeing itself as separate or distinct unto
itself.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. We can make that
change.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. This is just
a clarifying question, and hoping my L.A. folks can help
me out. The breakdown in Zone 9 of Los Angeles County,
those are not established communities, per se, right?
Those are just anecdotal, I'm from West L.A. kind of
thing? Okay.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. And honestly, happy to
remove them if they feel like they limit our discussion.
Again, this was just in acknowledgment of the
conversation yesterday, but not proposing that we break up L.A. according to this or any other strategy, or at least committing us to a particular strategy in L.A. Just wanted to document the conversation yesterday.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if it really matters or not, but I think East L.A. and the San Gabriel Valley probably could be combined into one, depending on how the distinction that you want to make on it. And I only say that because I grew up there, so (indiscernible) --

CHAIR LE MONS: I'd like to rec -- I'm sorry. Go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, go ahead. No, go ahead.

CHAIR LE MONS: I was going -- I was going to recommend to the subcommittee to just remove those. I think is going to end up creating more discussion than necessary, and because we haven't done it for any of the other counties, and I know L.A. is the largest, but I think it'll just save us a lot of pain and agony.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That makes sense.

CHAIR LE MONS: Any other comments on the new proposed zones?

Commissioner Andersen?
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I'm just looking at Zone 7. Inyo County has been added to Zone -- well, it was in Zone 7, but I thought, given the change of taking Merced from -- well, let's see. What used to be Zone 4 is now called Zone 5. What used to be called Zone 6 is now called Zone 7. But so from now, the new Zone 5, it no longer includes Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus, which is the Central Valley, and putting those together with the Central Valley ones in the south, now in Zone 7. But Inyo, I thought the idea, then, Zone 5 is more of the -- essentially, the mountain, mountainous regions. So I thought that Inyo would also go up into Zone 5, not stay in Zone 7.

Can someone walk me through the why Inyo was left in Zone 7, and not moved to the Zone -- last time, it was in Zone 5, so that's a change.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Would either Commissioners Sinay, Toledo, or Fernandez like to address that?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Commissioner Turner was ready to address it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And I'm expecting to hear from Commissioner Turner on these zones, because it definitely involves --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm not familiar with Inyo being a part of the Central Valley, so --
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's -- yeah. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That was the one that we were on the fence the most. We were trying to keep groups -- we were asked to keep groups so that they were contiguous. And I think moving Inyo up to Zone 5 makes the same amount of sense as having it in Zone 7.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Last time, it was, because it was -- the idea was the Eastern Sierras, like Inyo and Mono have, I believe, more in common than Inyo and Fresno, certainly.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Remember, we're not looking at things in common and all that. We're just using this to help organize ourselves.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, yes, yes. But anyway, that was a question. I would think it would been in that one.

Did someone contact Inyo County and have input on that?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. We agreed yesterday that we weren't going to turn this more political than it needed to be, so we have moved it up. Right now, it's been moved up to Zone 5.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is there -- I guess, I
don't see Commissioner Turner on this, and I just don't know if that would --

CHAIR LE MONS: She's here.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, no, no. On the list, because I thought she --

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- was -- I thought she was assigned to the Central Valley, one of the Central Valley ones, and I don't know if that was something that was left off or is that something --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: It was --

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- reassigned.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: As explained a little bit earlier, it was intentional. There's several teams that we did not want to assume that that's where they wanted to be. We knew that Commissioner Turner probably wanted the whole valley now, but we didn't want to assume that her team member number 2 did, and it just got -- we would have had to make assumptions versus allowing you all to self-identify.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: When we're ready to talk about teams, that I would just confirm that that would be the right assumption for me. I definitely want Zone 7.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
Other feedback, comments on the zones?
Okay, Commissioner Vazquez and Sinay, continue?
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: If there are no feedback --
no additional feedback on the zones compositions, we
should move into that team discussion. So in keeping
with our general practice, we can look at Zone 2, in
trying to keep our bipartisan, multi-partisan approach.
Is there someone who feels very passionately about
their connections to the counties in Zone 2 that would
like to lead?
CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would take on leading that
effort, just because I feel like the San Diego effort,
we've got a good start on and it allows opportunity.
CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee?
COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm interested and available. I
don't have a specific connection to the region, but I'd
like to develop one.
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: All right. So Commissioner
Sinay and Commissioner Yee for Zone 2.
CHAIR LE MONS: I see you, Commissioner Fernandez.
Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I've already made contact
with Butte County and Colusa County, so I have had a
connection because that was my original region. I don't
mind passing it off, but anyway. Just whatever you want
to do is great with me.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think passing it off works.
I mean, I had contacts in Orange County, and I made the
(indiscernible) just shared him with Commissioner
Akutagawa and Commissioner Sadhwani. I think we'll all
help each other out that way.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. So moving down to
Zone 5, which is now Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa,
Mono, and Tuolumne.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And Inyo.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh. And now Inyo. Yes.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That used to be Zone 4,
which was Commissioner Turner and myself, and it's
obviously rearranged. I would like to stay with Zone 5
because I have a connection in Amador in that area. So
although I (indiscernible) connections, but I would stay
with Zone 5. And I think the teams that are being kind
of divided up here maybe are 4 -- what used to be 4 and
6, so I don't know if I'd be the first or second on that,
but I would do Zone 5.

CHAIR LE MONS: Would you like to be the first on
that, Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Unless someone else would
like to be. I don't have any connection there, so if someone has -- I mean, I sort of have a connection, but --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I would be, unless someone else would like to be.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I don't have --

CHAIR LE MONS: So just so we frame this discussion a little bit, the activity that we did in the previous list that we used, and the regions that we used, which was a borrowing of the census map, was to do the initial footwork and establishing relationships, we're basically sunsetting that, passing information on to other commissioners who are taking on these new zones, so you don't have to worry about whatever zone you were in before, or whatever region you were in before. We have an opportunity to be fresh with our new zones, and if you want to raise your hand, the criteria that was used before does not have to be the criteria used for this. So if you'd like to be the one, you don't have to have connections there. You don't have to have -- it's not that same criteria. So if you see a zone you like, just throw your hand up with a fervor, and we will make sure that that is your zone. Okay.
So with that, Commissioner Andersen is the first in Zone 5, and she can arm wrestle whoever joins her to decide who is going to be the lead.

Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I didn't have anything additional to add. Was there (indiscernible) --

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And if you want to switch zones, you can switch zones, too. Just because we put you somewhere, if you feel like you've got enough of that zone and you're ready for something else, go for it.

So we just need a second for Zone 5.

All right. We'll come back to that then. And then -- yes, Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can volunteer.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: For Zone 5?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

And then we're at Zone 7, the Central Valley.

-- minus Inyo County.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Minus Indio -- I mean, Inyo.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Got you.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: That was my fervor excitement raging in my head.
CHAIR LE MONS: I love it.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm happy to be a second if nobody else wants to be.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So that was formerly mine and Commissioner Fornaciari's zone. I am currently now teamless. It doesn't -- it's not a problem for me. I would love to work with Commissioner Turner and I have a small connection to the Central Valley. My dad grew up there. But we're of the same party. We have -- we have established it as a practice, not a policy, because Commissioner Sinay and I are both Democrats leading up the outreach committee. So if folks are comfortable, I would love to be part of the Central Valley team, but also happy to be assigned elsewhere.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just make a comment that Commissioner Ahmad is on three teams right now.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. And your recommendation?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's up to her.

CHAIR LE MONS: That's just an observation, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's just an observation. I don't know if given the situation perhaps making space for someone else.
CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Would you like one of her zones?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know. I'm looking actually. I'm not going to -- I'm not going to go to the mat with Commissioner Vazquez on Fresno. My nephew works in the Visalia area, so that's why I just was interested in it. But I don't --

CHAIR LE MONS: So what I'd recommend, Commissioner Akutagawa, is to look at those and then make a proposition to Commissioner Ahmed. It sounds like you're yielding zone seven to Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'll go to zone five because then at least that way -- I think that was the one that she volunteered for. And then that way, at least with Commissioner Anderson, I think, has that one. So we'll be two different parties on that one.

CHAIR LE MONS: And you okay with that, Commissioner Ahmed?

COMMISSIONER AHMED: We are all zone California. I am totally okay with it.

CHAIR LE MONS: All right. Okay. It looks like we have zone five is now Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Anderson, Zone seven is Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Turner.
CHAIR LE MONS: -- Turner. All right. Continue.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I believe we are all assigned. Are folks comfortable with their now current assignments? I'm seeing head nods. Okay. And we are comfortable -- given the edits that we went through with the proposed zones, we are comfortable with that as well? I'm seeing head nods. All right. So we should hopefully -- next time we should be in a position where we can quickly adopt this, given that we can't take action this week on this particular item.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just one random thought and I know we're going to take out the designations in zone nine for LA County. But recognizing that LA County is extraordinarily populous and diverse and challenging in our efforts, might it make sense to add a third commissioner to do outreach there? And obviously that would be different from all of the other zones, excuse me, but just a thought.

CHAIR LE MONS: My -- and I'll take a stab at this. My understanding is we're keeping with our pairing model, but it doesn't preclude any commissioner from supporting any of the other zones in terms of being on the ground, doing outreach, sharing information, supporting one another. But in order to respect our (indiscernible) and
other limitations with communication and stuff like that, we tend to pair in twos. So that's --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I wasn't even thinking about (indiscernible). Yes.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, I live here, so I'll gladly support whoever's in that -- whoever has that zone --

Taylor, Ahmad, yeah.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'm happy to support as well.

Okay. So I think this item is ready for next week.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do we have to wait for next week or can we make a motion?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't -- we have not noticed an action --

CHAIR LE MONS: We can.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we? Okay.

CHAIR LE MONS: Well, we could. I mean, we need to take public comment on it. Well, let me check in with our council.

Commissioner Fernandez, before we go to council?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know if we actually have to take a motion on it. We can just agree to it, right? That this will be our new zones? I think it --

CHAIR LE MONS: Ms. Marshall?

MS. MARSHALL: Good morning.
CHAIR LE MONS: Good morning.

MS. MARSHALL: I believe you guys have to take a vote on it because you're making a change -- a significant change and --

CHAIR LE MONS: Well, we never adopted. So I think what it would be -- we've never adopted any representative layout of the state period. So we used different maps to do different tasks, but we've not adopted anything. So we're not changing something in that regard. That was a whole different step.

So we will be introducing and I guess that's my question for the subcommittee. Is your recommendation is that we're introducing this as our zone map to represent the entirety of our outreach? And if so, this will really be the first time we'll be adopting specific areas that we are planning to use to that end. Is that a fair assessment?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Well, we actually did vote on the last -- starting with the census maps. I went back to listen to everything we did because there were different questions and we did adopt it with an actual vote.

CHAIR LE MONS: Correct. But my point was and help me understand this, but it was for a very specific task. It was not the outreach -- it was not the outreach map or
anything like that. It was a fact-finding map. So this is a completely different context. It's adopting something new. It's not changing the other one for this because this was not that. That's the point I'm making. Not whether we voted or not, but what it was that we voted on. So I'm just clarifying for counsel that this isn't a change to what we voted for before. This would be a new thing altogether.

MS. MARSHALL: You know, let me confer with other counsel and I'll get back to you just so we won't -- just so we can have some consistency.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. And then the other part of our question is we don't notice an action, we only notice discussion and whether or not -- because we didn't specifically notice an action, whether or not we can take an action if an action is indeed necessary.

MS. MARSHALL: Was that a comment or a question? And first, I just want to -- just want to let you -- I had to step away for a minute and I came back just in time for the question, so.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So it was a second piece to the question. So the first one is can we just say -- can we just adopt it without a vote? Say yes, this is something we want to do? That's question one. And then question two is because we did not notice the action that
we're questioning, can we -- that we need to take in this
particular meeting, can we take the action in this
meeting? We only noticed a discussion and not an action.

MS. MARSHALL: Okay. Give me a few minutes and I'll
be right back with you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

Okay, subcommittee, would you like to continue
with -- does anyone have any other comments on the zones
or the partnerships for the zones before Commissioners
Vazquez and Sinay move on to some of the other bullets in
this particular item 11? Okay.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. I will pass it off to
Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So our goal today is to
make sure that we get a lot of questions answered or
clarity or we at least know how we're going to answer
them. We sent out the PowerPoint that was just helpful
to walk you through it. I mean, more than anything, it's
just a design effort on -- you can follow it or you can
just participate in the conversation. I'm going to have
it up though because if the public -- well, Commissioner
Le Mons, do you suggest that we have it displayed or just
use it as a tool to walk through our conversation?

CHAIR LE MONS: I personally think it's always
easier when it's on the screen and we can all see what
we're talking about at the same time. And if the public, for whatever reason, maybe couldn't download it or it doesn't have it accessible and they're watching in a way that doesn't give them access, they can see it, as well. I'd only ask just for sake of questions that if we could hold questions until after because the only challenge is being able to see everyone. Even with the participants lists, I still can't see the entirety of the participants list. So that would only be -- my only concern. But I'd suggest displaying it.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would you be -- would you be okay if I facilitated the full -- I have two screens so I can see everybody. And just facilitate the conversation --

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, that would be fine.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and all that?

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, please do. Not a problem at all.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I finally figured out how to facilitate on Zoom.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah. Yeah, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. So let me -- let me get things started. Hold on. Sorry. I thought I was organized. I wasn't. I do ask for a little bit of patience with me as we do this just because we -- as we
said, a lot of work happened last night in the middle of
the -- early this morning and last night to get all of us
together so that we could get our thoughts together.

All right. So you all should be seeing my screen.

Is that -- is that accurate? All right. So now I'm
trying to get you all. There, I can see you all now.

All right. So basically we've been asked to
 finalize the outreach zones and teams, which we did.

Yay. Clarify the vision for outreach and engagement.

And I wanted to first say that we have not created an
outreach plan. We've created, kind of, a strategy map
because we were really waiting to have a full, robust
outreach team.

And we want the purpose of today and all the
conversations we've had up to now was to start making
sure we knew our thoughts as commissioners and we were
sharing our suggestions, our thoughts, our expertise with
staff who had more time and bandwidth and expertise to
actually put together a plan that they can bring back to
us. So nothing has been finalized. It's been constantly
just taking those steps to give better information and
more clarity to staff. And I just wanted to confirm with
Director Ceja and Director Alvez (ph.) -- I mean, sorry,
Hernandez. Both of you are taking notes, right, in case
I missed something? Thank you.
All right. And the last thing we were asked to do was, kind of, that cross subcommittee work. We kept feeling like there's questions that we really need to talk about, we need to address. We had talked about doing it in public just the subcommittee members. But by the time you pull out most of the subcommittee members, it's half of the commission and we all have a lot of ideas and thoughts. And so the idea, as we move forward today, I may call on a subcommittee to lead the conversation first and then -- and then the rest of us to add our thoughts.

This is just a visual because we haven't really talked about this and this will be a first to see how -- if we agree or not. But when we think about redistricting, you have the Californians in the center, you know, the individual. That's where really -- that's, kind of, the focus. And there's concentric circles that move out and you end up being further away from the actual Californians. And in the past, redistricting was done at the outer ring, which was the legislature, and then with the Citizen Redistricting Commission coming to be and the Commission of 2010, they were able to, you know, move closer into the center. And this year, what I've heard from many of you and with the creation of the COI tool and other things, we are -- we are actually
getting even closer to the center.

And so the legislature's on the outside, the statewide groups, coalitions, may be regional and a regional may be, like, the Central Valley, which isn't one county, but it's a region. Or it may be county-wide like -- or another region would be the Inland Rise, or it might be a part of San Diego. A lot of the coalitions in San Diego are really just the city of San Diego or the South Bay part of San Diego.

And then we've heard a lot about the trusted messengers. And in talking to organizations that are the trusted messengers, many of them last time hadn't been engaged in this. They feel like this is a new opportunity for them. They were involved in redistricting and voter outreach efforts. And these are the groups that have come and spoken to us, the parent engagement groups, the voter advocacy groups at the local level, faith-based institutions, the -- and this, I'll be honest, for those of us who work in the community, we know that what I'm saying right now is political to a certain extent.

I mean, we're calling it out right now, and we did hear it yesterday in the public comments that, you know, we want to make sure that statewide groups are -- that you know, there's a lot of -- and we -- and we want to be
honest that we are seeing the differentiation at the
different levels.

Another clarity I wanted to put on this was the
statewide groups have received funding to do
redistricting efforts and some of the coalitions have
received, you know -- some of the coalitions have
received funding, as well. And the grantmaking
subcommittee has that information. We don't have a lot
of details, but those have. That doesn't mean that they
don't still need additional funding. People always need
more funding to do more stuff. Any questions on this?
No? Okay.

The outreach and engagement process, what I wanted
to do before we start talking today was actually give you
some time with yourselves to think through, envision what
is the process in your mind? How have you been thinking
through how we're going to engage people, you know,
people, communities, regions? What are the different
phases? Why, the who's, the what's, the when's, and the
where's? And I want to give you about five minutes to
actually just quietly think about that piece, because I
think putting your thoughts down on paper will actually
help us in having our conversation and we may go back and
forth. But I just wanted to give you some time to do
that. And staff, feel free to write down your thoughts
and ideas, too.

(Pause)

All right. Do folks need more time or -- at least you got your juice flowing? Okay. Great.

And I just want to confirm, Chair Le Mons, the first break is at 11, correct?

CHAIR LE MONS: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're on mute.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I got the big sign. We'll go through each of these individually. So just don't worry. We are walking through it slowly.

So these are the types of convenings that have been discussed. And I put, kind of, the -- we put, kind of, the assumption of which of the subcommittees may be taking, you know, the lead or thinking through in more details and, kind of, where some of the overlaps lie. Obviously, the Access Subcommittee and the Data Subcommittee go across all of -- all of these, as well. And so I probably should have put you all in and I apologize.

