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CHAIR TAYLOR: Good morning, California. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us on this fine Saturday morning -- increasingly warm Saturday morning in Southern California. Welcome, and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting, commonly referred to as COI meeting. I am Commissioner Derric Taylor, and I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Isra Ahmad.

Ravi, can you take roll, please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: (No response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.
MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: (No response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (No response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No response.)

MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ravi. Of course, I am present.

MR. SINGH: Uh-huh. You're welcome.

CHAIR TAYLOR: I will start by sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every two years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the state's population.
In 2008, California voters authorized the creation of the Commission when they passed the Voter's FIRST Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new district lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts. In 2010, the correct -- Congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility of drawing Congressional districts to the Commission.

The 14-member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the district lines in conformity with strict, non-partisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

When we receive census data, the Commission begins drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria, as outlined in the California Constitution. One of these is minimizing the division of counties, cities, neighborhoods, and Communities of Interest to the best extent possible. We can obtain -- the Commission -- the City and county information from both jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and Communities of Interest information from Californians directly.

That's why we have launched these Communities of Interest input sessions to get that valuable information.
from you directly. We encourage all Californians to participate in this process. If you would rather submit COI input over the internet, you can do so from our website or by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Once again, DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line. Go online.

Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for all 14 Commissioners or for additional information or to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. Please also follow the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission on social media.

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org or WeDrawTheLinesCA. There you will find a lot of useful information about redistricting and updates from the California Commission.

We will begin with my co-chair, Commissioner Isra Ahmad.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Good morning, everyone, and thank you so much for joining us today. My name is Isra Ahmad, and I'm excited to hear all about Los Angeles from communities across Los Angeles and then also anyone else who would like to call in from California as well.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Isra.

And now we will go to Linda Akutagawa.
COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi. Good morning, California. It's a pleasure to be here. Linda Akutagawa. I grew up in L.A., I live in Orange County, and I'm looking forward to hearing what you have to say about the Los Angeles area.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Linda.

Jane Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, Los Angeles County. Look forward to seeing you -- hearing from you today. And welcome, welcome.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Jane.

And now I'd like to introduce Alicia Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos días, California, especialmente los que viven en los ángeles, Soy Alicia Fernandez, el Condado de Yolo, aquí en el medio de un fil de tomates es mi comunidad. Cuéntame cuál es la tuya? Hi California, specifically Los Angeles, I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County, coming to you from the middle of a tomato field, which is my community. So I'm excited to hear about your community.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Alicia.

Next, we have Neal Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, Los Angeles and the rest of California. My name is Neal Fornaciari. I come from the Central Valley, a little town called
Tracy. I'm looking forward to hearing about your Communities of Interest today. Thanks for joining us.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Neal.

Next, we have Ray Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm Ray Kennedy. I live in Morongo Valley, which is a rural Joshua Tree Gateway community in San Bernardino County. I moved here a little over a year ago after living in Palm Springs for 15 years, and I enjoy the time that I get to spend in Los Angeles when I -- when I come over the hills and enjoy a bit of the coast. So looking forward to hearing from everyone today.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ray.

Next, we have Sara Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, Los Angeles. Super excited to be here today. Can't wait to hear more about folks' Communities of Interest. I've lived and worked throughout L.A. for the last -- in L.A. County for the last 15 years and excited to be here today. Thanks so much.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Sara.

Patricia Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No response.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: And Patricia might not be with us this morning, so we'll move on to Pedro Toledo.
COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Buenos Dias. My name is Pedro Toledo. I'm from Petaluma, California. I'm looking forward to learning all about the Communities -- Communities of Interest in Los Angeles. Thank you.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Pedro.

And up next, we have Commissioner Trena Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: (No response.)

CHAIR TAYLOR: And Trena may not be with us this morning.

So we'll move on to Commissioner Angela Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good morning, L.A.

