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CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon, California. Welcome back to the California Redistricting Commission public meeting. I'm going to start off by asking Ms. Sheffield to please take roll call.


COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here. Yes.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari -- excuse me, Fernandez? Sorry.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy?
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Le Mons?
COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani?
COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay?
COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor?
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay.
Commissioner Toledo?
CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.
MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay. We have a quorum.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sheffield.
MS. SHEFFIELD: You're welcome.
CHAIR TOLEDO: Today, I'm going to, because of time constraints, I'm going to plan on having public comment at the end of the meeting.
As a quick update of what has transpired in the public -- in the closed session, I just want to let the public know that the Commission took action on a personnel matter. The Commission also received and accepted the resignation of Executive Director Claypool. We wish to express our appreciation for doctor -- for
Director Claypool's work.

I also want to thank Mr. Alvaro Hernandez for his willingness to serve as Interim Executive Director for the Commission.

And given that we have a regularly scheduled meeting next week, we will be receiving a report from the legal affairs committee, then hearing public comment, then breaking for closed session.

So with that, I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Sadhwani for -- and Yee and myself for a legal affairs update.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. We had had a number of interviews prepared for the next two days, on Thursday and Friday. However, given the transition that has transpired, we will be postponing those interviews. Those candidates will, of course, remain in the pool and will, certainly, still be considered for our VRA counsel and for our litigation counsel. We will work judiciously to reschedule those at a publicly-agendized meeting in the very near future.

In addition, just so the public knows, we are still moving forward with our line drawer applications which are coming due very soon. And we continue to plan to advance that process. That will actually be through the line drawer subcommittee and through the full Commission.
Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

With that, I'd like to ask Ms. Sheffield to -- or, actually, I'd like to ask for our operator to help open public comment. Okay. Thank you, Katy.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I didn't see you on the screen.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: No problem. It's just general public comment, Chair?

CHAIR TOLEDO: It's just general public comment, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Okay. Ooh, some crazy hair. All right.

In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the livestream feed, it is 9380534078 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your turn to speak you will hear a message
that says, "The host would like you to talk", and to
press star 6 to speak.

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

Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
call.

Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down
the livestream volume. And if you are in the queue and
you would like to talk, again, please press star 9 to
raise your hand, indicating you would like to make a
comment.

We do have someone in the queue. However, they are
not raising their hand, Chair.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's give them a couple
minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Okay.

MS. JOHNSTON: If I may ask about the closed
session? Will that include staff or just the Commission?

CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, it will be the
Commission (indiscernible). Thank you. And if we do
need anybody, we will reach out, but I don't anticipate
that to be the case.
PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Again, in the queue, if you would like to make a comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand.

Chair, the instructions are complete on the stream.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We'll just wait a couple of minutes and then break for closed session.

(Pause)

CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, are you seeing anybody on the queue or --

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: No one in the queue has raised their hand. There's still one person there but they may just be listening. And we have not received any new callers.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you just read the instructions in case they do want to raise their hand?

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Sure. I can say it again. If you're in the queue and you would like to make a comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

No, their hand is still not raised.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, given that --

PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: And they're -- just so you know, Chair, real -- I apologize. That phone number was there before we ever started public comment. Like, they...
may just be listening.

CHAIR TOLEDO: I understand. Thank you.

With that, we will be breaking for closed session. And tomorrow, we will have -- or actually, the meetings for the rest of the week have been postponed -- or cancelled, rather.

So with that we will adjourn -- or we will break into closed session.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you want to say the next meeting?

CHAIR TOLEDO: The next meeting? Certainly. The next meeting is on the --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: 24th.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have the dates --

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: The next meeting is February 24th through the 26th.

MS. JOHNSTON: And Chair, would you like to add that the items not covered on this week's agenda will be carried over to the next agenda?

CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. Most of them are committee -- subcommittee and committee updates. We will be continuing them until the next agenda.

Thank you very much.
COMMISSIONER YEE: And not only canceling the rest of the meetings this week, the 18th and 19th, but also Monday, the 22nd, as well.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I believe we were also scheduled to have an education panel. And I think that will be rescheduled to a later date when we can agendize it again.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Ms. Johnston, would it be possible to continue it until the next meeting?

MS. JOHNSTON: If it came up under one of the subcommittees, yes.

CHAIR TOLEDO: It did, but -- and it was a separate item on the agenda.

MS. JOHNSTON: Well, better practice is to postpone it until it can be put on agenda.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Then that's what we'll do.

All right.

Well, thank you very much. We're going to break to closed session.

(Whereupon, a closed session was held at 4:25 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned)
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