We will go through one, two, three -- we'll go through all of these and actually confirm if this is -- if we do or don't want this. What do we mean by this? Is this the right name? And so don't -- I don't want to
be stuck on that right now, but I just wanted to put all
the different names that we've, kind of, seen -- types of
different forms that have been -- that we've discussed.
Is there any that might have been missed?
Yes. Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm not sure if we're
asking questions or waiting for questions, but when you
said if any has missed, it makes me need to ask to
determine that. Public Education Forum and Community
Forum -- I don't understand the difference of how you're
describing those. Regardless of what you call them --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- I keep seeing them as the
same thing.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. And that's a great
point. The public education forums are the 101s just
about redistricting. Short 15-minute presentations at
the most. The community forums was where we actually
start talking about the communities of interest and the
tool and all the different ways community of interest can
start submitting. For some groups, the community of
interest -- the community forums will be ready to submit
their maps. Others it will be -- they'll still need
training and engagement.

And the public map forums is when the census data
finally arrives and taking the -- we'll still be collecting community of interest information. But we will have the VRA and racial polarizing voter information and start, kind of -- we won't have our maps but we'll be putting data and information together and getting more input.

The presentations of the maps from advocacy groups. This is where the advocacy groups -- and I'm making it very broad. I don't know if it was this broad last time, but voter rights, identity groups, sector groups, you know. The way it was set up last time was there was two days and groups could identify, you know -- plot themselves in a time when they wanted to share information. And you know, clarify -- there are some questions around that as well.

And then five is the actual our maps -- sending them out there, you know -- putting out the first draft, the second draft, and getting the input on those. That's how I understood it based on what different people have said. These weren't necessarily mine -- my thing. It was what we've heard at different times. I did forget to say that there was a document that we started putting questions in and I did go through all my notes from the beginning of time.

Yes, Sarah? I mean, Commissioner Sadhwani. Sorry.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So my thought is that the community forums should include the line drawer, right? I mean, I think we talked about that last time and --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we wait until we go through each of them individually?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because if not, we won't be organized and we'll be back at questions.


COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No worries. No (audio skip).

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. We're ready just to, kind of -- I'll move us forward and everyone that we will be talking in detail about every single one.

All right. This was the time -- this is nothing -- this is discussed -- this is totally -- nowhere is this official. So we don't need to get a lot of calls on this. What I was trying to do was try -- was looking at the Gantt chart and some of the different documents that have been put out there. I tried to look at the LOIs and I did try to reach out to Commissioner Sadhwani way early this morning to see if I could get her PowerPoint from last time to see dates. So this was just to, kind of, give us a feel. We did receive public comment about, you
know, expanding. You know, we don't, you know -- we're using August 15th as our submitting the maps timeline and that's where we have -- what we've all agreed to. And so this is, kind of, the steps towards there.

We are going to -- as we walk through each of the phase, we will talk about timelines and things so we can have things more specifically put into place. Oh, okay. Sorry. Someone sent a chat. And hopefully that we'll get it more finalized.

But I just wanted to share that so that you have it in your handouts in case you have to go back to wait -- what did we say when and is there anything that I got wrong from looking at the Gantt charts and the information we had? Anything that we want to use differently? Trina (ph.), tell him we say hi. I see, Commissioner Anderson.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: I have issues with the dates. I think, you know, the first release of draft maps July 1st, we're trying to move that into June. Developing VRA districts that late, I'm pretty sure we're trying to do that earlier. The --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Perfect. Let's talk about those when we go through each of them.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: But I just wanted to put out
there that's the information that we have in the Gantt chart and stuff like that. So we can make sure --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. A few of those, I would like to change. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we need to make sure that we change them this time around. So the big question is how are we going to ensure access? You know, we keep -- it's been easy for us to, kind of, define what are some of the barriers, who are the communities that we want to make sure that we're, you know -- we've been able to talk about it at the high level, but there's been some recommendations that have been shared with us on how we might want to do this. We may want to have a staff person who's assigned to the access question. And so if we're doing an event or any type of effort, that person needs to be putting on all the different lens -- the disability lens, the senior lens, the ethnic lens, language lens. It's difficult for one person, but at least that person could be the one who pulls in the experts they need -- others to look at it. So that was one recommendation we received.

Another recommendation was to create advisory groups around the different -- that's a more formal way of doing the exact same thing, I think, of assigning it to a staff member.
But I wanted to ask Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Fernandez what thoughts you had on how we would be ensuring -- identifying and -- identifying and addressing some of the different access issues as we were moving forward.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Sinay, I think that's something that Commissioner Fernandez and I have yet -- have yet to meet about right now. We just haven't had a chance to and that's part of the reason why we asked to delay our final report. There's a lot of information that we received and so I think we just want to be thoughtful about it.

So is this something that you would need immediately? Our intent was to report at the January meeting.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, these are some of the big questions that have, kind of, come up when we're looking across the different efforts and different things that we're doing. And so hopefully maybe what will be helpful is as we talk about that and ideas come up, if you can share some of the questions that you all have. And so that -- because we do need to start answering these questions, the community's asking us and we're asking ourselves and staff needs to know how we're going to do some of -- you know, how we're going to do some of these
pieces. And so we'll talk about it.

I think I have another slide on this just because these were some of the questions that came up, I think, when we were all talking is, yeah, what languages will we use for the COI tool? We need to finalize that. The community wants to know and we want to know. Do we have a date for when that's going to be finalized?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's going to be at our full commission meeting in January and I'd have to look up the date right now.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is it -- I think we have a tentative meeting, I want to say January 6th, and then I think we have another that's a one-day meeting. And then I think we have a full meeting the following week.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right, the 11th, 12th and 13th.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we have any updates on the languages right now and the cost? Any of that information?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. So that would be Commissioner Kennedy and I, and we have not heard that part yet. But as of right now, I mean, there are 12 of the languages that were already finalized. I think it was the remaining two that are included as part of the California Secretary of State. I think that with the
inclusion of Thai and then we also asked to see what the
cost of including Hmong just because of the amount of
voting districts that needed that translation.

We have not gotten a confirmation just yet but at
the very least, the 12 languages that were utilized by
the Census Bureau are confirmed by the statewide database
for the communities of interest tool.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And then --
CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.
CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay? I do want to
ask you to focus the questions, et cetera. I think
you're getting a little bit into the weeds on areas that
these subcommittees have given their reports for this
meeting and they projected when they would be providing
things. So this is not an opportunity to get those
questions answered. We really -- and I know there's an
intersection between all of these things and education.
But I really would like you to focus the -- focus of this
presentation on the outreach and engagement pieces so we
can make sure we get those questions answered and some of
the access and language and hard to reach and all of that
will come -- will come. Because I know that these
subcommittees are really working on these things and I
think we can focus this a little better, I hope.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hear what you're saying and maybe I misunderstood the request about looking at where the things are intercepting. So we can -- so if -- these are the questions then -- let me put it this way. If the language access can, kind of, think through some of these -- these are the questions that have come up for all of us at different times on thinking through, you know, how are we going to do the interpretations at the meetings, how are we going to manage the translation and the data and the --

CHAIR LE MONS: I understand. What I'm saying is, okay, if you want to submit these things to them privately for questions you think they should be thinking about. I think that we need to be very careful about making the assumption that they're not already thinking about these things. I'm sure if I were to ask them, they are. So it's not -- this is not about framing how they do their work. This is, to me -- if you want to just talk about intersections, then ask those subcommittees their perspective about the intersections and the questions they have rather than bringing pre-established questions that they need to answer. That's what I'm trying to say here.

So each of these subcommittees know -- they've been doing their work in their areas for quite some time now,
and they know what gaps lie for them. They know what questions they still need answered. So if you invite them to bring that forward on their own? Like, meaning in this discussion but saying Language Access Subcommittee, what questions do you have from security, from outreach, from et cetera to help you move forward what you want to do?

So I'm asking you not to frame their work for them. Focus on the outreach subcommittee's work and ask questions that inform how you move that part forward and then give them the opportunity -- each of the other subcommittees that are in this cross intersection like line drawing, et cetera to then ask their own questions. You're framing it and I'm asking you not to do that.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, my apologies. The presentation is, you know -- I created -- I invited people to submit questions and then spent time creating it based on everything. So my apologies. There will probably be other times that I do it -- I must do it.

Commissioner Vazquez, I see your hand?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I just wanted to say that it's my understanding that these questions came from the groups themselves based on discussions we've had. And so this was -- this presentation is our attempt at coalescing all of the questions that have come from each
of these groups. And these are the questions that remain unanswered for this subcommittee that are constraining our ability to fully bake out much farther than the strategy map.

My understanding is that the strategy map was insufficient for this group, that they wanted something more robust in terms of a plan. And in my -- in our discussions, in our committee's discussions, we have -- but every time we try to get something a bit more detailed, we hit on these questions that relate to the work of these other subcommittees.

And so without the details from those subcommittees related to those questions, we are -- we're stuck. We're sort of -- it's the limiting -- it's the limiting factor for our work. So we're all -- I think we all have to move in this -- at the same speed because we're only as fast as, sort of, any one of these committees can go. And this was our attempt to bring us all together to the next step.

CHAIR LE MONS: I understand. Thank you for that. I understand. I think that we have also staff in our deputy executive director who has only been with us now two days who wants to have some input into this, as well. So we know that there are a lot of moving parts to this that have to intersect at some point. I feel like if
you -- this subcommittee can focus what are the barrier
questions? So you're saying that there are questions
that you need answered. To me, whether it's 12 languages
or 26 languages, I'm not really sure that that impacts so
much the outreach plan per se. It might impact budget,
it might impact some other things, but it doesn't
necessarily change the globalness of how you would
approach outreach.

I think that this will be a great opportunity for
the full commission to fully understand your thoughts and
ideas about how we move forward with -- toward an
outreach plan. But I don't know that we're going to
finalize one in this conversation because a big part of
that is our new staff.

So if I'm wrong on that, if other commissioners feel
differently about what our expectations are in this
particular conversation, I'd like to invite those
comments now. I can't see anybody, so.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I think
there's a happy medium here. I mean, I think it's
helpful -- kind of, having this conversation, I think is
a really helpful step because especially if we're talking
about beginning to move out with the public outreach and
the 101s -- and I forget the language that you used for
that -- I think the date you had had on there was January 11th. If that's the timeline that we're going to agree to -- and maybe we still have to discuss that -- but then I think it helps inform the other piece. I'm not -- I hear you, Commissioner Le Mons. I don't think that we have to decide today exactly how many languages. And I certainly -- I leave that to the subcommittee to understand. But I see that there's a value, you know, to advancing this conversation in terms of if this isn't going to be our timeline, these are the questions that need to be answered.

CHAIR LE MONS: I agree. I -- whether it's going to be -- I think that the timeline is, well, let's face it, January 11th is unreasonable just based upon our meeting structure that we know exists between now and January 11. So we know that we won't be launching our outreach on the 11th of January. There's no way we're going to -- we don't have any materials. We don't have anything put together. We have one meeting between now and potentially two between now and January 11.

So to think that we're going to be on the ground with our outreach -- I think that we should be figuring out our outreach as opposed to focusing so much on the timeline. And I think that's what I'm asking the committee to do is to really narrow this conversation
because this conversation has the potential to go in any number of directions with all of the specificity that is being asked for, which we already know is not available. I mean, we've been -- participated in these discussions with each other. So at least I feel pretty clear on where the subcommittees are because they all reported yesterday.

So if we get to having a very detailed conversation about what does the public education or community forum look like, maybe we could start there and see where that takes us and then see what questions get raised or obstacles get raised as a result and then spin-off from there. But this is a lot of topics and that's what I'm trying to refocus. This could go any number of ways. So the conversation is necessary and important, but it needs to give focus because this has the potential to get us not where we're really trying as a group and everyone's needs is what I'm concerned about.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So Commissioner Turner, I saw your hand.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, I think that I -- for me, I think what would be helpful is if we -- and I don't know if this was somewhere else, I think you said it just came. If we could just walk through the entire thing so that I know what's coming up
and be able to say, here's the recommendation or here's the questions that we want to have from the commissioners.

I'm in agreement that some of the things like the languages for the COI tool, all those kind of things we may not need right now. But there are piece parts of these questions that I think we do need since we're talking about a community plan. We can at least have conversation about how do we foresee translation, whether it's people will bring their own translation to the meeting to be able to speak with us or what. You know, we can at least say those kinds of things at a high level. I think there's piece parts here that we don't need right now.

And I'd like to just -- like what you initially started out one through five, this is how I'm defining this. This is what's here into whatever your other slides are all the way through the end so that we know this is what's here and this is the piece parts we need to talk about right now.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So to answer your question, Commissioner Turner, it will be the five -- we'll walk through the four, take out the presentations of the maps. We'll discuss how we want to do number four. But it'll be these -- the four forums and, kind of, walking through
these pieces with the specific questions that have come up at different times.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. One thing that I just thought about right now is at some point we obviously will need translation services, whether they're done by us or the communities' organizations. I just want to ask our staff how long will that take to get a contract for someone to provide those services? I think that would be relevant to this discussion right now. And if it's something that we need to do an RFP or whatever the case may be, then maybe Commissioner Akutagawa and I could work on that ASAP.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Staff? Commissioner Claypool, do you have an answer for them? Go ahead.

MR. CLAYPOOL: I'm going to check with Raul (ph.). I believe this is -- it would probably be a CMAS. It makes sense that there would be translation service through CMAS and it would be much more -- a quicker route. But let me ask him and I can come right back to you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'll be honest, the language access and the access questions I put in at the very last minute because I realized I hadn't put anything in, so I should have stuck to what my original plan was.
But as long as they're here, is there any other question from any of the other subcommittees or the -- that we feel we just want to put out there? We're not going to answer them now. We know that we're not hearing until January.

Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I do want to mention that some of the conversations that we had, not necessarily just with language access, but with some of the different counties and the census. They did volunteer to translate some of the information for us. So I think that's something that we should really take into consideration.

There was one that said that everything they -- I think it was Calusa County, they said everything that they printed out -- materials, fliers, postcards, one side was English and the other side would be whatever other language they wanted interpreted. Because what they found was that, like the moms, would want -- I would want it in Spanish, yet my kids want it in English. So it was very helpful to have both languages. So that's maybe something that we -- as we move forward, we're thinking of something like that. So I just wanted to throw that out there.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I also want to put out there to think through again, the advisory committees or one of
The recommendations that was shared with Commissioner Vazquez and I on one of our calls was just have a weekly call with staff similar to I think Commissioner -- Director Ceja, you were mentioning this that on a weekly basis it's, like, these are our talking points for the week. This is what we're doing in social media. These are some of the outreach activities. We're still seeing -- we're having a hard time reaching these group who have some advice, you know, something like that. And so just thinking through different ways that we get that input, you know, as staff needs it and as things -- these things are created.

So staff, feel free to jump in with ideas like that as we're moving forward. So any other questions here? As I said, my apologies. I wasn't trying to create any questions. I just went through all my notes since the beginning of time and tried to pull out things that have come up.

So public education. We've also called public education Redistricting 101. We've called it just -- we've called it all sorts of different things. But when you all were writing down your thoughts on what was the why? Why do we want to do public education?

Yes, Commissioner Anderson?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: It's like being in class.
That's easy because we want to get people involved. They aren't going to get involved if they don't know what we're doing.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we want to inform them so that they want to get involved.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: This is what is going on. This is what we mean. Please get involved.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'm seeing Director Ceja wanting to say something. Go for it, dude.

DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Thank you. Can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Okay. Perfect. Yes. Letting people know who we are, what we're doing, and what our whole purpose is. But I think more than anything, fundamentally, this whole past year was spent filling out the census. People know the census. People know that they took part in it. They filled out a form and that they counted somehow.

I think the next piece is educating them on why it was important to fill out the census and how that connects to our process and apportionment, how we take the numbers of people in certain districts and how we draw those lines and why their voice is important in drawing those lines.

It might be that with this census count, we might be
losing seats in Congress. People don't understand that. I think that's part of the education process. And what does it mean if we were to lose a seat? It means that other communities are going to be lumped together and your district now might not look the same across multiple levels of government.

FEMALE SPEAKER: You're on mute.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, Commissioner Akutagawa.

And I see you, Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to comment on the previous one. Are we focusing on the reasons why, if we're not involved in redistricting or if we are involved in redistricting, what it is? Because I guess I took a different, kind of, take on the why where I guess it's more -- less about the redistricting, more about the outreach is the way I read the question. And the way I put it is the why is we want broad, thorough, inclusive input.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: There's no -- there's -- that's helpful. So you're okay.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you. I really have appreciated the frame of Director Ceja as well because I think all of that is important to help people want to desire. So I answered it by saying we really
want to reach as many people as possible to ensure that
those that are unengaged, disengaged, or unaware has the
best opportunity to desire participation and then to
participate. Because I think it's twofold. We need to
create a desire in many people to the why get involved.
So I think it ties in with all of what he was talking
about as well. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Anybody else have
some input? This -- again, this is input for staff as
they're thinking it through.

Yes, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, yeah. And to get people
motivated so that we can get the best information
possible in considering communities of interest, you
know, which is one of our statutory criteria for
redistricting. And also even though we're not required
to, we've all talked about, you know, when we're all
said -- when it's all said and done, we will have left
the state more educated, more motivated in the whole area
of redistricting than we found it. And I think that was
even one of Director Claypool's top priorities for what
he would consider a success for his tenure with us.

So yeah, to raise the profile and level of awareness
and level of skill the state generally has in using this
process that it voted into existence.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Thank you.

The next question, kind of, for the outreach -- the
general outreach and this is, kind of, the easier part, I
think, of all of the public education. Who's our target?
What were you thinking as you were -- you were drafting
your thoughts on that? Or just as you're hearing what
people are saying. And it feels like it's all
Californians. But is there a specific target on who we
would want to do -- where we would want to do these
events, or who would want to do these? Just, kind of,
the general. And these are just some of the questions
that have come up in thinking through and questions that
have been asked by the public.

I didn't know for the Voters Right Act and racial
polarizing, but we had -- we talk about minority groups
and I believe that those are defined as ethnic and racial
groups. But I wanted to confirm if those are still being
defined or how -- do we define those or are those
defined? Because that helps for our outreach to
understand that piece.

Yes. Go ahead, Sarah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Do you want me to respond to
that?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry, Commissioner
Sadhwani and then Commissioner Yee.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No worries. So in general I think, yes, we would think about them as historically disenfranchised folks, which tend to be -- which are minority groups. I think the other piece here that often comes up, however, is that when we're thinking about it from a redistricting standpoint and vote dilution, they're also a part of -- in particular like Gingles v. Thornburg -- the Supreme Court's ruling on this is that you'll need to have enough of those minority group members within a district, right.