Angela Vazquez. I am an adopted Angelina. Thank you for adopting me over a decade ago. I have lived and worked across L.A. from the San Gabriel Valley to the Antelope Valley. And so very much looking forward to hearing from everyone throughout Los Angeles.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Angela.

And up next is Russell Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, Los Angeles County and all of California. Today, we set aside our baseball rivalries and anything else that would divide us and instead focus on what unites us, which is lifting up all different communities and the concerns of those communities, especially when it comes to voting districts and Communities of Interest. So looking forward to your
input today.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Russell.

And last but not least, is myself. My name is Derric Taylor. I am a married father of three, currently living in the City of Los Angeles. I grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. I'm very familiar with the L.A. County area. As I like to explain to people, I think I've had a meal in every city within this county. So I definitely enjoy this part of California. I welcome your public input. I welcome input from all Californians. And I am a lifelong Dodger fan, so I hope that inspires those up north to provide input today.

And with that, we'll move on to some housekeeping rules.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, Chair. Shots fired.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Oh --

MR. FERNANDEZ: As a --

CHAIR TAYLOR: Oh, oh, oh, oh. But -- excuse me. Excuse me. Without further adieu, let me please introduce Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good morning, California. Buenos días, Los Angeles County. I am Commissioner Antonio Le Mons, a 35-year resident of Southern California. Looking forward to hearing from all of you this morning.
Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Antonio. My apologies.
Thank you. Thank you.

So now on to housekeeping rules. This meeting is primarily for Communities of Interest testimony focused on Los Angeles County and surrounding areas. However, anyone in California can call in to provide input. General public comment will take place at the end of the meeting.

Today, we are joined by our line drawing team HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will display a map of the area that attendees will describe.

Please start with the area you would like to discuss, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your community is located. It is our goal to find the area you would like to discuss prior to your testimony beginning. If you are within a neighborhood of Los Angeles City, please be as specific as possible. For instance, if you are in the area of Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys, please define those areas by the boundaries that you believe they consist of. Once we are able to locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.
We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it is their turn to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we encourage you to call in during your appointed time slot.

When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to this session with the ability to enable your own video and or audio. The comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number before you begin speaking, and please make a note of this for future reference. You will be able to use this number to identify your COI testimony on our website at a future date.

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the beginning of your input, you will see a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where your community is located.

Registration is not required to participate in this public input meeting. The public has the option of calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to
speak. The call-in information and access code is listed on the livestream.

While there are no clear rules on how to define a Community of Interest, we've identified ways for you to describe your community. Begin with your county or city. Mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community. What are your shared interests? What are things that brings (sic) you together? What is important to your community? Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas you do not want to be in a district with? And tell us why or why not. Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood?

Also we invite you to use the Community of Interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting DrawMyCACommunity.org. Skip the line. Go online. Submit your COI input today.

We will now begin the public input session, and I will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We will start with people who are registered and then open the phone lines if there is time before the next session. Thank you.

Katy?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Good morning.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the public input session. Please raise -- please use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please make note of your speaker order number for future reference.

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end of your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

Right now, we will begin with 004, and up next in the queue will be 012. Again, that is right now is 004, and up next will be 012.

004, your speaker order number will be number one, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. If you'll please remind the map of what
area you would like to see, and the floor is yours.

MR. MARTIN: Good morning, Chair Taylor. Good morning, members of the Commission. The area that I would like to talk about is in the Santa Clarita Valley. And you've got it right there, better known as the home of Magic Mountain. My name is Gary Martin. I am the board president of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. I have been a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since 1978 and of the City of Santa Clarita since its formation in 1987.

I thank the Commission for the opportunity to speak to you today in support of maintaining unified legislative representation for the Santa Clarita Valley, SCV Water, and the customers that we serve. At present, we are represented in the United States Congress by Mike Garcia of the 25th Congressional District in Sacramento. We are primarily represented by State Senator Scott Wilk of Senate District 21, and by Assemblymember Suzette Martinez Valladares of Assembly District 38. We are also represented to a lesser extent geographically by Senator Henry Stern, State Senator Henry Stern of SD27 and by Assembly Member, Tom Lackey of AD36.