So there are a number of groups that we might want to think about in general as hard-to-reach groups, but who may or may not necessarily satisfy the requirements of the Voting Rights Act in terms of compliance, right. That we may not necessarily need to think about them from a VRA perspective, that they wouldn't satisfy those requirements under the (indiscernible).

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Add to that. So I think the language tends to refer to racial and language groups. But you know, there's no checklist. There's no, you know, the way the law is written, it's not, like, there's a list and you have to make sure these folks get special attention. It's rather for us to draw our districts such that, you know, motivated groups would see
that we paid attention to them if they satisfied the
various VRA requirements. So it could be any groups, you
know, that were motivated to challenge our maps,
basically, you know, so.

Yeah, just to make clear, you know, there's not a
list of the categories of census racial categories or
whatever, you know, it's not written that way. It's
written so that an existing or future group, you know,
that satisfied various criteria would have grounds to
challenge maps. Sorry, that wasn't super clear, but --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well and yesterday, I think you
both mentioned your estimated time of when you would have
some of the analysis done. You know, you're thinking
through how you're going to do the analysis and when that
would be done.

How does -- is that, kind of, where we would get
some of the -- identify some of the areas that we need to
be especially in tune to do the outreach and engagement?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So at this point -- so at
first, we had talked about doing a stage one racially
polarized voting report. We've since scaled that back
and said, well, you know, we can probably do a
demographic report that would really point out the areas
that will almost certainly need special attention. But
to do the detailed work and analysis, you know, we'll
need the census numbers. And also as people process the
election from last month, you know, data from that. So
you know, if you're looking for an actual month when that
happens, it really depends on the census. You know, it
depends on the census once again.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And if I may just add to that.
I think given the cost, I think what we have discussed
and have not yet settled upon or proposed to the full
commission is that we could wait until such time in which
we're really beginning to hone in, right. So we identify
communities of interest. We're thinking, okay, there's
going to be a district here. That's when we could go in
and have the analysis actually conducted for us for a
proposed district.

So if we have a sense, okay, we think we're probably
going to land in a district something like this, that's
when someone might want to come in -- we might want to
have an analyst come in and actually be taking a look at,
okay, if this was what we drew, would it -- would it
satisfy the requirements of the Voting Rights Act?
Right. As opposed to coming in early, especially given
the cost. While it would be nice to be able to do that,
given the cost, I don't know that it will give us the
level of information or the level of detail that we would
ultimately need in any case.
CHAIR LE MONS: Excuse me, Commissioner Sinay, we're at 11:59 (sic) and probably some seconds. So we're going to be stopping here at this comment so that we can prepare to take our break and we'll be taking a fifteen-minute break and then we'll return back at 11:15 and pick up.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Enjoy your break.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone, from the break. I did want to just make a quick announcement before we get back into the discussion. We did hear back from our legal counsel, and we do need to take action on these zones in the form of a vote. Since we did announce -- or I announced earlier that we would not be taking action on Item Number 11, we're going to not take that official vote today and will table the vote for one of future -- the -- the next meeting that we can do it in and get it noticed. Any questions about the feedback?

(No audible response)

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. With that, I'll turn it back over to Commissioners Vazquez and Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All righty. I am going to encourage everyone to please look through the presentation, just because there was some time that was taken into putting -- thinking through some of the
questions that have come up. And also, in the email there is a shared Google document for everybody to please -- to add other questions as they come up. The -- we tried to organize the questions by category, so hopefully it -- it'll be helpful.

And so what I wanted to do was if we could just -- just think go -- going back to the different outreach efforts. If we start there, the types of convening. We had just five different types of convenings have come in different ways. And just for the outreach committee, the two that we've been really focusing on has been the public education forum, kind of, the 101.

And what we heard yesterday from staff was they're going to create, kind of, a deck that we can take on the road -- okay, sorry. Staff did not say that, but we hope you'll create a deck that we can take on the road, as well as a video in case groups want to have a short video, and -- and you know, a presentation, I think, to be 15 minutes, but a video would be -- would be shorter that that group can -- can use.

Since we wanted to start doing outreach in January and through February, and you know, outreach will be all the time, you know, the -- the some groups won't want a whole presentation, so it'll be on social media and stuff.
Commissioner -- not commissioner. Director Ceja and Director Hernandez, do you all have questions for us on the public education forum? I guess, the questions -- the one question I had, and maybe it's better to survey, is -- are all commissioners interested in participating in outreach, and -- and -- well sorry, let me take a step back.

So the first question really is is the public education forum, in light of what we've discussed, do we all agree that that is the first step? Just thumbs up or thumbs down. Thumbs up. All right. Sounds great. And then we'll call them -- is -- we'll just call them public education forums just so that we're all on the same page, so from now on, we'll use that as -- as we're moving forward.

Yes, Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I thought -- am I still muted or can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Nope, we hear you.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I thought we were going to have a global discussion on the naming of all of these things. One of the things that I'm seeing on this, is that if we call everything a forum, the type of forum is going to get lost, and it's going to be confusing because people think, well, I just went to a forum,
what's this forum. So I would like to -- and I can send it in -- in a message or if we want to discuss it -- I just have a proposal of different nomenclature for these things, so that we're trying to be descriptive and -- and not confuse people in the process.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Why don't you share them right now since people have been share -- people using all sorts of different nomenclature, and it would be nice for us to, kind of, start getting on the same page.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So redistricting basics, you know, we -- the one-on-one might get lost, but if we just call it redistricting basics, and then community of interest input sessions, then envisioning districts, then group presentations, and district mapping.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sorry. Could just please say those again but a little more slowly?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Does that help?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, if I can suggest not calling it community of interest input sessions, that's a little long and -- and we've already discussed that communities don't know what communities of interest are and so if we just called it community sessions or community input sessions. But -- sorry. Other thoughts? Let me move.
Yes, Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to support that I do like the communities of interest input session, as opposed to just a community session of coming or community -- anything different you say sounds like a different type of meeting. This may pique interest, and it is different. It's not -- it is what we want to trend on, but I think we should, at some point, begin to create a normalcy with the terms.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sounds good. Okay. Others?

Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to acknowledge that I'm also potentially hearing -- and this has been a -- a language, terminology barrier for me in terms of using forums for each of these; I think there is for me, when we talk -- when we have said -- and we have named, the subcommittee has named public education forums, we actually end up talking about meetings that we are not necessarily hosting, but rather are invited to, right? That is what the slide deck is for, our own roadshow, a virtual roadshow.

So perhaps, what we do need to do is preserve this sort of phase of like public education, that's a phase of outreach, and the different activities that fall under the public education phase includes a commissioner
roadshow, include -- perhaps we -- we hold meetings, we convene those meetings. We could call them something else, but there are at least two, right, where we're attend -- one where a commissioner is attending someone else's meeting that they're hosting; and another is we bring people to us, whether it's one or two commissioners or the full commission, so that we can then share that same redistricting 101 information.

So it may be that each of these phases contains within them different activities, so maybe it would helpful, if we named what we envision, at least, the broad activities to be.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

CHAIR LE MONS: I just wanted to support the idea that Commissioner Vazquez just put forward -- yeah. Public education banner, what are the pieces under that particular banner, and then COI or communities of interest section. There's like what we want to gather that, right, whatever we call it you know, not naming it; I'm fine with Mr. Kennedy's naming. But that section where we want to invite a community of interest information feedback, whatever we're calling it; and then our maps, our draft maps, we are presenting for feedback; and then whatever that next step, if we're doing two
steps on that, you know, however many number that we're
doing; but for the breaking it up into where we're
broadcasting initially.

And then I think there could even be a ca -- a case
to be made for a hybrid depending upon the readiness of
the audience, because some will -- that are less ready
would probably need more of that one-on-one that you're
talk -- and maybe it's just combining steps one and two
together in our actual meeting. So here's the one-on-one
overview, and then maybe even gathering information in
those same meetings.

I think that we have to talk about whether we are
going to do those things always exclusively, or sometimes
are we going to do them back-to-back based on the
readiness of the audience. Because some audiences may
not need one-on-one as the very, very basics, but they're
more advanced, and so we're doing more of an overview.
And then actually doing the extraction pieces while are
getting the intel on their communities of interest.

So maybe if we could kind of put those types of, I
guess you could call them, types of meetings or types of
engagements out there, and kind of rank them -- I mean
organize them, and then we can name them after the fact,
kind of thing.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So if you -- if you look at
the -- the -- the strategy map, the most updated version, and it was a -- a handout in last -- our last meeting, we did do a lot of -- of -- of breaking those out and -- and the -- the activities, so what we can do is -- is share what we -- what we have in that -- in that -- in that document. And then because I know we've -- we haven't gone into the document in the past. I think the community groups have, but we as a commission have not gone -- gone deep into it, so why don't -- why don't we stop -- or I can do that. Would you all like me to screenshare the document on where we are on that or just verbally? Can you all find it on your --

                  COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like you to screenshare.

                  COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Let me -- and Commissioner Vazquez, do you have it in front of you?

                  COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Not the most recent version, but I can pull it up. I can screenshare once I pull it up.

                  COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So why don't I start just by walking us through it --

                  CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner.

                  COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oops, sorry.

                  COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. As she's starting that, I wanted to -- just a thought I had -- on how we make -- Commissioner Le Mons a minute ago was just
talking. One of the things he said triggered something for me that different groups may need different levels, and we could probably streamline or change.

I just wanted to state that my perspective on that is many groups that we go into, there's always someone there that will leave uninformed because of the masses that do have the information, and so I'm hopeful that as we move to this, that we're consistent in whatever we provide.

And if we're advertising that we're coming to do a redistricting basics for those that feel like they don't need it, and perhaps they'll skip that one, but let's us be consistent with what we are providing so that we are providing forums where anyone in the audience will be able to access the information and kind of learn from it, right, and not be silenced by the smart people in the crowd that knows.

CHAIR LE MONS: I agree with that, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I am ready to share my screen.

CHAIR LE MONS: I think Commissioner Andersen had a comment she --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do. I have just a --

CHAIR LE MONS: -- wanted to raise.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- quick question. Would
you mind the latest version, where do we find that?

Is -- is that in a Google share, or was that in the last meeting notes, or could you -- or could you it to us?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I can send it. I just -- I have it in an email to myself and last meeting's chair, but I will forward it to everyone right now.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. You're at -- you put --

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm emailing and cannot share my screen. Give me one second.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I'll -- I'll just walk us through the phases while -- so the -- the -- we had created four phases or -- in that -- in that document where we -- where it was informed outreach and engagement activation and reflection -- yes, and they are very all community-organizing words. But the idea of the inform was public education and -- and what were the redistricting basics.

And what we -- the driving question for the redistricting basics is what is redistricting and why is it important to you? Keep it super simple, straightforward explanation. And the action was connect individuals to CRC by -- by -- and then we're hoping to capture followers. You know, capture emails, cell phones, and identify local partners because that's where the -- the -- the graphs would be coming in as well,
not -- not -- so I would go further down to the actual grid.

Okay. And then, Angela, do you want to take it from there?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: It's a little -- hold on. Sorry, where would you like me to start? It's hard for me to listen and also figure out this technology. You're on mute, yeah.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Under informed, just start talking about those strategies, I think, and the potential tools.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right. So we have laid out here the strategies and potential partners that we could use in the public education phase. We're here today, right now, discussing these driving questions. There's -- there was also -- there have been some comments around this being the potential phase to differentiate -- begin to differentiate between the local, county, and state efforts. That's probably going to be an ongoing -- and ongoing need throughout this process is being able to differentiate between the different efforts.

We, really -- really our goal, our proposed goal, is that we ultimately want to connect people to the commission, and the tangible things that will result from
this phase are really our followers, whether it's social
media, folks who are subscribing to our newsletter,
potentially even cell phone numbers, so that we can start
base-building a way to begin texting folks directly. I
think many of our partners, especially the grass roots
organizations, likely, many but not all, likely have that
capacity, so we can also be tapping into their
organizing, local organizing efforts as well.

And another goal for these -- for this phase is to
really identify those local partners. So this weaves
into what we were just discussing about the zones, that
part of this effort is really each individual
commissioner's outreach and engagement with their zones;
again, talking about some particular deliverables here,
we hope from staff, the presentation deck, and talking
points, collateral material.

Again, I think we heard on the phone yesterday from
a caller who asked us to be specific. I mean, really
this is any -- this is anything that needs to be printed
or developed that can support our outreach, so whether
that's additional slide decks, whether that's brochures,
that's social media content, et cetera.

There -- these are also just some ideas, again, just
depending on our capacity and the -- the stated need, you
know, potentially some programming to engage - to engage
our high school, government, and community colleges as an attempt -- as one way to engage young people. Specifically, well, we're already working on the website and developing a strong social media presence; and then again, here we have a suggestion for really the commissioners' roadshow.

Any comments? You can also see here in terms of the potential partners or strategies, press releases, again, we find -- we do have staff, and Director Ceja can help build this particular piece out more robustly. And then we have here a piece that obviously we are still working on, which is the RFP for a small -- small grant.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I think two pieces that we still need input from -- from you all, and I think we all, kind of, need kind of clarifications is, for the redistricting basics, we want to know, you know, are all commissioners -- if given the right tools and training, are all commissioners willing to do the -- the redistricting basics? And what -- how many do -- do commissioners feel that they can do? And my -- my -- and then which communities do you feel, you know, where your strengths come in?

And -- and that's where, my recommendation is we first -- us -- instead of us going around and saying that, if maybe staff can survey all the commissioners and
get that information, and so that would be help -- so --
so that can be moved forward and staff can manage that.
How -- does -- how do folks feel about that including
staff? I see a couple of thumbs up. All right.
And then the other -- when it's -- when it comes to
this, I think the public education is the easiest to
understand what are the roles, but let's -- just to make
sure that we know -- what is the role of staff?
And Director Ceja and -- and Director Hernandez, do
you want to address where you see your role in -- in
this -- the -- the public education piece?
Go ahead, Director Hernandez.
DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yeah, I do see my
role as more facilitating and helping us get the word
out. I -- I have some ideas on how we can do that more
efficiently, and getting everyone that slide deck, and
obviously, Director Ceja and I will be working on
something so that you have the tools to -- to go out and
do some of these if you -- if you so choose. But I also
see us having possibly some staff doing some of these,
the initial ones, if we need to. So those are just my
thoughts.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Yes, Director Ceja?
DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah, I definitely see my role as
helping with the tools to help -- help you do the
outreach, obviously through earn media, through the
collateral material that will inform the masses. But the
other point that I wanted to bring up is, yesterday I
mentioned that we should do the actual training and post
it online.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Um-hum.

DIRECTOR CEJA: The City of Los Angeles has close to
100 neighborhood councils. I can't imagine that we're
going to be able to present to everyone. So if they can
just tap into our website and get the training and show
it at one of their meetings, I mean, if we can replicate
that to all 100 neighborhood councils, I think that's the
way to go because of the limits of people power trying to
get to actual meetings around the state.

So a lot of this is going to be virtual, but
nonetheless, we will provide the tools for you to do your
jobs, and then help as much as we can at every meeting
and be there as much as we can.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sounds good. And then for
commissioners, is there any -- any role that you all see
that we didn't mention?

Yes, Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I've a very basic question.
Who is writing the message? I mean, I -- I -- not -- not
that I am not, certainly, not the person to say, oh,
sure, I'll help -- I mean I will help edit whatever, but someone needs to write the message that then we implement. I mean we're talking about lots of implementing, and -- and I don't realize, or I -- or maybe I've missed it, but who's actually writing up the message?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: The -- the idea is that staff will be doing -- doing a lot of -- that's why we hired that -- their expertise, and that they'll bring it to us, but that we are trusting on staff to do that.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. To further that, and so who's -- who's overseeing it though, to -- to declare if -- you know, like the intent, essentially? Is that -- you know, I don't who -- who's -- rather than the full commission, are there -- are -- you know, some initial ideas -- who's -- who's that? Is that being run by the outreach committee or, I'm just not --

CHAIR LE MONS: Director Hernandez.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, I was just going to suggest that the final product would, obviously go to the commission for approval. I will be reaching out to the different sub teams to work with them, get information as I move forward, and coordinate the effort to have that message ready for you all to take on the road.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I had offered this yesterday. I don't need to oversee anything, but you know, teaching reapportionment and redistricting, the basics of why it's important. It's a very common part of the curriculum of like an intro to American Politics, college-level class. I'm happy to share the materials that I use when teaching about it. Certainly, we'll want to change them for the — the — for the broader outreach, but just — just to ensure that there is that, kind of, you know — that we're using verified facts and — and basing on research, and pedagogical tools that are that already exist. I'm happy to support Director Ceja and Director Hernandez to make sure that that happens.

I also just wanted to offer — I love the idea that Director Ceja mentioned of those videos. I'm very willing to go out and do — and do outreach meetings, but I agree that there so many folks. You know, for courses, I found VidGrid to be very helpful. It allows you to have like a little box and there's also some tools to both show us live show, as well as kind of enhance that a little bit. I'm sure there's many other programs out there, but I think also one of the things that would be helpful is having them have multiple commissioners or having them in multiple languages. I don't have a full
sense of the broad scope of languages that commissioners, ourselves, all speak, but you know doing them in multiple languages so that they can be ready for various communities, I think would be great if we can, but -- and also to avoid some expense so commissioners can get themselves, that'd be great.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I'd like to make a comment, here. Commissioner Sadhwani, would you be willing to be on a subcommittee for materials development?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm going to establish one, and we'll put Commissioner Sadhwani on it. It -- I can't see everyone, so is there anyone else who would like to volunteer? If not, I'll be on that committee, but if there's someone else that likes to volunteer, would like to volunteer, I invite them to, and I can always just support. And again, I can't see anyone so -- I can only see Sinay, Andersen, Ceja, and Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I could do it, Commissioner Hernandez. I'd be willing to do that as well.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'm going to appoint you to it as well. So the new committee is the materials development committee with Commissioner Sadhwani, and Commissioner Fernandez. And again, I am willing to, you know, support with -- as a seat.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Director Ceja?

DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah, I have a question. Earlier in -- in our discussions for outreach on materials, collateral materials, we talked about engaging various groups around the state to help us build a message, and to make sure that it was culturally appropriate and linguistically appropriate. Do we do that with this subcommittee, or present the materials after we have something tangible to show?

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, please work with this subcommittee. And you guys -- you guys can work together on the division of labor, but I would like them to be involved from this point forward.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Why don't we go to the next group, Commissioner Vazquez -- I mean the next -- the committee of -- well, we called it outreach and engagement -- and go ahead and present it.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So for the outreach and engagement phase, we've documented what we believe is the primary purpose of this phase. Again, tentative launch dates were proposed. We really want to be able to put a face to the data, adding context to the information we receive, and also really be -- have our strategy be responsive to the realities, you know, COVID, the fact that folks are -- this is, at least right now, low on the
priority list of many folks. This has -- as we've heard, the Census was very much top of mind in terms of folks' civic responsibilities and civic priorities. Then the election came, and sort of, now, what -- what is the next thing that we are grabbing people with in terms of their civic engagements?

There's also, here, you'll see a driving question. Who should participate? Really everyone, but we really want to make sure that this strategy is where we're getting very close to communities of interest; particularly, racial and ethnic communities. Again, seeding -- seeding the work that we will need to do around the Voting Rights Act.

And this phase is really for us to go deeper than the restricting one-on-one. We may at this point have the community of interest tool from the statewide database, and you know, we'll need to develop some trainings around those different tools, including the COI tool.

This phase, we also anticipate, that some maybe ready to submit communities of interest maps, so we'll need to be ready to receive that. So again, that's -- that's -- that's sort of where the data management folks come into play.

Again, here's where we see potential partners, as
well as field partners for some of these efforts, again, not exhaustive, just some ideas to get staff thinking in terms of developing the full plan. Again, still thinking that we will continue our roadshow with probably some more opportunities sharing our actions at the end of that roadshow are be -- will be to ask people for that deeper level of engagement, getting familiar with the COI tool, in particular.

So any questions? Again, these are not exhaustive ideas, but it is what we viewed as, options to be included in a formal plan.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: And like in the first section, if -- if we can just kind of think through, what is the role -- just so that we're -- we're clear on the role -- the community of interest -- for the community interest input session.

There -- there's one piece about the community of interest input sessions that I feel is a question that has come up, but we haven't answered it, are, there's -- there's going to be different events community of input sessions. There will be some that maybe -- that are hosted by us -- well, there's going to be sessions that are hosted by us to identify communities of interest.

There will be sessions that are hosted just by the community, that we may not know of, or we might know of,
and then there maybe -- and one of the recommendations was having cohost sessions, since we have -- it's virtual, and therefore gives us more opportunities. We've also talked about doing community of interest language-specific sessions, if need be, or community sessions.

And so, I think, one of the clarities we wanted is, if we have a community of interest input session, do we use that terminology when it's just us, you know, when it's hosted by -- by the commission? And if the -- and if we're doing them as a commission, do all of us need to attend, or just select individuals; therefore, allowing for -- to go to more.

So let's -- let's start with, do we feel at this level, at the community of interest input sessions, do all commissioners need to attend or not?

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sure, I'll take a stab it at first. My initial preference would be that all commissioners attended, so that we are hearing the same things. I feel like, so far, when we hear information personally, we hold onto it a little bit tighter than if we get testimony through others. And so I just think that if we're all hearing the same thing -- I do appreciate the divide and conquer thought process to be
able to do more, but I just think that it may serve this
commission better if we are hearing and responding to the
same information.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Any others?

Commissioner Le Mons.

CHAIR LE MONS: I have a question. So in this, what
you're describing, what's happening at this particular
meeting?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Vazquez, do you
want to answer or -- they haven't been designed yet.

That was part of the conversation, and we're -- we're
waiting for staff, but the high level would be -- this
would be where we would talk even shorter -- you know,
redistricting, kind of, an overview of redistricting
really short because some may have heard it already. But
it will be an opportunity to really go over the -- the
tools, and how -- how do you -- what districts, what
communities of interest are appropriate or not and at
what level?

Like the example that the Delores Huerta Foundation
used with the dog park, you know, how it helped people
think through their communities of interest, and maybe
walk them through the tool and then they input them.

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So if they're going through the
tool and inputting them, this isn't public testimony
forum where we're collecting line drawers et cetera.

This is utilizing the communities of interest tool?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: That was how we originally saw this (unintelligible) --

CHAIR LE MONS: No, no, that's fine. I'm --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

CHAIR LE MONS: -- that's fine. I just -- I got to answer the question from how you see it because that's --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

CHAIR LE MONS: -- how you're asking it. So --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Some people may see (unintelligible) --

CHAIR LE MONS: Well, that's okay, Commissioner Sinay. Well, then they would use the tool. That -- this is really the distinguishing factor for me. If it is an event where we are simply, us or somebody else, is -- well it's us because the question was to us -- we're there to explain the tool. And the tool is what's used to gather the information, then I would say that all commissioners don't need to be there, because it would be just like us receiving the information through somebody doing it at home.

If it is a public input meeting, where we're there to gather information where we have line drawers, and they're drawing the lines, and they're talking to us, and
it's a much more elaborate kind of engagement, then I would say that all commissioners should be there in spirit of what Commissioner Turner was saying, so we all hear it at the same time. So that would be my response to your question.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, and I -- I would say that the envisioning the districts was the area where it was more engagement and conversation and -- and it was more robust in our vision; but -- but this is why we are coming to you all to say, you know, do we need these different pieces or -- or not.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My -- it may not fit the original timeline, but my sense is a lot of the COI tool training could potentially be connected to the redistricting 101. So I can envision, right, like we go out we do that, hey, this is what reapportionment is, this is what redistricting is, this is a conversation about why it's important to you and your community. And by the way, we have this amazing tool that we want ya'll to -- to know about and -- and start to feel comfortable with.

So I feel like that could actually go together in a stage -- in that earlier stage, so that when we come
back, it's with a line drawer, and we're -- we're -- we're all there collecting the testimony, you know, and we're really ready to take that on. That was kind of my gut -- the -- more of the separation that I was envisioning, only because I'm -- it -- it ends up becoming a lot of meetings, a lot of touch points, and I -- a lot of touch points is a good thing, but I'm also -- I also just want to make sure; (1), that we can clarify these different meetings, and (2), that we can also be realistic about a feasibility about how many touches we can actually get to.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Director Ceja?

DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you, so much, Commissioner Sadhwani. I think that at the beginning of this conversation you told us to envision how we thought of outreach in our own minds, and for me it was really three touchpoints.

The first one being the 101 with the COI tool introduction to say, hey, start thinking about your community and actually draw it out. The second time we would go out would be with the -- it'd be post-Census once we have the data, line drawer, get input, and the last time we'd go out is just to present the maps.

Not to say that that would be the entirety of our outreach, but it would be officially what we'd be
committing to, and then working with different partners would do extensive education as well.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. I see Commissioner Le Mons, Commissioner Turner, and then Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Fernandez.

CHAIR LE MONS: I -- I agree with Commissioner Sadhwani and Director Ceja. I think that's the basic, three-prong approach. I think we should definitely have an action step when we go out the first time, and not just be telling people what redistricting is about at the basic level, give them an opportunity to be connected to the tool.

But I would ask that we also do at that first meeting, is if we can identify who might not have access to the tools, and who are hard to reach members of this community who aren't here today, who aren't at the table today that -- that are hard to reach. So if we don't already have them on some other input that identified these particular groups, we begin to put that list together.

And then if technology and other barriers are realities, we know how to pivot; so we need to have both a technology-based approach, and we -- we need to have an analog-based approach, so that we are triggering the appropriate one.
And I can think we can learn, even as we're talking to folks with the intention of driving them to the tool, we can identify people who won't be able to utilize that tool for whatever reason. So -- yeah, those are my thoughts on that.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, first of all, thank you again, Commissioner Sadhwani and Vazquez for leading us through this that we've been waiting to get to. I appreciate it. I'm in total agreement with the direction and the conversation that we're talking right now; but also wanted to name the other importance about trying to ensure that -- and -- and yes, Director Ceja -- the three meetings -- trying to ensure that we are limiting the meetings not from an our capacity perspective, but also keeping in mind that the communities just will not come to a whole bunch of meetings for the same thing for the communities that we are trying to engage and trying to ensure.

So typically that we have vibrant, wonderful, informational, engaging meetings, et cetera; they'll come to the first one to learn, and then for sure come back to participate because we set it up for just for that cause. And then we'll -- we'll want to come back and hear what and final outcome.
So yep, I think it's the right thing to do to limit it, and I think we'll have greater participation in the meeting.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I also agree that the direction we're going with here I really like. Thank you for bringing all this forward. One thing I want to say, is we must be prepared for every single meeting we go to someone is going to be handing us COI's and information, you know, we can't -- the idea that, oh, we're only just teaching here -- someone is going to say, and here's my map, you know, this is what I want.

So we'll need to have some sort of way to capture that at every single meeting we go to, with the one exception when we say this is -- the public's just watching this.

And then on the resource -- Director Ceja, when he said the three types of meetings -- I agree with the education talking about the COI, (1); (2), however, is actually two meetings. We're collecting the COI input, getting all that input, our line drawing is a separate. When we actually -- we've -- we've gotten all the input. We've gotten all the input, and then we actually have a line drawing meeting in the public view, but that's where we build one line drawing and then we post it for the 14-
day; and then we've got all the input.

And then we start going the back and forth with all the input, but that -- that's not -- we're trying --
those approved in 2010, which, I think, is everyone confusing in a same time period. But they were -- had public input meetings, and then some the business-type meeting. And so that's a little bit --

MALE SPEAKER: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I'd -- I'd like to make sure that we separate those. So -- and the line drawing one is it -- it's not necessarily -- well, if you go -- this is all virtual. The particulars of the how, I would love to get into. But anyway -- that's all.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, Commissioner Andersen, we're still -- we're still focused on the first two. We're not -- we're not moving into the line drawing sessions yet, so if we can stay focused on -- on that that would be great.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. The point being, is we need to have a data -- you know, either a day manager or a line drawer whenever -- at -- at least out here, even if that's not the purpose of the meeting because we'll need to be collecting it.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee. Le Mons --
oh sorry. Wait, Commissioner Yee. I'm sorry. There was
a bunch of people in front of you, yeah.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Ander --

Fernandez, and then Commissioner Le Mons, and then

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I do agree with agree

with Director Ceja and also Commissioner Sadhwani, where

the -- ideally your initial education 101 redistricting

and COI tool, are one in the same. You're not going out

two separate times, but anyway, that was -- actually not

my question.

I just wanted to confirm, last time we, kind of,

kind of, brought this up in terms of the quorum. Does

there need a quorum at -- at the redistricting 101-type

meetings, and where we're just educating and then

potentially getting some feedback? So that would,

obviously, impact how we move forward. Because it

would -- if we don't have to, that would be great because

we could actually have, you know, more meetings

simultaneously.

And, of course, I -- I visualize these meetings are

going to be virtual. They're not going to be at a

actual -- at least for the next three months they're not

going to be in a actual community, so we'll obviously

have to go through partners to try and organize that. So
I just want to make sure that we get feedback from chief counsel, that would be great, in terms of whether they have -- we have to have quorum for these meetings, these initial meetings.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Do we have a response on that -- on that question, or -- or are we still looking into that? I know we asked it last time.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. I asked it last time, and then I also sent the follow-up email to chief counsel, so before we -- we've done some research on that.

CHAIR LE MONS: I'll follow up with chief counsel.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Let's continue.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Le Mons, it's your turn.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah, I wanted to try to better understand what Commissioner Andersen was referring to, but it sounds like you will get that clarity as we move forward. It sounds -- it sounded like -- at this level when you put -- because I -- I think at her closing statement it was -- the point was that you need to have ways of capturing this information.

And so my question is, are you referring to in-person information, or are you referring -- so if we're
having a virtual one-on-one with the objective of
directing people through the COI tool -- you envision --
how do you envision people getting that information to us
outside of that context? That was the question I wanted
to -- to get some clarity on, is what she's envisioning
there.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Andersen, do you
want to respond?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I -- I would. Thank you.
Yes, my under -- basically if it's staff or something, we
do need to have someone also at these meetings, because
someone will be presenting some information, would like
to give us information whether it be, you know, here's my
napkin, here's my drawing, I've already used the COI
tool, which case, ooh, great, wonderful -- but here's
more -- here's more information.

CHAIR LE MONS: Well how -- how are they doing that
virtually is what I'm asking. Because what you're
describing sounds like, to me, somebody handing me a
napkin. So I'm trying to understand from you what are
you envisioning? How is that happening in a -- a virtual
setting?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The -- the -- what's
questions that come in, say, hey, by the way, I have such
and such, and those (unintelligible) try and tell it to
us. So in -- in terms, you know, whether it's for
capturing the transcription and then going through it,
it's information that the data -- data people, or staff,
need to be paying attention to.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Can I --

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I have some perspective on
this. So -- and this is -- so a potential point of
confusion for me, personally, but with the public
education phase and everything that's happening in there,
much of that, I think we have talked about is
information. We are communicating information that, we,
as a commission, have already approved, established
talking points, slide deck, whatever. It is one-
directional.

Those -- those can -- can happen without a quorum,
you know? It's our roadshow. One of us is going to be
presenting really at other meetings, and that's why I
think we have to make a distinction between what are we
hosting, because that is potentially where --
Commissioner Andersen to your point -- we have -- there's
a potential for us to receive information, at which
point, my understanding is that there does have to be a
quorum. It has to be noticed.
We have -- in order for us to receive any public 
comments on the maps aligned, anything that we want to 
consider, have to be delivered in a public meeting. 
Otherwise, we have to say -- like if a community member 
comes up to us and says, here's my map -- my 
understanding that that we have to go, please submit it, 
like, please email us, please submit it via, like formal 
public comment. Because that has to be, then, public. 
We can't -- someone can't come up to me in the grocery 
and say, here's my map. They have to do it via one of 
our approved public processes. 
So in -- in -- during activities during this public 
education phase, unless we have a quorum and it's a 
noticed meeting, the data management piece of it is not 
necessarily applicable, because those meetings are going 
to be designed for one direction only, versus, again, 
and -- and I also need some distinction between if we 
have community of interest tool trainings that are hosted 
by community partners, what -- what is the linkage to our 
public input process. 
So I'm a community member. My local church is 
hosting a local mapping training, right? So I go and I 
made my map, yay -- that's submitted through our process. 
Like, so we don't necessarily need to be there because 
they may have used our tool, they made a map, it's going
to go through our channels to be a public comment.

There are potentially, other forums, then that
either we host, or this more grit -- in my eyes -- it's a
more grey area of like a community group hosts the forum,
where they're potentially doing -- using other tools --
not the COI tool -- whether it's let's just draw a map,
or let's talk about where our lines are as a community,
and we're going to draw our own map. There is still an
extra step in my understanding of them having to submit
formally that map.

Either it's at the meeting, and that's because of
the noticed meeting, we're all there, it's a quorum, and
we seek public comment. Or like, you know what I mean?
We could be there as like witnesses, but nothing official
is happening unless there's a quorum and it's part of a
noticed meeting.

Is everyone following me in terms of, like, the
different types of meetings and what we need to have
established? And I -- that -- I think that's not
referenced in any documents, and we've not had that
specific conversation about those -- at minimum, three
types of meetings? Okay.

CHAIR LE MONS: That's what I'm hopeful will come
out of this discussion. So you just summed it in terms
of where I think we need to go and get some consensus on.
COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Um-hum.

CHAIR LE MONS: So with that said, continue.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, thank you for all the discussion so far. Two comments. One, is, you know, with this public education phase, you mentioned social media kind of down on the list pretty far, I'm thinking, you know, maybe the most important public education and outreach. And that's how I think of things, you know, Facebook things, whatever, videos, YouTube.

The 2010 Commission made at least two fully produced PSA-type short videos, a two-minute one and a thirty-second one. I mean there's a lot of public education is going to happen, I think. Although, we also have to, of course, you know, reach out to reach out to organizations and so forth.

For the second comment, for the COI tool, you know, we talk about training and so forth, I think when we ask them about training it scares people because you know, it's like wow, is it that complicated? I have to get trained to do it? I think the challenge is motivating people to use it, and by design, it's designed to be pretty self-explanatory, right? I mean, you don't need an hour session to figure out how use it, hopefully, you know?
You know maybe -- maybe a little help, but, you know, by design it should be self-explanatory. So I mean the bigger challenge is simply to raise awareness about it. Here it is, please use it, you know, that's the bigger challenge, so I -- I would shy away from talking about needing to be trained to use it because that, I think, will discourage people from even trying. Because it's like, okay, well I'd have to set aside two hours to figure this out, or can I just do it in the -- in the next ten minutes before dinner, you know, that kind of thing. So -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy? I know you haven't raised your hand, but I did want to bring you into the conversation because you were one of the first ones to, kind of, talk about, we really want to do public education first, and then -- and then start implementing, you know, getting the tool out in mid-February. So I just didn't want to lose that, since I know your -- that was your -- your sense, and see if you had anything to add right now?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I mean, I -- I've had the opportunity in our introductory call to speak with Director Ceja about this, you know. I -- I still believe that it's important for us to go out with communications about what the commission is, who we are,
individually; and my understanding is, you know this is going to happen, so I'm -- I'm okay with things at that point.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: So if -- if I can just summarize what -- what -- what we've heard and then if Commissioner Vazquez, you can walk people through the three different types of meetings and get some input and agreement around those, that would be helpful. What I'm hearing, from most of us, what I'm hearing is there'll be an outreach effort, you know, that will be -- that doesn't necessarily need to be from us, the commissioners not necessarily need to be involved.

There will be a process of getting information out there and -- and raising awareness of what is redistricting. What is -- and if community groups are interesting in having a short presentation or whatnot, we won't -- we won't say no.