My purpose of speaking to you today is to respectfully request that you maintain CA25, SD21, and
AD38 whole, with regard to their respective districts area of representation within the Santa Clarita Valley and within the service area of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

The primary groundwater source for our community is the Santa Clara River East Subbasin, which is almost totally within these three legislative districts. We are currently in the process of completing the groundwater sustainability plan, as required by the California Groundwater Sustainability Act, and we believe that it is in the best interest of overall watershed management to maintain the current level of representation. Local water supply management is becoming more and more critical as climate conditions change, and the effective legislative support in the -- Sacramento and Washington, D.C. is vitally important.

Another area critical -- of critical importance too, is SCV Water's efforts to mitigate groundwater contamination by so-called PFAS chemicals. These chemicals occur in numerous household products and have found their way into our groundwater and in groundwater across the State and Nation. SCV Water has taken a very proactive approach to removal of PFAS from the local water --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.
MR. MARTIN: --- sup --- water supply, but remediation project costs are high, and funding is needed to reduce the financial burden on our rate payers. It is our hope that the funding can come from federal and/or state sources within the legislative assistance of our representatives.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. MARTIN: I ask the Commission to make every effort to allow Santa Clarita Valley and SCV Water to continue to have legislative -- unified legislative voice on all matters pertaining to water supply at both the state and federal levels. And I respectfully ask your strong consideration of our request.

MR. MANOFF: Time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. }
Right now, we have 012, and up next in the queue will be 003. Right now is 012, and up next will be 003. 012, your speaker order number will be number two. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. If you'll please let them ever know what area you would like brought up on the screen. It looks like you already have enabled your audio and video.

Is there a echo?

MS. MORISHIGE: Hello. My name is Valerie
Morishige, and I'd like to see a map of Hollywood.

So I'm a resident of Hollywood, more specifically the area adjacent Hollywood land by Bronson Canyon. My community is roughly a triangle with Griffith Observatory to the northeast, Hill Horse Mountain to the southeast, and Hollywood and Highland to the west. I prefer to take public transportation, so my community is aligned to the public transit routes.

The way district lines are drawn now barely takes into account my lived experience. I have more shared interests with people who live to the south of my neighborhood, the communities of East Hollywood and Hollywood Proper. Our combined concerns of traffic and congestion, smartly managing the impact of tourism, and then our desire to find permanent housing for our unhoused neighbors, are unique to our area. These are not issues that Glendale or Burbank or Pasadena have to deal with.

I believe that SD25, in particular, is unnecessarily sprawling, encompassing everything from the Valley to the Angeles National Forest, San Marino, all the way to Rancho Cucamonga. The way SD25 is currently drawn, captures a disproportionate amount of high-income households. I hope the new nesting rules will help to make this district more geographically compact, so that
constituents will be grouped together by their
geographically relevant concerns, what's actually
happening in their neighborhoods, rather than by similar
socioeconomic factors.

I've met with my California Assembly member and
State Senator, and I can clearly tell that the issues
that impact the Greater Hollywood Area are not a high
priority. Our neighborhood is just such a small portion
of their district. You can tell that Pasadena and
Glendale are their bigger concerns.

On the local level, I would prefer to be grouped
with communities that I am in daily contact with, so that
we can deal more effectively with the issues we see every
day. Thank you very much, and thank you so much for
having this on a Saturday.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now, we will have 003, and up next in the
queue will be 005. Right now will be 003. Up next will
be 005.

003, your speaker order number will be number three,
if you will please make note of that for future
reference. You can now enable your audio and video in
the lower left of your screen. If you will please let
the map or know of what area you would like brought up on
the map.
MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Hi. If we could look at Sherman Oaks, particularly Northern Sherman Oaks.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, would you be able to define Sherman Oaks by possibly a street or a highway boundary?

MS. O'CONNOR: Yes. Burbank Boulevard on the south, Oxnard on the north, the 405 on the West, and Hazeltine on the east. Yeah, I believe that's the entire map you're showing now.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. O'CONNOR: Ours is Northern -- Northern Sherman Oaks. You'll tell me when to begin?

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

MS. O'CONNOR: Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Ann O'Connor. I'm a team leader representing a neighborhood in North Sherman Oaks, referred to as Part Of Sherman Oaks or POSO. POSO's population is approximately 7,000 residents. After our successful renaming in July 2009, POSO was redistricted and kept whole with Greater Sherman Oaks in Council District 4, shown on the map on the screen. However, because the maps were already drawn, we missed the California Redistricting process. And so after 10 years, we are requesting to be kept whole and maintain our voting strength with Greater Sherman Oaks in Congressional District 30, along with Senate District 18, Assembly
District 46, L.A. County Supervisorial District 3.

We have submitted this letter in Council File 08-2758 via certified mail to the Commission in Sacramento on March 13th '21, as well as an email to VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov. VICA also supports this request to keep us whole with Sherman Oaks. We share a Community of Interest with Greater Sherman Oaks in many ways. We share our southern border of Burbank Boulevard. Our children attend the same public schools as residents from south Burbank -- south of Burbank, and use the same Sherman Oaks Library and Sherman Oaks Hospital. Sherman Oaks Park is our beautiful park for exercise, swimming, and sports teams as well as movies in the park. Our senior center is also located in the park.

The Sherman Oaks Chamber said that POSO had positive economic impact on job creation in Sherman Oaks through its patronage of grocery stores, restaurants, banks, shopping malls, dry cleaners, florists, and theaters. We support the National Night Out by hosting our local police on a rotating basis between streets POSO and Greater Sherman Oaks. Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and airplane noise are both communities -- community interests which unite us with Greater Sherman Oaks in our opposition to elevated tracks above Sepulveda Boulevard, which will devastate our
Reducing airplane noise from both Van Nuys and Burbank Airports is also a shared interest. The Sherman Oaks Homeowner's Association, SOHA, is politically active in all issues, such as metro and airplane noise, redistricting, beautification, vision plans, real estate development and our annual toy drive and annual fair.

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. O'CONNOR: They publish a monthly newsletter and held us together with monthly Zoom meetings during the pandemic with our elected officials as guest speakers. Thank you, Commissioners, and we urge you to keep POSO united with Greater Sherman Oaks in all districts.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now we have 005, and up next in the queue will be 009. Right now, we will have 005. Up next, 009.

005, Your speaker order number will be number four if you'll please make note of that for future reference. If you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would like to see, and the floor is yours.

MS. LAYBA: May I please have Thousand Oaks in Zone E? And please let me know when to begin.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller --
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, are you able to describe Thousand Oaks by street, highway, or geographic boundary?

MS. LAYBA: I would say if we zoom in -- we can zoom into city hall, which is on ven -- on Thousand Oaks Boulevard between Westlake, and I think that's a great picture, Commissioner.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. LAYBA: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Mina Layba. I am here to represent the City of Thousand Oaks not only as the legislative affairs manager, but please note, I'm a lifelong Angeleno. I've lived in Los Angeles County since our immigration in 1969. So I know the vast differences between Ventura County and Los Angeles County, and I live in the City of L.A.

With that in mind, fellow Angelinos, I wanted to explain to you the Community of Interest for Thousand Oaks. As I share a Community of Interest, I wanted to explain to you we have the same diversity, socioeconomic levels. We have the same shared services within Ventura County, specifically in areas of water resources, which are critical in our community and air quality.