My, you know, as I said, I kind of tested this with my own audience, and some of them ended up just wanting that quick presentation, some people just want to know what's your experience like being a commissioner, and then others wanted a longer, more in-depth piece. And so there will be -- different people will be asking us for different things, so I think we should be, you know, ready.
There is this whole -- like, yes, as I shared earlier, someone invited me just to say hello last night. Unfortunately, I was at the end of the agenda, so I sat there from 6:30 to 8, but I was able to say hello, but that was just a way of people feeling connected to the process, and trusting the process. So there -- there's going to just be different -- different opportunities, and we have to weigh does it make sense or does it not make sense.

But where we actually start looking at how are we engaging as a -- a commission, or the phases, we've -- we've talked about, basically the community -- the redistricting basics -- that again, will be kind of a one-way outreach, more of a campaign, versus we have to be individual, but people want to call us.

Communities of in -- input sessions, we will do a little bit of the basics, but really get into, hey, this is how you define communities of interest and these are the ways you can do it, and do it -- and do it there. My under -- what I'm hearing is if's it's more engaged and involved, that people were feeling that that we should be there, all the commissioners. If we're the ones hosting it then we should all be there.

And then the final -- then there's the district mapping that's -- that's -- we haven't even discussed
those, but I just wanted to, kind of, keep it in what we have discussed. So that -- so there's the phases we've discussed is public education and a community of interest input sessions and being present -- if we're hosting then, yes, the commissioners will be present. Is that correct -- well, let's walk through the three different sessions instead of me saying we're hosting it.

Go ahead, Commissioner Vazquez, since you had those clearer.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: All right. I'm writing things down as you're talking and also trying to consolidate what I had envisioned.

All right. I do think it actually will be helpful if I share my screen. Give me one second.

All right. Okay. Let me make this bigger so everyone can see it.

I'm assuming you all can read this. Yes? Great.

Okay.

So here, we sort of have -- it's not quite outlined as the three. But here is what I have heard so far that we've discussed. We have public education activities. The types we have talked about are this road show. Again, we're going out to community partners, to their tables. We are guests at their tables.

Also thinking about these community of interest tool
demos. We sort of -- maybe we're hosting it, probably not. It's again, our community partners. Again, we are guests. We may be invited to say hello, hi, you know, please sign up to our website, please do these things. But again, we're not hosting. We're not the conveners.

The conveners in this phase are largely going to be and we will plan for community partners. So we can support them again, so this might require things like collateral. So they may require a brochure. It may require a slidedeck for the commissioners to present. It may require a video for the community partner to present. So there will be materials associated with that.

But the conveners for these types of initial public education activities, we will plan for them to be the community partners. In which case, receiving public input, we will not be receiving public input or public comment because we don't have a quorum; it's not a noticed meeting. We, the Commission, are not convening these groups. And so then we don't need a quorum.

Then we have these communities of interest establishing, refining. This is where we start to get information data. Again, this is I think where things have started to get squishier because we both -- I think I've heard at least two types where the Commission is the convener, and then also community partners are the
conveners.

I can envision a world where even when community partners are doing the convening, we want to be able to receive the results of those meetings right away. And I think that's also different than if a community partner hosts a meeting, maybe one of us attends -- one or two of us attend as a guest.

The results of that meeting, especially if they're, like -- if it's a demo of the COI tool, and then everyone's going to make a map, there either needs to be -- we can rely on the COI tool as, like, part of the process to get things in our official queue. Or if it's a community forum to talk about this is where we think our lines are. We're going to make a unity map. So we've gathered all of these coalitions of neighborhoods and we want to make a unity map.

So they are going to have to direct themselves and organize their information, their maps or their maps, or their information or their testimony and give it to some other -- or put it through some other official process, whether it's coming to one of our noticed meetings -- that's what it would have to be. Like there would have to be connection between commission convenes, input meetings, and community partner, what I see as prework. They're doing prework.
So we could be guests and give, again, one-way information. Commission is giving information about how important this is and, you know, all the considerations about mapping. But we, at that meeting, unless we have a quorum or not, receiving anything official, we are witnessing a process.

So that's like -- so the answers to these last few questions about receiving input in a quorum really depends on both who is the convener and what is the purpose.

Commissioner Sinay, did you want to facilitate, or would like me to also facilitate?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go ahead. Sorry.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Actually, could I ask you to do it because it's impossible to -- I'm only working on one small screen.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: You got it.

Commissioner Le Mons?

CHAIR LE MONS: I just have a coupe questions. One of them is, is everything described here precensus data?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I believe so, yes. Although, again, there will probably be in the -- in future phases, I think it's going to be just as squishy, right? So I didn't quite finish mapping out the rest.

CHAIR LE MONS: So what I'd like to do, because
what's difficult for me is when we don't define anything, right, like even for the sake of the conversation. So even if it's squishy post-census data, that's okay, but just this part that we're talking about, is this thought to be --

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.
CHAIR LE MONS: -- precensus data?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

CHAIR LE MONS: And so my second question is -- and it's probably for Commissioner Sadhwani and/or Yee, what would be our intent -- what would be an important intent as it relates to information gathering in this phase, and does what we have laid out here capture that?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, I'm not sure if I entirely understand your question, Commissioner Le Mons. Are you asking specifically regarding VRA data collection, or --

CHAIR LE MONS: That, line drawing preparing, getting information in preparation for line drawer, any number of, like, just from --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

CHAIR LE MONS: -- your lens.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: From a line drawer perspective, I think what Commissioner Andersen and I had discussed previously is that we would start collecting
COI information with a line drawer present, even if it's before census data is out.

Now, there are some challenges to that because there are some communities who will say, hey, this is where my community is, and then when census data comes out, not really, not so much, right? We might find that there's a disconnect between how people view their community and what the census data is.

However, we can at least begin to capture that in these public input sessions, whatever we want to call them. That was my understanding of our conversations from last time is that we want to use our time, capture this information so that once the census data is out, then we can really be moving in a more expedited way.

The VRA piece, while it would be nice also to have the census data, it's not completely necessary. And one of the things Commissioner Yee and I are continuing to work out -- we actually have a call during lunch to continue to talk about RPV, racially polarized voting, analysis -- is exactly when that can and should happen. It's not reliant upon census data necessarily, but it may not make sense to do it until their census data -- until we have a sense of where we, as a Commission, may want to draw a district.

I'm happy to elaborate more on that, but I don't
want to go too far into the weeds, as I know we're going to talk about it at the next meeting.

CHAIR LE MONS: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So --

CHAIR LE MONS: This was perfect. I was inviting that in service of -- because I know Commissioner Vazquez is laying this out and answering some of the questions, and I think that these are some of the considerations that impact type of meeting -- the shape and form of the meeting, I'll say rather than type, like what this looks like.

So I just wanted to lift that up to make sure that that's a part of this -- once we get the census data and start making maps in service of that, we're in a different ballgame. And so that's the only reason why I'm delineating it that way.

And so whatever considerations that we have to have for this opening section of engagement opportunities, we're clear about what it is we're wanting to do and where it is happening here in whatever we're trying to design here.

So that's why I was curious about that.

Did we lose Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No, I'm still here.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, okay.
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, just to amplify what Commissioner Sadhwani said. You can get community testimony which informs the VRA considerations, and that actually happened in 2010, 2011 in Los Angeles with the African-American community. The community testimony actually was more weighty than the actual late-arriving RPV quantitative analysis. So that was certainly important.

If I can comment two other things. One is first, the public outreach that -- yeah. Robust social media campaign, right? I mean, I think that would be a vital part of that case.

And then with the communities of interest meetings, I guess the question that arises in my mind and perhaps Director Claypool can help inform us -- you know, the thirty-four or so outreach meetings that the 2010 commission did was all fourteen commissioners in attendance. Yeah. How many of those were just to get input, and how many of those were, you know, people drawing lines? And you know, it's going to bleed over into the district mapping phase, which comes up next. But I mean, I can't imagine that we -- the whole state was covered once just to get input, and the entire state was covered once again to draw lines.
So how was that divided up in the last effort?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't think he's there.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, okay. Well --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that a really good question because that's one of the questions that we have outstanding is where does the sixty meetings begin. You know, does it begin at what level?

So let's hold onto that question and maybe ask it after lunch when he's back.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, just a couple thoughts. In terms of -- I can't answer the question that was 2010, but when did the sixty meetings begin.

That number sixty was given specifically for line drawer RFP. So those began with those community of interest meetings, in which a line drawer is present, to map public input, right, in real time. So that's when they began.

And that, as we've discussed, doesn't necessarily need to wait for census data.

My other question is that I'm finding this so helpful, and I want to just kind of bring it back a little bit to our zones that we discussed this morning. I know Commissioner Akutagawa and I have had conversations with several folks in Orange County and we
have said we're going to come back in early January and let you know more about what our plan looks like. And I think we're seeing that plan here.

One of the questions that came up, however, was, like, when we talk about -- is it possible to go back up to -- so I can just see the language that was used earlier on? Yeah. Under public. Thank you so much.

When we talk about the conveners being community partners, when we go out and talk with folks in our zones, are we asking them to convene something? Are we asking them to utilize these materials? And is that strategy of outreach -- is the expectation that it's a one-size-fits-all plan that we're saying, hey, this is the plan of the Commission, go with it. Or you know, in our zones where we're doing this outreach, is the idea that we can work with the folks that we've been connecting with to create what that might look like for them and be available, so if they want to show videos, but want one or two of us to be there, we would do that.

Is that -- because that was what I was kind of envisioning, but then obviously, it's going to look very different from one zone to another. You know, Orange County is one county. It's a very diverse county, but that's of course, very different from some of the other zones with multiple counties.
So just wanted to kind of bring that back into the conversation and see where folks were thinking about that.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I see you, Commissioner Le Mons, but I wanted to -- well, go ahead, Commissioner Le Mons, and then we'll go back to Commissioner Sadhwani because I think --

CHAIR LE MONS: Well, I have an opinion on that. I would say it's both, that we have a formula, if you will, that is the Commission's outreach strategy, but it has built in it the flexibility to tailor it as necessary for the zones that we're in because you're going to find out different information.

But this is where a robust toolkit and flexible materials and all of those things come into play so that they're adaptable, they're changeable, et cetera. So I think it's got to be both, you know?

So that's my thought about that.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: That was going to be my response as well that some places, they're probably going to want us to tell them, and then other places, they're going to want to work with us. But the robust toolkit, and we can -- what staff will create to help us be able to engage will be helpful.

And then sometimes the community will lead, and
other times, we'll lead. You know, it'll be a down.

Others -- oh, the -- Director Claypool is back.

Commissioner Lee, do you want to -- Yee, I'm sorry.

Do you want to ask a question?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. So Director Claypool,

thinking about the outreach meetings in 2011, thirty-four

or so with all the commissioners attending, I'm trying to

figure out the balance of time that was spent simply

getting community of interest input versus time that was

spent mapping. And you know, as we're thinking of our

plan, you know, in an ideal world, I suppose we, you

know, go to every part of the state twice, you know, once

before we start making maps to just get input, and once

again, when we start drawing lines. You know, and that
doesn't seem feasible.

So just wondering how that was split up -- how those
tasks were split up last time.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So the meetings were put -- to

start with, the meetings were pretty open ended and one

went as long as nine hours. You could typically get --
in each hour, you could get about fifty people to the

podium and off the podium for two-minute periods. And

the extra ten minutes was taken in transition.

We usually worked on a theory that you could have

110 commoners in the whole five hours because there would
be give and take and questions from the commissioners.

The actual line drawing and the COI was synthesized. So the person would stand at the podium and if they wanted to show a map, the line drawer would draw it on the spot. And when it was finished, it would be captured. And then that would be paired with the person's name, because we would take their name and we would take their location and address. So we would have a physical document that said the time the person actually gave their testimony, and then the time that their testimony -- and then the -- and that would be paired against the iteration, if you will.

The line drawing was -- if you're talking about the actual line drawing away from the public meetings, that occurred just for hours and hours with the line drawer bringing up iterations from the direction of the Commission. And then each one would be captured. And then if there was a change, then that would be captured, and then that change would be captured. And those could all be -- as I remembered it, they could all almost be overlaid to see how the different changes were occurring. But that's a way we captured the information then, and it was also publicly noticed and it was videoed. So we could go back and we could pick up particularly qualitative changes where we had testimony that didn't go
with a map. And then we could separate that out and put it into our database that we had at the time.

Does that answer your question, Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So there weren't actually meetings out in the field live commenting on draft maps, and we didn't go out through the whole state, you know, with the draft maps and have community meetings to tinker with those maps?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. So there were -- so we started with the twenty meetings, or roughly, I think eighteen meetings, where we went to the different regions, and we strung the meetings across then.

So there were actual meetings in the field where the line drawer accompanied us and we'd set up everything. And we would hold the five-hour meeting, and they would collect that data. Then we would break everything down and we would meet at the next location. We usually had four meetings in a week. And we would string these meetings along up and down through the regions. And you can follow that through those documents that I sent you that showed the actual calendar of it.

And then it -- at those meetings, then we would -- the process would be as I described. We would have people give their testimony, and then we would link that testimony to the actual data. And that's differentiated
from the actual line drawing meetings where people might come to the line drawer meetings and give you public testimony there. That's not unheard of.

But the bulk of the information that was pulled in from the public and were pulled in from those first eighteen, then the two, north, south big group meetings where they received a lot more time, and then the second set. So fourteen meetings, those meetings concentrated on the large urban areas, particularly Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, and north in San Francisco, and in San Diego concentrated on those areas because they were, as you have all noted, just more complex.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So it sounds like we're trying to add more opportunities for more public settings for more input, which is all good. I'm just trying to get a sense of the overview of how that looks. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Any questions? Any follow-up questions for Director Claypool?

Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I mean, I think the succinct answer to Commissioner Yee's question is the road trip was all public input meetings and the map drawings all took place at public meetings in Sacramento.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. So --
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Isn't that correct?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: If I understand, the thirty-four meetings were all road trip meetings.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. But the thirty-four meetings were getting public input, COI input.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. And then the map drawing was all done in meetings in Sacramento?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: At McGeorge Law School. But remember, because it's a public meeting and because you will take public comment from time to time at those meetings, there will be people who will attend those meetings and give you input about the maps you're drawing real time, as you're doing it.

So you will still be taking in public input. It'll just be far less than in a public meeting -- at a standard public meeting.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then one more thing, Director Claypool. Those public input meetings all took place after the census data came out?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes. So we had -- there were no meetings ahead of it because that commission started in January. And so you can imagine the scramble just to put together the infrastructure that we put together in five months. We only had two months to put together and then
a third month to get ready to go on the road. And so everything was after census.

CHAIR LE MONS: We have about three minutes before our lunch break. So I just want to do a --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have a comment?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Very small. I would just say perhaps the use of the term road show under public education should actually be under the communities of interest.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Commissioner Andersen will be the last comment.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a quick one for Director Claypool. Could you say in terms of when meetings were when, about how many public meetings did you have last time between the draft lines, you know, the draft districts, put on pause, then you met with the public to get input before the final maps?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So for the mandatory draft maps that you're required to do, we held all thirty-four meetings ahead of those mandatory draft maps. We did have what I called a backout period between the first, if you will, sweep through the state, which was the first eighteen meetings, and actually the two north, south group meetings. After we had those twenty meetings, the
Commission stopped, and for five days, they let their maps, as they understood them, at that point, sit so people could see the direction they were headed in.

Then we received all the public comment for that, and then they went back out for another fourteen meetings where they refined those maps following those fourteen meetings. Then they published the true draft maps that they're required to put out for public display.

And then from there, they -- and that was also part of the line drawing process too. Marian could probably remember that with me better than I am. But all of those public meetings were ahead of the mandatory requirement for draft maps.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. So you're saying --

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Marian? Oh.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- did you have public meetings between? Where did you get the input? Just from people mailing it in between the maps?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. So Marian raised her hand. I just -- can you clarify --

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, I just wanted to clarify one point. When you have these public meetings, they do have to be public notice meetings, but you can receive input, even if you don't have a quorum. You just can't take
action on any of it.

So when you're doing these meetings and people want to either give you a hand-drawn map or if they want to use the COI tool, that's perfectly fine because the COI tool then comes back to you once it's released by the statewide database.

And if you go to an individual -- a meeting held by someone else, they can still make use of the COI tool during that meeting because again, that information comes to the Commission through the releases of the COI tool batches.

So I think you're getting a little bit confused by talking about what'd have to be a noticed public meeting and what has to have a quorum. Some of your meetings where you go out to the public, you will not have a quorum, but it's perfectly fine for you to receive information. It's called a meeting of the committee of the whole.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Marian.

MS. JOHNSTON: Any questions on that?

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Marian.

It's 12:45. At this time, I'd like to recess for lunch, and we'll be back at 1:45.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone, from lunch.
I hope you had an enjoyable lunch.

Mr. Hopkins, if you could read the instructions for public comment, please.

MR. HOPKINS: Yes, no problem.

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by phone.

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There is nobody currently in the queue.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. We'll wait our customary two minutes to give people a chance to dial in.

MR. HOPKINS: And we have one in the queue.

CHAIR LE MONS: Please invite them in.

MR. HOPKINS: Go ahead, caller. You're in.

MS. MARKS: Hi. My name is Julia Marks. That's J-U-L-I-A M-A-R-K-S. I'm calling from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Law Caucus. And I just have two very small suggestions that are procedural in nature because I understand you guys will be discussing the agenda for next week soon.

So thank you for your robust substantive discussion today. And as we look to future meetings, I just wanted to suggest that the agendas that you post in advance of those meetings include a bit more detail, if possible, about what will be discussed.

Specifically, if you plan to discuss documents that were previously posted per meeting in the past, if you could note them again in the agenda, and either repost
them or direct the public to the date and title of the
documents being discussed. That would be really helpful.
You know, for organizations that are very closely
tracking the proceedings, we have a pretty good sense
what your discussions will refer to. But as folks come
into the process, they might not have that past
knowledge. So reposting is very useful and would be much
appreciated.

Additionally, for next week's agenda, I understand
that there will be discussion of the line drawer RFP, and
our organization and some others who have been involved
in redistricting would really like to review that draft
ahead of that meeting. And there is some boilerplate
language that we were hoping you could post this week so
that we can look through that as well.

So we'd love an update on the status of that and we
really appreciate your transparency and openness and
would like to, you know, see that continue because it's
been helpful so far. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. If I may just respond.