We have a very unique business structure, where we have a strong emphasis in biotechnology. We are home to
Amgen, Takeda, Atara, Arcutis, and Capsida. And on the west end of our county, we have a vast level of agriculture. We also have a -- we also have Naval Base Ventura County, and we also have our Port of Hueneme. We are proud to be the in-season training facility for the Los Angeles Rams. We are part of SOAR, which is Save our Open Space Resources Initiative, where the cities in our community, all 10 cities in our county, require the vote of the people before agricultural land and open space areas can be rezoned for development.

Speaking of open space, Thousand Oaks is surrounded by 15,000 acres of protected open space. We coordinate with COSCA, which is our Conejo Open Space Conservancy Agency with our Conejo Recreation and Park Agency, which is their own elected body. And they manage 12,000 acres of open space and 150 miles of trails. Thousand Oaks is part -- is uniquely connected to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and we're big supporters of wildlife preservation.

One unique issue we have is very --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. LAYBA: -- we're in a very high wildfire severity zone that affects many of our cities. When you consider reviewing our maps and redrawing the lines, we ask that you keep CD26, SD27 --
MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. LAYBA: -- and Assembly District 44 in the same district, and keep our community whole. We thank you for all of your work and all you do, and we have been outreach coordinators for our community to let them know about the July 22nd hearing --

MR. MANOFF: Time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

And right now we will have 009, and up next in the queue will be 002. Right now will be 009, and up next in the queue will be 002. One moment.

(Off the record)

(On the record)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- to allow to talk. Oh, there it went. Did it come through?

009. Looks like there may be some connectivity issues.

Your speaker order number is number five. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen.

Well, she's right here though.

You can enable your audio in the lower left of your screen or your --

009, you can unmute yourself at this time, if you follow the prompt you're receiving. I'd like to invite
you to please call back and reconnect by phone due to apparent connectivity issues, and we will be going on to the next person in the queue. Thank you.

So at this time, we will be moving on to 002. Right now will be 002, and then up next in the queue will be 010. Right now will be 002.

002, your speaker order number will be number six, if you will please make note of that. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. Welcome. And please let the mapper know what area you would like to see.

MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Sherman Oaks, California, which was mentioned earlier, although I do have some of my own maps if it's possible to share my own screen.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry, not at this time. You'll have to let the mapper know what area you would like brought up on the map.

MR. ANDERSON: Sherman Oaks, the entire district is shown. Just tell me when to start.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Go ahead.

MR. ANDERSON: Hello. My name is Bob Anderson with the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association. We submitted our recommendations by email on June 2nd. Sherman Oaks is a 73,000-person Community of Interest in the southern San Fernando Valley. SOHA has been a community voice
since 1964 and represents 2400 Sherman Oaks families. Our monthly meetings draw up to 500 attendees for hotly-contested debates.

The official eastern, southern, and western boundaries of Sherman Oaks follow zip code boundaries, as you see on the map. The northern boundary does not and splits two zip codes. Two small areas of Sherman Oaks were not consistently included in 2011 redistricting. The first is POSO, that was mentioned earlier, part of Sherman Oaks, which was officially added to Sherman Oaks by City Council action in 2009. The second area is a sliver west of the 405, down at the bottom part between --

Yeah, where you're showing. Thank you.

It's often ignored because the freeway seems to act like a more natural boundary.

All right. We have one single recommendation, and that is to maintain our community, Sherman Oaks, whole, as we are today in a single Congressional District, a single California Senate District, and a single California Assembly District. 20 years ago, Sherman Oaks was split across districts. The 2011 Commission beneficially reconnected us into a single district.

Congressman Brad Sherman's, 30th Congressional District includes all of Sherman Oaks except POSO, up in
the upper left. POSO should be included in a single
district, as mentioned by Ann O'Connor. Sherman Oaks and
SOHA have longstanding relationships with the
Congressmember. We are working together for reduced
aircraft noise for Van Nuys Airport. Senator
Bob Hertzberg's 18th California Senate District includes
all of Sherman Oaks except the sliver, which is to the
west of the 405.

Both POSO and the sliver should be included in a
single district. Sherman Oaks and SOHA have strong
relationships with the Senator. We are working together
on housing legislation. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's
46th California Assembly District includes all of Sherman
Oaks except the sliver again. Both POSO and the sliver
should be included in a single district.

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. ANDERSON: Sherman Oaks and SOHA have strong
relationships with the Assemblymember. We are working
together on solutions of affordable -- affordable
housing. Sherman Oaks is also whole in L.A. County's 3rd
Supervisory District and in Los Angeles 4th City
Council District.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. ANDERSON: So we want to be whole everywhere.

Thank you very much for all your work on this. We
appreciate it very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

Right now will be 010.

I'd like to invite 008 to please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. Thank you so much.

So right now will be 010, and then up next will be 008. So right now will be 010, and then up next will be 008.

010, your speaker order number will be number seven, if you will please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. 010, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen.

MR. DADVAND: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Thank you so much. Your speaker order number is number seven, if you'll please make note of that.

MR. DADVAND: Yes, ma'am.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you will let the mapper know what area you would like brought up.

MR. DADVAND: San Fernando Valley. May -- may I start?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, you're muted.

CHAIR TAYLOR: I'm sorry.
Caller, would you be able to define the San Fernando Valley?

MR. DADVAND: Yes. The community north of Mulholland Drive.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Are there any additional streets, highways or geographic boundaries to describe the San Fernando Valley that you --

MR. DADVAND: If -- if you put 101 in the middle of or 405 in the middle of the screen, everything on the right, left, north, south, it will be San Fernando Valley.

CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead and begin.

MR. DADVAND: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you very much for the opportunity you gave me to express my opinion. My name is Babak Dadvand. I lived in San Fernando Valley for 37 years. I have two kids, born and raised in San Fernando. They went to even the college in San Fernando and live in Sacramento.

I would like to ask you to keep San Fernando Valley as a whole. San Fernando Valley is a very special communities with its own culture: Valley Traffic, Valley School, Valley Neighborhood, Valley businesses, Valley Airport, all the issues. And we know better. Once -- we have always been a -- a stepchild of Los Angeles. And if
we com -- you combine us with West Side, all the
Congressional offices, all the -- all the government
offices will move to West Side, not San Fernando. So I
am asking you to consider to leave San Fernando Valley
alone. We are very happy with the way it is.

Look at Los Angeles. We have 80 miles of Metro
rail. In San Fernando Valley, we have only one mile, and
we have a bus, orange line that comes, not even the
metro. And we do not have any a stadium in San Fernando
Valley, no cultural or music, except the one that we have
at Cal State Northridge. Everything is on the other
side. Please leave some Fernando Valley alone. Thank
you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
Right now, we will have 008.

I would like to invite 013 to please use the raise
your hand button at the bottom of your screen to get in
the comment queue line. That is 013, if you'll please
use the raise -- raise your hand button at the bottom of
your screen.

Well, right now, we will have 008.

008, your speaker order number will be number eight.
You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know
what area you would like brought up on the map, the floor
is yours.

SPEAKER 8: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

SPEAKER 8: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. I would like to look at on the map, the San Fernando Valley, which is Studio City, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Woodland Hills, Calabasas, and pretty much everything north of Mulholland Boulevard, which cuts across the top of the Hollywood Hills. May I go?

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

SPEAKER 8: I'm a filmmaker, and the San Fernando Valley has served as a location for a film that I've recently made that's coming out this very month. But I confess that I'm not the first filmmaker to discover the San Fernando Valley for the unique community that it is.

You may recall in the movie The Karate Kid, Ralph Macchio uses the crane kick to Johnny's nose to win the tournament, that it is the All Valley Karate Tournament that he is winning. There is no sense that Ralph Macchio is going to have to fight whoever might win a hypothetical All Westside Karate Tournament with fighters from Hollywood or Beverly Hills.