Thank you so much, Ms. Marks, for calling in and for your
comment. I think we certainly all hear you on agendas
and you know, we've had a -- we're working on it and I
think we're doing the best we can here.
In terms of the line drawer RFP, it is our intention to have a full document completed -- a full draft document for public review hopefully posted by Saturday. That is our intention. But we --

MS. MARKS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- do have a process internally to get that done, and we certainly prioritize getting that out to everybody.

MS. MARKS: Okay. Thank you for that.

Yeah. And we understand that's difficult with the agendas, but all the information that is out there is helpful and is being reviewed by us and others of the community.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, caller.

Mr. Hopkins?

MR. HOPKINS: There's nobody else in the queue at this time.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. We'll close public comment and return to our agenda item number 11.

Before we jump right in, I wanted to kind of set, hopefully, a frame for moving forward.

So with respect to time, Commissioner Sinay, how much additional time do you feel like you need to address the items you wanted to address within this agenda item, not counting the cross-subcommittee portion of the
COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm kind of at a loss on how to answer that. I feel like -- I don't know if Commissioner Vazquez is there. I feel like we -- both of us discussed at lunch and kind of came to this realization that our committee work kind of ends where our conversation was just ending on the community of interest input sessions. And then from there, as we had highlighted, it really goes to the design, goes to the groups -- I mean, goes to the line drawer in the VRA.

Also, we wanted to reiterate that we really -- from the beginning, the strategy map was to give ideas and stuff to staff so staff could take it on and create the more detailed plan.

So the two pieces that we really wanted was, do all commissioners need to be engaged. And we got that response for the -- I mean, I think we got all the clarity that we needed at this point.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So with that, do commissioners still have questions specifically about items that we discussed as it relates to some of the information that Commissioner Vazquez shared in terms of the types of meetings and sort of our approach? Is there any clarity necessary around that piece? Are people feeling comfortable with us moving forward to the cross-
Before I move there, I want to make sure that if there's any sort of lingering questions that people took to lunch or thoughts or things they want to share about the focus of the conversation prior to lunch, that we do that.

Commissioner Yee? You're muted. Yeah. There you go.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I do not have a comment.

No, I'm fine.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to note that early on where we talked about what we felt staff's responsibilities were and we directed it to Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Ceja. And I just wanted to remind everyone that we do have other staff that are, you know -- Director Claypool as well as under Raul that will also be involved in this process.

So I don't want -- I didn't want Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Ceja to feel like all of it was going to fall on them. There's other staff that are also available to help and will be there, obviously, for this effort because that's really why we're here.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner
Fernandez.

Any other commissioners have any -- Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I really appreciated Commissioner Vazquez laying out sort of the -- what she saw as solid understanding and squishy items. And I just want to make sure that all the squishy part has been resolved.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: If I can --

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah. Great. There you are. Yes, please.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I think somewhat. I've appreciated this conversation and feel like we're getting some, I think, more concrete pieces about what these meetings look like and should look like. Yeah. I think there's still some discrepancies about what each of our visions are and what we, as a Commission, as a whole, will ultimately shape these points of engagement, however they look like.

So yeah. I guess that's not really an answer, but some parts are more defined, others to be defined.

CHAIR LE MONS: Let me ask this to the subcommittee, Commissioners Vazquez and Sinay. Do you feel like enough of the content came out in those previous discussions to help staff put together the plan that we're anticipating,
and would that be a better tool for Commissioner -- I would follow this up with a question to staff, whomever would -- you know, among staff who have clarity questions. If they have enough information to move forward and would us then, as a Commission, reacting to that plan be sort of a natural next step?

Since it sounds like there were some things that you all wanted to get to be able to make sure that along with your documents, staff has some insight into commissioners' desires as they put this plan together. Is that a fair assessment on my part? And would I describe work for the two of you?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Well, I mean, I'll be honest. I don't think all of our questions, in terms of the cross-cutting pieces have been answered. We didn't really get to a lot of that. So --

CHAIR LE MONS: That's next.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- I would just --

CHAIR LE MONS: We're going to do that. We're about to do that.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Well, you asked if we had everything we -- you asked if we had everything we needed to give to staff, and so my answer to that is no.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Commissioner Sinay -- I'm sorry -- Sadhwani?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Mine was not exactly germane to what was just being discussed, so it's okay if you want to come back.

But if I have the floor, I'll use it.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: You know, one of the things that I -- I think one of the challenges of this conversation is that there's some really, like, tough nuts and bolts. There's time frames, there's, like -- when will the line drawers be there. There's some concrete pieces, and then there's also this opportunity to brainstorm and think outside the box and think about, like, what do we want -- or you know, we had all these conversations earlier about, like, what does community engagement look like, what does it mean to us.

So I just wanted to -- before we move on, just I've had this thought in my head for a while. So I just want to throw it out there. You know, if we open this conversation with, like, five minutes of thinking about what this process might look like, to me -- I know that it's COVID, I know we're in Zoom land and all of that. But for me personally, if it's still possible, even if we're collecting community input through Zoom, I'd still love to be able to, like -- if we're doing whatever zone covers northern California or the central valley or
something, like if we're spending one evening doing Zooms
from that region, for me personally, I'd still love the
chance to go and maybe the next day go and visit some of
these neighborhoods that communities come and talk with
us about or visit some of the transportation ways that
might be the basis of some of these communities of
interest.

So when we're thinking about -- you know, when staff
is moving this forward and thinking about what this might
look like, I would love to still have some flexibility,
even if that's not necessarily like person-to-person
community engagement, to at least be there and see. And
I just would feel better about drawing lines about areas
where I've actually gone and like, seen the neighborhoods
that people are -- people are not going to come tell us
about them, but for me personally, I think I just want to
kind of make that connection.

And so I just wanted to offer that towards the
brainstorming side of that session because I thought that
that was really helpful, and I feel like we ended up
getting caught in some of the nuts and bolts pieces of
it. But you know, I think there's still room for a lot
of that creativity to come in.

And I'm guessing that this now might be about the
last stage for that. So I just wanted to talk --
CHAIR LE MONS: And with that said, what I want to recommend is a two-prong approach. Is one, I'd like to give -- commissioners are amiable to just go around and give each commissioner an opportunity to share their thoughts, how they envision, whatever it is they want to share that will inform the outreach plan that is to come. And that way, staff get to hear it from you firsthand. Even if you shared it before and you want to reiterate or emphasize certain things.

While that's happening, the subcommittees, which are -- primarily what I'm referring to are the cyber security, the access language, the global -- so I should probably be reading these and not trying to do them from memory, but any of the subcommittees that then are thinking I needed to get this particular issue, question, concern resolved from one of the other subcommittees, now is my chance to do that.

So that could be triggered by what's being shared in this outreach component where there's an intersection with your subcommittee in some kind of way. Or it could be not triggered by, but an opportunity now when we move into this cross-sectional discussion across the subcommittees that you're formulating -- read your main, questions, concerns, three to five that you really would like to get resolved today in service of moving your work
forward.

So that's how I'd like to approach the afternoon, unless commissioners have objections or would like me to expand that out a little bit in a different way. Any thoughts about this as a process? So for a thumbs up or down to proceeding with this approach?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd like to give it a try.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Okay. So I'm just looking at the screen.

How about Commissioner Sadhwani? Did you have anything you wanted to add to how you were envisioning before we go on to another commissioner?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I mean, certainly I have lots of thoughts about, like, the VRA and all of those pieces. I'm happy to add all of that input. But I think for me, like if we did, you know -- if Tuesday we're doing outreach meetings with the line drawer, receiving community input in a region, I'd love to be there. And then the next day, go and actually see those places and you know, just visualize a little bit more concretely.

My one concern is that the 2010 commission spent a lot of time on the road and really, I think a very, you know, true attempt to understand the people of California that -- and I don't -- I understand all of our
restrictions, but wherever possible, I'd still like to honor that commitment, rather than, you know, me sitting here in L.A. County, and you know, drawing up the districts of the state without really seeing what it is people are sharing with us. So yeah.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think I'm pretty similar to Commissioner Sadhwani. It's like I want to be involved and be there as much as I can, and it's interesting that she brought up, you know, going to the communities, which is -- when I came onto the school board, that's what I did, and it's actually amazing when you actually go out to the communities because no one ever does it, right? And they're just so happy that you're there, regardless of what you say, what you do, but -- what is it, a picture says a thousand words.

So I think it just reinforces our dedication to this process. So I am going to try to be at every meeting, try to visit the communities, put a lot of miles on my car.

So that's just what my focus is going to be starting January for (indiscernible).

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner -- I'm sorry. Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I really like this model of just sharing our vision.

Granted, when I first applied, I imagined something completely different. But given that we are in this situation and, knock on wood, the direction that we are going, I think it would be really helpful if we had some sort of hybrid model that incorporates both in-person and Zoom to helpfully take advantage of communicating with as many people as possible.

My mind goes back to, you know, if we are on Zoom majority of the time, there's still communities out there who don't have access to this platform who we would not be able to reach.

And so you know, widespread vaccine or not, I still imagined that there would have to be some sort of safe way to engage with these communities who have no other way of communicating with us and our chosen mode of electronic means.

So I'm hoping that our outreach plan can be robust enough to incorporate multiple modes of communication so that we can reach as many people as possible.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I agree with what's
been said. I like the idea of going on road trips as much as we can. I think that'd be interesting and fun.

        You know, one thing's that's rattling around in the back of my mind is a lot of our discussions about outreach have been focused on reaching hard to reach communities.

        But I'll just offer that I don't think any of the ways we've talked about reaching out would reach me. And so I just want to keep in mind that we're not just trying to reach hard to reach communities. We're trying to reach all Californians.

        But if you look at the nuts and the bolts of the details, we're focused on hard-to-reach communities, and we need to reach out to hard-to-reach communities. But I would expect to see our plan, you know, include how we are going to reach everyone.

        And I'll just offer, I would've had no idea about this redistricting commission if there had not been advertisements on the one radio station that I get in my garage when I'm working in my garage. And so I just heard an ad and I thought it sounded cool.

        So you know, I just want to offer that perspective.

        CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner Fornaciari.

        Commissioner Turner?
COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you so much. I'd love to visit -- I wrote down a few things to make sure everyone here -- I'd love to visit areas with the full commission, to the extent possible. I want to create an educational video as a first step with this commission made available on our website that explains redistricting and why it's important, and the coming opportunity to participate via the COI tool or other methods. So that's a video that anyone can access up front.

I want then the commissioners in groups of three to four, whatever is permissible, to divide and present to various zones and answer their questions, and not accept maps at that time. When it is time to accept maps, I'd like the full commission to hear from the community and receive the maps.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. I'd like a very multi-pronged approached because you reach different people different ways, some listening to the radio in the garage, others you know, all different ways.

Robust social media outreach, including, you know, a whole set of cool videos, fun videos, who knows, TikTok, whatever, things that might go viral, you know? I mean, that would get us so much outreach that we would never
get otherwise, you know, at a pretty modest cost.

I love to travel, if we can do it safely. You know,
now we have a vaccine rolling out, but probably not until
late spring, early summer, optimistically before you
know, we're really past all the lockdowns and stuff. I
don't know. It remains to be seen how safe that will be,
but I would love to travel throughout the state and
really see places. I agree with Commissioner Sadhwani.
Nothing can substitute for actually seeing things with
your own eyes.

I think in our plan, I'd like to see a systematic
focus that goes from zone to zone. You know, with the
census, it's all based on one day, right? April 1st,
where were you living. And so you know, we have the
luxury of spreading things out more, right? So make good
use of that.

You know, publicize widely what the schedule is.
Off course we're getting input all along from all over
the state, especially of the COI tools out there get
going viral. But you know, so that people will have more
motivation based on our calendar as to when to specially
focus our attention on, their part of the state.

And then last thing, full and balanced engagement
with community-based organizations. I really like the
way the last commission set aside special time for more
extended presentations by, you know, those most -- you
know, people who have staff members, you know, who work
on redistricting on behalf of their communities.

So giving those folks the time they need to present
to us. And balancing that, of course, with time and
attention to just individuals, you know, nonorganized,
but just as important voices that are out there.

Just after we've heard from them, to have a good --
to be happy about the sense we have that we had a balance
of opportunities for everyone to be heard.

That's it. Thanks.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I like a lot of the things
that have been said, especially Commissioner Fornaciari's
point about reaching as many Californians as possible,
including those who may not be as hard to reach.

But certainly having an emphasis on those folks who
are hard to reach and who have language access issues,
transportation, where translation may need --
transportation needs or where they may need some
transportation support or whatnot.

Certainly, an educational campaign is something that
I think would be important, whether it's online or
through the radio or other means, however people get
their information and having a strong campaign around what it means to do redistricting, and why it's important to the community, to the residents of California.

And most importantly, it's really to make whatever we do fun and interesting to the folks who will participate, so that they can be meaningfully engaged and want to participate in this process.

So whatever we do, if we can make it interesting to the communities that we're targeting, I think that will increase participation and hopefully also just their interest and knowledge about the redistricting process.

Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Obviously a lot of my thinking has already been shared. But I think there's two pieces I shared yesterday that for me, the why is really not only to be better connected to the redistricting process, but to feel better -- for individuals, Californians to feel better connected to their government and their government is representing them.

And for that reason, for me, the more input we get from individuals -- the closer we can be to the inside of the concentric circles, the better.
And I agree with the traveling and getting to know the communities and just seeing it, because that's where it's going to trigger our memories as well. We had talked about the Zoom and how Zoom, every meeting looks the same.

And finally, I really liked what Commissioner Toledo said about the fun and interesting piece. I think that is critical.

And to Commissioner Fornaciari's point, we definitely have been looking at the hard to reach, but we also try as much as possible to expand it to talk about all groups as well as we have one more panel of communities of economic interests and others.

So we are looking in that direction as well. And that's always on my -- for me, it's about all Californians as well. So I'd love to sit down and get some more thoughts from you. Thanks, everybody.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Two things. One, I think, you know, at all points moving forward, we need to have clearly in our minds what our plan is to transition to face-to-face events if and when it happens. But we don't want to find ourselves in a position where the governor's orders regarding virtual meetings are rescinded and we
don't have a transition plan.

So at all points, I think we need to be prepared, even if it may look like it's months away. I think we just always need to be prepared.

And second of all, I think the communities of interest tool is a lot of ways, an amazing gift to this commission, and I would like to see us make as much use of it as possible. I think that even when someone presents something verbally, you know, if they describe the boundaries of their community of interest, it should be possible for someone to take down what they're saying as far as boundaries and what their community is and why they consider it a community, and have it in the communities of interest tool because that way, you know everything is standardized, systematized, and it's going to be that much easier to deal with it. The anecdotal, the input that comes in without a map or something like that -- yes, that can be handled with Airtable or any other tool. But I really believe that the communities of interest tool is a fundamentally important and wonderful gift to us and we need to make the best possible use of it. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: A lot of my thinking has also
gone into the strategy map. I think overall they
picture -- I would very much like to ensure that hard-to-each communities are meaningfully engaged. I think also
that there is -- there are a lot of broad outreach tools
that I am hopeful with the expertise of our staff that we
will reach all Californians. And so for me, it's just
important that we're intentional and explicit about the
hard-to-reach communities, because without being explicit
it is easy to lose sight of them.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. First, I just
want to say, I mean, I appreciate everything everyone has
said. I do want to just affirm -- much of what has been
said about trying to safely find ways to go to all of the
regions, and I think having all of us go together would
be important in terms of the conversations. I think the
thinking -- I find that when we all put our heads
together we all have such interesting and different
perspectives on some things, sometimes similar, but it
makes for a really rich kind of consideration of both
the -- kind of the ideas and the solutions and the
challenges that we're all facing.

I do want to just say something about what
Commissioner Fornaciari said, and this struck me earlier
when we were talking about hard-to-reach, and that's this idea that anyone is going to be hard to reach if we don't do proper outreach, regardless of what their background or their language abilities or their other accessibility kind of modes will be. And I think it is important that we do keep that in mind that, you know, if we're not reaching out, then nobody is going to know about it. And how we're reaching out to them could end up unintentionally leaving out people who -- because we assumed that they would, you know, just find out in other ways, may not end up finding out at all. So I just -- I think that that's important for all of us to keep in mind as well, too. And this isn't necessarily limited by, I would say, race or ethnicity or gender or any other kind of abilities. So I think that that's something else that I want to say, too.

And lastly, I think -- I do wonder if there's different modalities that we can utilize. I understand the technology limitations for some, but technology for others may be the easiest and only way that they can access us. So I don't want to exclude technology -- and it's not necessarily Zoom, but I -- you know, I know that there are other tools out there that maybe this is something that the staff can also help us research to understand. Are there other modalities within the
technology tools that would enable us to include other
people who may not necessarily be able to travel to a
face-to-face meeting? That's the other thing.

And then lastly, I just want to just say for us to
keep in mind that instead of -- I know the conversations
around events or forums or meetings, presentations hosted
by us versus, you know, at the invitation of another
organization -- one of the things that I feel like I
heard from one of the conversations that we had with the
census folks is to keep in mind, you know, instead of
making up our own events to think about where there
already is going to be existing events and how can we try
to move, you know, to partner with them. Because they're
already going to bring folks together. So that's perhaps
one last thing.

And then this one may be directed to Director Ceja.
You know, podcasts -- social media's not the only way.
Video's not the only way. But podcasts may be a way in
which we can maybe build a limited series of
conversations around redistricting. And I only say this
because people that I think should be interested are not
necessarily always interested in redistricting. As
someone had said, it's not a sexy -- you know, it's a
underappreciated kind of task. And so whatever we need
to do to people, I just want to just throw that out there
as well to maybe put on our list of things to consider.
Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
Commissioner Taylor?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Good afternoon. I was particularly fond of Commissioner Sinay's concentric circles. So I always envisioned being inside of that circle and that we can touch as many Californians as possible. And I think to do so like everyone else has reiterated, it's going to take a hybrid, multi-pronged approach. I'm in support of Commissioner Yee's thoughts in that we should have a strong and robust social media campaign that would help us touch all those different corners. I was particularly impressed in our conversations with text messaging and to go to the other extreme with some of our community partners' use of handouts at food banks. And I think that covers the entire gamut. So I think those are some of the methods that we should be employing. I agree with Commissioner Turner, we should have fun and interesting methods. I'm waiting to use my skateboard to the benefit of the Commission. I'm ready to roll, so. I think that we should be touching as many folks as possible, and I'm looking forward to doing some work now.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, you know, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes. I love what everyone said. The only thing I think I'd like to but a little bit more emphasis on was Commissioner Ahmad who really said how do we need the multi-prong approach for people who do not have access to the internet? Those creativity -- that's where I'm looking for the outreach, particularly if I'm doing the eastern Sierra -- you know, areas where they do not have -- a lot of areas don't have good -- you know, if you don't have -- what is it -- satellite, you're in trouble. But other than that -- and I would love to get out and see the whole state. That would be wonderful. I just don't know if we're going to be blessed to have that opportunity. So that's all I have to say.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. And for myself, like Commissioner Fornaciari, I learned about this on the radio. And I'm someone who sets intentions. And I remember being almost about -- it was almost exactly a year prior -- setting an intention, that I wanted to do something civic. I wanted it to be a high-impact civic contribution. That was what I launched as my rocket of desire. And about a year later I heard this radio ad, and it just showed up to me like, that's the thing. And so here I am. And as it relates to the
outreach, I want this Commission -- the 2020 Commission -- to make redistricting sexy. I think we can do it.

So that's the number one -- let's make it sexy.

Why? Because what I'd like to see is more and more Californians inspired to be engaged civically. And what better way than through our process? So that's what I'd like our outcomes to be, to inspire greater civic engagement. And that ties to our reaching people who aren't customarily reached or reaching people who aren't talked to about these things, like some other communities are. And I can envision us doing car caravans. We could do CRC-2020 car caravans with the drive-thru concept. So I do think that there are ways for us to get out there and be on the road and do it safely. And I'm excited to participate in that. And I want to be a part of that as well.

I do feel like we have to make sure that we do have an analog and a high-tech approach. And someone mentioned the flyers at the food bank. Phone banking. Just like all of those things that we've heard. And I'm only lifting up just a few of them. And I'm hoping that this round-robin has given the staff and each of us an opportunity to really just get a little peek into how we are envisioning it and collectively, based on everything
we heard, is how we are currently, as a Commission, envisioning this. And to be quite frank, having listened very attentively to each of you, I think what we're envisioning is quite innovative and quite interesting and quite intentional and quite respectful. And I think it has the potential to be quite sexy.

So with that, I'd like to see if anyone else was triggered by something that they wanted to have an opportunity to add something. I'd like you to do that. If not, then we'll go to staff and give them an opportunity to query us on anything that they heard so that they can -- we can make sure that they are crystal-clear as they move forward to producing a draft plan to bring back to us for our consideration. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was having a conversation last week with folks who had been involved in census outreach, and I was asking particularly about, you know, far eastern Riverside County, far eastern or northeastern San Bernardino County, and this, you know, takes off a bit from what Commissioner Akutagawa was saying. I mean, we've got communities out there that are tiny, that may not have any CBOs. You know, it's too far. I mean, San Bernardino County is larger than the smallest four states
in this country put together, and it's larger than any of
the eight smallest states in the country. I mean, it's
massive. But there are parts of the state that are just
so, I guess, disconnected from anywhere else that, you
know, yeah. Community radio and some of those things and
SMS, you know, those very low-tech approaches are going
to be fundamentally important for reaching some of those
areas. They weren't able to find local partners. So
you're talking about, okay, how do I reach individual
households where there aren't intermediate groups that
are out there to help us? Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. Is
there any other Commissioners that wanted to add any
additional content prior to my querying -- or giving
the -- Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just want to echo
Commissioner Kennedy's comment about basically scenario
planning, right? I mean, thinking about, you know, how
we would handle changes. I think that's important. And
I just wanted to reiterate that point.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Any other Commissioners?
Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. This just sparked
something based off of what Commissioner Kennedy was
sharing in our conversation earlier with the Lessons
Learned Committee. We don't have to start from scratch. We do have an entity that conducted a whole outreach plan regarding recruiting people for this application process to even serve on our Commission. So there's something that exists. I don't know how to get an ad on the radio. I, too, heard it on the radio, but I don't know how that process works. So someone did it somewhere, so we don't have to start from scratch either.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. Commissioners? Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think just given the moment that we're in, something that Commissioner Fornaciari said and I realized Commissioner Kennedy pointed out earlier too, is in terms of as a state Commission we obviously have to follow whatever the governor is going to declare, and right now we could not travel even if we wanted to. So I think the caution for scenario planning is something that I think we should also take into account that, you know, with or without the vaccine, I mean, it's estimated that you know, we're not all going to be fully vaccinated -- if you're going to be even willing to take the vaccine in the first round, so I think we also need to take into account that if it goes in these waves and we're in the midst of a, you know, kind of a almost literal lockdown, then that
may have to, you know, be taken into account in terms of what-ifs.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: In response to that, my understanding is that we have been designated essential workers. And so while I would certainly not recommend at this point right now since the L.A. County numbers are through the roof, doing public meetings. I think if we need to travel, my understanding is that that would be permissible. So I would just offer that. And I absolutely agree we need to be -- you know, we need to be following whatever the guidance is of the governor, but I do think that we're in kind of a -- a bit of a gray area.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Just also wanted to acknowledge that we all have different health status and family needs as well and home situations, and just because we can travel does not mean it's in the best interest of our families or communities for us to be traveling. So I wanted to also keep that in mind that we're probably going to step into the summer in a very complicated gray area where we may have, again, the technical ability and capacity to move about the state, but that's going to look different for each of us, and
it's certainly going to look different for the communities that we'll be cross-populating whether we get there through cars or by air travel.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Any other comments, Commissioners? Okay. I'd like to open the floor to staff who have questions for clarity or otherwise of the Commissioners based on the topic that we're discussing, outreach.

So what I'll do, I'll call on each of you and you can say "yes" or "no". Director Hernandez?

DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: No questions at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Director Ceja?

DIRECTOR CEJA: No questions. Just excited that everyone's excited. So we'll put something before you soon.

CHAIR LE MONS: Great. And Director Claypool?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So I've listened to the excitement about getting out, and I appreciate the last comment that was made about us having to -- Commissioner Vazquez -- about having to be respectful of the communities we're going to. That's going to be the biggest driver, whether we all get -- you all get vaccines or not -- and whether your staff gets vaccines or not, it's going to be what the situation is where
we're going out to. And we all agreed ahead of time that we were going to observe the governor's orders. And I'm sure we're going to. We're a respectful Commission and we don't want to leave a bunch of COVID hot spots around the state wherever we meet.

Having said that, having worked through this problem with the State Auditor's Office, transitions to going out into the field -- or for you to attend meetings -- whether you do it in total or just as some of you -- should be a relatively easy transition if we accept some type of model where you're going to have satellite meetings anyway. And so you're going to have to put a video team there to bring people in by big screen. So the possibility will be easier than it may seem right now. It won't be as daunting. But the first criteria has to be your health. Second criteria, your staff. Third criteria, the public. So your staff will be ready to make that transition for you and you will be very excited to meet with the Californians. If you get the opportunity, go out and meet them. I guarantee, I saw 14 Commissioners ahead of you and how much excitement it generated in them. So I'm looking forward. I hope we have that opportunity with you. That's all.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Director Claypool. I'd also like to just check in with Ms. Sheffield and see if
she has any questions. You're on mute. There you go.

MS. SHEFFIELD: (Indiscernible). I do not. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. And Ms. Johnston?

You're on mute, Ms. Johnston.

MS. JOHNSTON: I keep wanting to go up there the other way. I'm inspired by you all. I can't wait to see you all get sexy. I hope we can meet in person and do some of this because it really will be exciting and I think beneficial to all of you as well as for California.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much. And Ms. Marshall?

MS. MARSHALL: Go team.

CHAIR LE MONS: A lady of few direct words. Thank you, Ms. Marshall. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know, the comments about being sexy brought to mind an advertising campaign that I saw for municipal elections in Colombia back in the mid '90s. And they had probably like a half page advertisement in the newspaper. And in huge print all the way across the top of the ad, it said, (Spanish, not translated) -- "Only for 18 years old and above", which was just an amazing attention-grabber. And then they went into all the "boring stuff" about how to participate in the election. So you know, we can get
creative; we can grab people's attention. There are many, many ways to do this. So yeah, I'm excited by working together to get this done.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Taylor?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah. I was waiting for someone to send me some Ocean Spray and a favorite song.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner Taylor. So staff, hopefully, you've gotten from our feedback and our sharing, the information you need to put together that draft plan to present to us. We'll be looking forward to receiving that.

One of the other things that was supposed to be part of this Agenda Item Number 11, which is also a really important piece, is we have multiple subcommittees that intersect around not only outreach, but all of those things that flow through and are influenced by --

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: You've frozen, Chair.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I thought it was me.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: No. I think we have lost our Chair for -- oh, he's back.

CHAIR LE MONS: There we go. You guys were all frozen. Like, all of you were frozen in these different facial expressions. You can hear me okay now? So I'm not sure where I left off, but my point simply being that
there is an intersection across our subcommittees, and
I'd like to use the rest of our time this afternoon to
have each of the subcommittees that are impacted in one
way or another or influenced, leveraged, whatever the
case may be -- in order to move your agendas forward that
you're working on -- now would be the time to ask those
questions that are showing up, like obstacles or needs to
be clarified, et cetera, in order for you to move your
work forward.

So I think the -- I'm going to suggest that I just
go subcommittee -- we'll start just going by subcommittee
by subcommittee, and then a discussion can ensue. But
I'm hoping that you were thinking about sort of the top
three to five things that you want to get some clarity on
or get answered, so when I come to your subcommittee you
can pose that. And Commissioners, whoever has the
answers to those questions or a theory on how it ought to
be answered, feel free to offer your perspective. So is
everyone okay with moving forward with that approach?
Thumbs up? Thumbs down? Okay. So we'll give it a try.
All right, so why don't we start with the Line Drawer
Subcommittee, which is Commissioners Andersen and
Sadhwani. I know we -- we had some discussion about this
previously, but if there are other outstanding questions
or things, now would be the time to ask, like, the other
subcommittees, things you need to know from them that
will support your work. Anything.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I might jump in. The only
thing that we have basically, all our answers -- the only
things --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- that I see that could
come up is the cybersecurity. We would like to have the
cybersecurity review -- the RFP to make sure, you know,
if there are any items. And then as it unfolds, the
dates, which would be the Gantt chart. You know,
outreach, because it's a double-outreach. That's all I
see.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Nothing in particular. I
mean, I feel like there's -- yeah. I mean, it touches so
many different pieces, but we've talked about those
pieces. I don't see anything particularly left to
discuss at this point in time. But we're trying to move
forward as expeditiously as possible to get the RFP out
for --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Great. Thank you. I picked
you guys first because I knew you'd be easy. So why
don't we go to cybersecurity. Commissioner Fornaciari
and Commissioner Taylor.
COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, I don't have anything other than, when are you going to get us the RFP and how quick of a turnaround do you need?

CHAIR LE MONS: Jump right in, Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We'll probably get it Wednesday night. We can forward it over to you for -- it's a draft that we'll be reviewing, see if there's any sections that you need to address.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Wednesday night.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then we need it back Friday. It goes live Friday.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, yeah. Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. We're planning on having a discussion about it Friday morning.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Making it final.

CHAIR LE MONS: And just to be clear -- excuse me one second, Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Sadhwani, did I hear you guys confirm earlier that it was actually going to be posted on Saturday for the public?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That is the plan. That's the goal. We're meeting Friday morning to finalize any details, so that Saturday morning that -- fingers crossed --
CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- we can go live. Yeah.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: And just a reminder that I guess, from the line drawer to the data management to cybersecurity, that the method by which that data is collected or how it is managed, along with data authentication becomes an issue for this cybersecurity team. So we stand in that gap, and yep, I think that's about it, unless Neal has something -- Commissioner Fornaciari has --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So with that, why don't we go to the Data Management Subcommittee. Commissioner Ahmad and Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: We don't have any other questions at this time. We do have meetings planned, but I think we're clear on direction from the last meeting.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. And then let's go to Language Access. Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think at this time, like as we mentioned earlier, we're planning to bring our recommendations forward in January, so we don't require anything else right now out of the other subcommittees. Thank you.
CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think the main question that's out there is how we're accepting data. And I know that the Data Subcommittee is still working through that, but just we had a discussion about it regarding we would be accepting through the COI tool website, written, verbal, but just more, you know, the exact information that we need so then we -- that we can work on what tools we need to create.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner, Ahmad, do you have any responses?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I guess I would need to know what more specificity is required. Tell me more about your question that you have.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I felt like that we still didn't know if we were accepting all-written, all-verbal, all-digital, you know, that we had kind of discussed what form, but that we still weren't sure if we were going to be able to interpret, translate, whatever the right word is, from whatever comes to us into the right material so that we can have it at our disposal.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I guess the only thing that that prompts me to respond is that translation would be handled by the language team, and so we have not done any
work on translation for the tools. The tools does not --
will not interpret for us, which means that translation
will have to happened before it's entered into a system.
And so right now, the COI tool is available for all of
the community to use and they'll be inputting information
in the described format for the COI tool. As people call
in and there is -- verbal is verbal, so whether it's over
the phone or email, et cetera, that information will be
input into a table. We're looking strongly at Airtable,
or it'll be something similar, so that information will
be received. If it's a video, someone will then -- one
of the data management team will also input that
information into whatever the Airtable equivalent will
be.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. All right. That's very
helpful.

CHAIR LE MONS: That's it, Outreach and Engagement
Subcommittee in terms of questions or clarifications in
order to move your work forward?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. Because I think most of
the work to move forward is really happening on the staff
side. So if the staff has other questions, which they
said they didn't.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Thank you. Let's go to VRA
Compliance. Commissioner Sadhwani and Yee.
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't have any specific questions. Commissioner Yee and I are continuing to think about -- well -- and come up with a proposal for you all -- of early stage analysis. We actually just had another call at lunch, so we will continue to work on that and be sure to be bringing something to you by next week's meeting. I suppose if there are any -- and I've reached out to many folks individually -- if there are specific kinds of VRA training needs that anyone feels like they need, we still have yet to work on -- I think we've had a lot of other pieces, so that's kind of gotten pushed off, but that is still definitely on our radar. So if anyone has thoughts or specific pieces that they would like to request, we can certainly work on that. Commissioner Yee, any other thoughts?

COMMISSIONER YEE: No. We'll be presenting some things next week. And really just trying to catch up to the work that has been promised you, you know. So and apologies for my background. I don't know why it keeps flicking in and out.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioners Sadhwani and Yee. Community of Interest Tool Subcommittee?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have anything to start with?
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I don't have anything.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I have mentioned on one or more occasions that in our discussions with Statewide Database, when we brought up the issue of reporting or output they said they needed to focus, at this point, on the input side. But I do want to have a discussion with them about the reporting and output side of the tool so that if Data Management or anyone else has anything specific that they want to see coming from the tool on the output and reporting side, please let me know so that I can better prepare for that discussion with the Statewide Database.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy and Akutagawa. Okay. I have gotten through all of the intersecting subcommittees with the exception of some more of our administrative ones, so that I leave no one out, I'll do a check-in. The Gantt Chart Subcommittee, Commissioners Taylor and Kennedy, is there any questions or clarity around what other folks are doing that impacts the Gantt chart that you'd like to address?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would love to have more detail from the other subcommittees as to what their internal time lines are on things that we can add. Because I feel like the Gantt chart has been useful in helping people see some of the dependencies and the
bigger picture of the time line, but I think it's also
there to help us keep track of some of these smaller
interim deadlines. So I would welcome more input from
the other subcommittees so that we can build this out in
greater detail.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner
Kennedy. Do you have anything to add, Commissioner
Taylor?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: No. That's correct.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Finance and Administration.
Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari? No? Okay. And
just to make sure I'm doing parity here, Lessons Learned
Committee? I think you guys are probably pretty set,
right? You have anything to add, Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just keep them coming.

CHAIR LE MONS: All right. So thank you, everyone.
I think that we have successfully completed Agenda Item
Number 11. And we're prepared to move forward to -- as I
mentioned yesterday that we're tabling Agenda Item 12 as
our new executive director has just joined us as of
yesterday. We congratulate him on his second day with
us. And this'll be forthcoming. Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a quick question
because Commissioner Turner's comment got me thinking. I
have a question. And perhaps this is back --
CHAIR LE MONS: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- back to the Data Management Subcommittee. The inputs will be translated, and I know we discussed that, but I just asked Commissioner Fernandez. I don't think we discussed this. The nontranslated inputs that we receive, was there, I guess, you know, what thought -- has there been any thought, if any, about what we do with the nontranslated inputs. Because I'm assuming that we would need to keep them even after they're translated. Does it just go into like, some kind of server, onto some kind of like, is it like onto Dropbox or -- I don't know. And I just realized that maybe we shouldn't make an assumption of where we store the nontranslated inputs after they're translated.

CHAIR LE MONS: Before you answer that, someone has taken over screenshare accidentally, probably --

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: That's Marian's desktop.

CHAIR LE MONS: Marian, can you unshare your screen? Maybe Kristian can help Marian with that? Go on --

MS. JOHNSTON: I don't know how it got shared. So I'm sorry.

CHAIR LE MONS: That's okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: I'm trying to figure it out.

CHAIR LE MONS: We'll go on while you're doing that.
MS. JOHNSTON: And I did it.
CHAIR LE MONS: There you go.
MS. JOHNSTON: Yay.
CHAIR LE MONS: Look there. Congratulations, Marian.
MS. JOHNSTON: I'm learning.
CHAIR LE MONS: I think Commissioner Akutagawa was waiting on a response. Director Claypool? You know what's funny? All you guys are pointing in different directions. It's driving me mad. I'm looking -- some are pointing up; some are pointing down. Some --
DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: In 2010 --
CHAIR LE MONS: I love it.
DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: In 2010 they linked the translated copy with the original so that they could both be held and people could see the translation with that. And I would hope that we would be able to continue that. I really don't anticipate a lot of translation, but where we do have it I think it's very important that we don't -- the original resides with the translation. So hopefully, that's something that we can incorporate into Airtable.
CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Were there any other things, triggers, lightly triggered, tickled, that you want to ask before we move forward? Okay. So with that,
we're going to move into Agenda Item Number 15, which is discussion of future meeting dates and agenda items. As you all are aware, we have our agenda up for our December 22nd meeting, and we have a pending possible meeting scheduled for January 6th if needed. We have not noticed that meeting yet. And then we have also in our plan, a meeting for January 11th through the 13th. So that's as far as we have forecast it so far. Let me see, I did ask counsel whether or not we could -- and I can just ask it here verbally -- Chief Counsel Marshall, I'd like to know -- and I know Marian has clarified this many times for us before, but we noticed our 22nd meeting with an agenda posted -- if we wanted to update that agenda, what are our options to be able to do so, if at all?

MS. MARSHALL: We're able to amend the agenda at any point as long as it's an amendment to an already listed agenda item. So if it's a agenda item that's already been listed, you can amend the agenda at any point.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So there isn't -- so I'm going to interpret that -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- to mean that we can't add new agenda items at this point? Is that correct?

MS. MARSHALL: Yeah. If it's not --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

MS. MARSHALL: If it's not listed.
CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Fantastic. So that is a pretty condensed and very slim agenda with some very specific intentions because we were utilizing what we were calling a space-holder meeting to handle business as listed in that agenda. So we'll continue to proceed accordingly. I know there are a couple items that could potentially be put forward through our executive director as a part of his report if he needs to have certain things addressed. So we'll talk about this -- since I'll be chairing that meeting, I'll talk about that with him and of course, confer with our counsel to make sure that if there is any space for us to be able to move some things forward within the context of the 22nd meeting, we'll do so. If not, we'll have to turn our attention to January 6.

So at this point, we are discussing agenda items potentially for our January 6 meeting. I don't know if you're prepared -- you've come prepared to put those forward. We do have the Google doc where you can actually post those, and we will be, of course, drafting that agenda. What date do we need to have it by if we back into it? I know it's probably getting close. Probably around -- let's see here. The 6th is on a Wednesday. So by the 23rd. So we have about a week out. So we could confirm on the 22nd meeting items that you
want to have for the 6th. We'll have time, so I don't want you to wait until the 22nd. Think about it. As I said, post them in the Google doc, and then what we will do is do a last review of that agenda on the 22nd for the 6th because we'll have until that next day to post it. And then we'll be in good shape. And I think that'll also give us an opportunity to -- any outcomes of the 22nd to be able to manage for those in our upcoming meeting on the 6th. Because I know there are some votes we're going to want to take. For example, one to solidify the zones we discussed today. We'll make sure that we agendize that for the 6th and any other pertinent business moving forward.

If we find that we don't have a robust enough agenda for the 6th, because again, the 6th is a space-holder date for important business, if you will, then anticipate that those items would be handled on the 11th, in that 11th through 13th meeting. But again, we have until the 22nd to make that decision. So if there are items that people want to raise right now, please, raise them. Agenda items, that is. No one. Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. You almost got to close it down. I know I've said it, but I just -- and I have put it on the forum, but I just wanted to make it public
again that we will be doing more of interest panels, economic and other interest as well as creating a panel around incarcerated individuals and what that means for our redistricting efforts. So if anybody would like to work on that panel with me, I would love to work on that with another Commissioner. But the goal of that panel is really, I think, to have better understanding of how we will be looking at the changes that the legislature asked us to look at.

CHAIR LE MONS: Do we have a volunteer to work with -- Fernandez? Turner? Hands are going up. Okay. We got to arm wrestle. Oh, Yee. So we have three volunteers. Can they all support you? Who are you pointing to, Commissioner Yee? Just say the name. I have no idea who you're pointing to.

COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm doing rock, paper, scissors.

CHAIR LE MONS: Ah. I love it. So we have three volunteers. We have Commissioner Fernandez. We have Commissioner Turner. And we have Commissioner Yee. Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Was this for the -- I just wanted clarification -- for the incarcerated individuals, Commissioner Sinay? So I'm just thinking, because I do work for the Department of Corrections, I might have a little bit of information in that area.
COMMISSIONER YEE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll certainly stand down. Go for it.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But if the rest of you want to do it, that's cool.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Carry on.

CHAIR LE MONS: We have Commissioner Turner standing down. Commissioner Yee giving the thumbs up. So Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Fernandez. Okay. Any other questions or comments before we go to public comment?

Ms. MARSHALL: This is Chief Counsel --

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fornaciari.

MS. MARSHALL: Oh.

CHAIR LE MONS: Sorry. Hold on, Commissioner Fornaciari. Chief Counsel?

MS. MARSHALL: Yeah. This is Chief Counsel. I just want to remind everybody in terms of the subcommittees, you know, I know there's a lot of crossover, a lot of overlap, but to keep in mind to keep the limit of the persons involved to seven. Because we don't want to you know, get involved in with serial meetings. So just wanted to serve a little reminder. I was trying to figure out when can I interject, but I just do best just
CHAIR LE MONS: Yes. Yes, Your Honor. Thank you for that. Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So as mentioned in Director Claypool's update that there were some candidates who were being looked at for various jobs and the chief counsel has brought forward a candidate for the senior legal analyst opening that she has. She's interviewed them and sent the Finance and Administration Subcommittee the resume, the job description. We've looked it over and we've given -- we support the hire, so we'd like to suggest that we could go back to Agenda Item 5 and vote on this hire for senior legal analyst to support our chief counsel and assistant counsel.

CHAIR LE MONS: Absolutely. Do we need any more -- do Commissioners need any more feedback or clarity on what we're going to be voting on? Because what I'd like to do is if we do get that, and then go to public comment, because we'll need to do that before the vote. And that can be -- I'd like to combine those public comments to vote for general as well as any feedback on the hire that we're about to do. So let's first start with is everyone clear? Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let me just give you a little bit of background on this person.
CHAIR LE MONS: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I think that will answer the questions that you might have. So the role is a senior legal analyst to support our legal team with a variety of duties. And so that the candidate that's been selected has been with the state for over four years, three years as a senior legal analyst. So she's done the job in a couple of different state agencies. So she's familiar with the state. She's familiar with the job that she's doing. And prior to that she was a paralegal for 11 plus years with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. So I mean, it appears to us that she's eminently qualified to do the job and our chief counsel's interviewed her and selected her as the candidate to go forward with.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Does any Commissioners have any questions? Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. Just want to confirm. This is a full-time hire, correct?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

CHAIR LE MONS: Any other questions? Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Can we hear a little bit more just about the division of labor between this role
and the (indiscernible) counsel and chief counsel?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll have to ask chief counsel to answer that one.

MS. MARSHALL: Hi. This is chief counsel. In regards to the particular position, it's basically a paralegal. And it would be assisting me and/or the legal division in a number of tasks that normally that we couldn't address. They'll do research. They'll do writing. You know, a lot of analyzing of things. A lot of administrative things that attorneys, you know, that we would do, but it would take those things off our hands. So basically, to help manage our office and do things that we don't necessarily have time to do. Especially, with the research. Does that --

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Does that answer your question, Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Any additional questions? Okay. Mr. Hopkins, if you could read -- oh, wait a minute. No, we need a motion. I need an official motion. Well, I would expect somebody from the subcommittee to do it. But if they are just too shy. Go ahead, Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I make a motion that we approve the hire of the senior legal analyst.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I second it.

CHAIR LE MONS: All right. So now we'll go get public comment. Ah, we have a -- we have a comment.

Ms. JOHNSTON: I think we should have --

CHAIR LE MONS: Ms. Johnston.

MS. JOHNSTON: I think we should have the name of the person.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Tina Keller.

CHAIR LE MONS: Tina Keller.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Correct.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. I'm thinking we have seven minutes until break. And I'm wondering, should we go to public -- maybe we should not. Maybe we should go to break and then come back. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Also to remind that we wanted to go back to Agenda Item 8-J, Communities of Interest Subcommittee, to come forward with our recommendation for the URL. So Commissioner Akutagawa and I have discussed and we have a recommendation.

CHAIR LE MONS: Well, let's do that. Let's do that right now.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. The --

CHAIR LE MONS: Take it away.
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The Communities of Interest Subcommittee hereby recommends as the URL for the communities of interest tool, drawmycommunity.ca.gov. And that would also mean that we would need staff to request that .ca.gov high-level domain, because that is not something that the Statewide Database is able to do for us.


COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to also just add that we liked it because it does also align or compliments the branding that Director Ceja has forwarded to us.

CHAIR LE MONS: Awesome. Any other comments, Commissioners? Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can we reserve this -- also the misspellings of community? And so we gather anybody who happens to not know how to spell it?

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for that, Commissioner Andersen. Any other comments? Okay. I think we might need a motion for adopting this URL. Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll make a motion, and I think it's going towards the sexy side of our Commission.

CHAIR LE MONS: I like that.
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right?

CHAIR LE MONS: I like that. Yes. Absolutely. I do have a clarifying point for counsel. Counsel Marshall, when we go to break shortly, can we come back -- can we take public comment on both the motions that are on the floor? Or do we need to segregate them?

MS. MARSHALL: You could do both.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So with that, we have two motions on the floor. One is to adopt the drawmycommunity.ca.gov as the URL. And the other one is to approve the new hire who will be supporting our chief counsel. So when we come back, we will go to -- I'm going to get you, Commissioner Fernandez. When we come back -- we're going to go to break. I'm going to hear from Commissioner Fernandez first. We're going to go to break. We're going to come back. We're going to take public comment. And then we'll do those two votes.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Did someone second it? Oh, okay. Commissioner Yee.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee, I guess, is seconding.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Commissioner Yee has seconded. Okay. It's 3:11. Let's go to break. And
let's be back in 15 minutes, which puts us at 3:26. See you shortly.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 3:11 p.m. until 3:26 p.m.)

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Welcome back from the break. Before we left for the break, we had two motions on the floor that we want to get public comment on. One is the acceptance of the URL, which is drawmycommunity.ca.gov. And the other is to approve a new hire. This is also an opportunity for the public to make comment on any other items that we've addressed through the course of the meeting today. So if Mr. Hopkins could read the instructions for public comment, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 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. The telephone number is (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 93989466294, for this week's meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press pound. Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a queue from which a moderator will begin unmuting calls to submit -- unmuting callers to submit their comment. You'll also hear an automatic message to press
Please do this to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will unmute you and you will hear an automatic message that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press star six to speak. Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the livestream volume. These instructions are also located on the website. The Commission is taking public comment at this time. There's currently nobody in the queue. Oh, there's one person in the queue.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, you're on mute.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, I'm so sorry. Would you invite them in, please? Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: My name's Renee, R-E-N-E-E. And the last name is W-E-S-T-A -- and then there's a hyphen, and then it's Lusk, L-U-S-K. I just have some questions regarding things during today's meeting. One is about your outreach. I didn't hear anything about outreaching to the rural areas of California. And I live in rural California. Redistricting is important to me and my surrounding area. I don't know what your plans are to reach out to rural California, because a lot of rural
California is hard to reach.

The other thing I wanted to ask was what is your plans for when you will start the community input through the communities of interest testimony? Because I saw a chart on outreach, and it talked about that you had dates written on, but I couldn't write them down quick enough. I was wondering are the plans to start actually taking testimony from communities in February or will that be delayed because of the COVID situation?

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you for your questions, Ms. Westa-Lusk. As far as our outreach plan, today what you heard was a brainstorming and visioning, and our staff will be drafting based on not only today's brainstorming and visioning, but previous meetings and outreach strategy map and various other tools to put together our actual outreach plan, which will then have our time lines attached. We do not have firm dates for being in the community to take COI testimony at this time. So those were all projections to inform what will eventually be the plan that will be laid out and have the associated dates with them. And that will be forthcoming, probably a first look of that will be after the first of the year. So stay tuned, and we will be sorting that out a little bit further. I hope that answers your question. Are you still there?
MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, yes.

CHAIR LE MONS: Did that answer your question?

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yeah. And then as --

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: -- as far as like outreaching to rural California --

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, yes. We plan to reach out to every corner of California, we absolutely do.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. That's good to hear. I -- I have been worried about that because for some reason, a lot of rural California doesn't know about districting, so anyway.

CHAIR LE MONS: I understand. We thank you for your call, and if there's any recommendations that you have for us, feel free to send those to us as well. As you have ideas about how we might best reach out to that area, we invite you to either in future public comment or you can email it to us also.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: You're welcome.

Are there any other callers, Mr. Hopkins?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are no more callers at this time.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. So we will close public comment, and we will come in back to our vote.
DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. Are you ready, Chair?

CHAIR LE MONS: Uh-huh. Yes, I'm ready.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So the first motion is by Commissioner Fornaciari. It's to approve the hire of Tina Keller as the senior legal analyst. It was seconded by Commissioner Andersen, and I will take the vote.

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Taylor.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Vazquez.

CHAIR LE MONS: She had to step off.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Andersen.
COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And Commissioner Le Mons.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The motion passes.

The second motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez. It's to adopt the URL drawmycommunity.crc.ca.gov. It was seconded by Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Director? Director Claypool?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It's drawmycommunity.ca.gov. There's no crc in there.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Oh. I've amended to drawmycommunity.ca.gov.

Commissioner Sadhwani, does that change your vote?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Still the same, yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Taylor.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Toledo.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Le Mons.
CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The motion passes.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. So we have one more -- Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. So Director Claypool, if you can direct staff to make the formal request to the Office of Technology or whoever it is that hands out ca.gov because that is not something that the statewide database can do. Our staff have to do that.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I will do so.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And could you please ensure we get all the misspellings of community as ca.gov as well?

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Would you repeat that, please?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So -- we've could you -- you the staff please also reserve the draw my community how -- like with one M, with two Ns, possibly two Ts, have all those misspellings so anyone who misspells it will still end up with us as ca.gov.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. So we would make a request for all of the -- all those as well.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

CHAIR LE MONS: I'd like to ask that staff bring
back to the commission the laundry list of misspellings just so we know how many we're talking about and everybody's on the same page with that. Thanks. I got a request to create a data subcommittee, and so I wanted to briefly discuss that.

So Commissioner Yee, could you share with us the data subcommittee as envisioned?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you. So in our conversations with Karin MacDonald, she shared that she was requested by the US Census folks, who think of her as the California redistricting contact since she did work with the 2010 commission, to identify a commissioner to receive the census data when it's released. It is a physical package, probably DVDs or such, and we said, well, why can't you just send to the chair -- I mean, send to the executive director or just to the office? She said, no. They insist they need a named commissioner on a data committee or some such official body within the commission.

So we said we'd ask, and we said the VRA subcommittee's certainly willing to serve in this role. I don't think it has a material effect on our work since our data will be identical from the statewide database, and that's the body that we receive the data from for our work. So it will -- it will duplicate that, but they
need somewhere to send it to and someone connected to something like a data subcommittee. So we said we'd inquire whether we would be appointed as such or if there's some other subcommittee that makes more sense or however would make this easy.

CHAIR LE MONS: And I have no personal objection to the VRA subcommittee serving in that function. I think because we have a data management subcommittee, it just feels more like the natural place to me in that they're already kind of dealing with -- I know the mechanism of how we're going to take in data, but if this transforms, there may be other data management responsibilities that this subcommittee could take on.

So I'd like to first ask the data management subcommittee if they have any objections to broadening their scope in the short term to be identified as such and to be thinking about how the subcommittee's focus might evolve once we've established which actual, you know, systems we're going to use. So I'd like to hear from the subcommittee.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, I'll jump in. I have no objection to that first part of taking on that administrative role, and I am definitely interested and open to seeing how we can expand our responsibilities throughout the tenure of our commitments when it comes to
data management.

CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner, do you have anything to add?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. We speak as one.

CHAIR LE MONS: All right.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can I just ask a clarifying question?

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And this would be to Commissioner Yee about this package. So it's a -- the census data in a physical package, not electronically transmitted?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Karin is not -- said she's not sure. It could end up being a link, but she says at that stage of the process, it tends to be a very formal process, and they will most likely deliver a physical package of DVDs. I believe Director Claypool has --

CHAIR LE MONS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER YEE: -- some further thoughts on this too.

CHAIR LE MONS: Yes, he does. Director Claypool.

DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So as I said to the Chair earlier, in 2010, they delivered it in CDs in a nice package to the commission. However, they were never used. There -- you're going to work off what's sent to
the statewide database electronically, and that will we
the main source.

I'd also like to say as far as the data subcommittee
that another very important function that you will have
will be resolving issues between our line drawer and
our -- and whoever is our data manager and so forth
almost acting as an arbitration between them as we get
into the situation where we're trying to very rapidly
transfer information, but they're not getting it as
quickly as possible.

So it's really helpful to have a two-commission
group to kind of hear the -- I don't want to call them
complaints because they're valid concerns, but when
somebody says we're not getting this information by 6:00,
and therefore we can't give it to you by the next
morning, then you will be working to kind of resolve it
between staff and them, and it's a useful buffer. So I
just wanted you know that that is also a task that should
be attached to this data management position.

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay. Does that still fit within
your vision for the subcommittee, Commissioners Ahmad and
Turner?

So I want to thank you, Commissioner Yee and
Commissioner Sadhwani, for volunteering to take on that
additional task. Are you still on that committee, or am
I mixing Yee up --

COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right.

CHAIR LE MONS: -- with -- that's correct, right? I want to thank you for your volunteering to take that on, but what I'd like to do is assign that task to the data management committee. So if that means we just need to forward Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Ahmad's names to those individuals, let's do that.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. I will do that. All good.

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you so much. So this brings us to the close of our meeting. So I'd like to just see if there's any closing comments, thoughts, questions people would like to address before we adjourn.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd just like to acknowledge, Chair, that you run a tight ship, and I --

CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. I'll take that as a compliment.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I said, and I appreciate it, yes.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, thank you so much, Commissioner Turner.

MS. MARSHALL: This is Chief Counsel --

CHAIR LE MONS: Okay.

CHAIR LE MONS: Oh, thank you. All right. It's been a pleasure. I look forward to reconnecting with everyone next week. Again, I remind you to -- if you have agenda items that you'd like to put forward, to please add them to the Google doc, and we'll begin to build that January 6th meeting provided there's enough business to handle to do so.

So enjoy the rest of your afternoon, and see you soon. This meeting is now adjourned.

(Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.)
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