That's because the creators of the Karate Kid recognized that San Fernando Valley would never have a karate tournament with the West Side. They understand
that when you're in the Valley, you tend to stay in the Valley.

This point is made well in the movie The Truman Show, too, when the creators had to imagine someone spending their whole life in one place without ever having the impulse to leave it or realizing that his whole world is really just a television studio, they locate that autonomous world as the San Fernando Valley.

Please know that deep community divide between the West Side and the Valley is equally felt by West Siders and was perhaps best investigated by the HBO TV show Entourage. And if ever there was a show dedicated to the West Side of L.A., that's Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Malibu, it was Entourage. In season three's, episode two, titled "One Day in the Valley," Johnny Drama succinctly captures the cultural, environmental and even culinary differences between the Valley and the West Side with the following words, "Vince, you know my policy. I only go to the Valley November through March, and even then, only to Sushi Row."

The valley is not the West Side and the West Side is not the valley. Should any of the Commissioners desire to review further materials regarding why the San Fernando Valley District should not be linked with West L.A., please consider taking in the films Encino Man,
Valley Girl, Boogie Nights, Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Magnolia, and a host of others. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

I would like to ask 013 to use your raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen, as you do have an appointment at this time.

And 016, you also can -- have an appointment on the next session. But regardless, please use the raise your hand option at the bottom of the screen.

I would also like to ask the callers that have been waiting in the queue to please -- press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

And at this time, the only raised hands we have are from callers, so I will be moving to callers.

Caller 8771. That's Caller 8771 will be right now.
And then up next in the queue will be Caller 2887.
That's Caller 2887.

And again, I will remind those with appointments, that is 016, 013, please use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen.

Caller 8771, please follow the prompts that Zoom is giving you in your phone. Please follow the prompts to
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unmute, Caller 8771. Please follow the Zoom pro --

Caller 8771, you are now unmuted. I have a couple of
instructions. Your speaker order number will be number
nine, if you'll please make note of that for future
reference. And if you would please let the mapper know
what area you would like brought up on the map. And with
that, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER 9: Thank you, Commissioners. I'm in the
Antelope Valley, the 14 Freeway, Avenue M, N, O, any in
those areas. This is a large valley. Many people have
moved from down below the L.A. area up here, and they
continue -- continue to commute down there. Many people
do not -- who do live here, work for aerospace and other
local communities. We have traditionally been part of
Santa Clarita in District 25 and Simi Valley.

I would like to remain as part of that district. I
would also like you to consider expanding to the Kern
County side. We -- we are Northern Los Angeles County
and are considered kind of the unwanted stepchild in a
lot of policies, although there are many people that are
from the -- that -- down below -- what we call down
below, anything over the mountains. Santa Clarita is
a -- the 14 Freeway makes Santa Clarita an easy access
for people to get back and forth, and it's almost part of
us.
But I'd like you to consider adding to the District 25 would be Rosamond, on the north side of Kern County, Rosamond go up the 14 Freeway just north of Lancaster. There's Rosamond. That's currently considered part of Bakersfield. It is part of this Antelope Valley area by the way the mountains are formed, but it is part of Bakersfield. And it would be more con -- it's more based on our climate, our environment, where people work. It's part of this community. I would like to -- you to consider it to be part of District 25 and for us to remain in District 25.

Our representatives have been very active recently on doing some necessary department -- law enforcement work in the Eastern Antelope Valley.

If you -- right where your hand was just a moment back.

We have a very large area. People do not understand it. We have two deputies out to the east at Lake Los Angeles. That red line on the far right. It can take half an hour or more from the Palmdale, Lancaster area to get out to the east side of the valley. They are understaffed. There are two deputies. We are all considered part of District 25 for redistricting, also would be -- above Rosamond would be Mojave as well, because many of these people come into Lancaster and
Palmdale to do their shopping. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

Right now we will have Caller 2887, and up next in the queue will be Caller 7365.

I would like to ask 013 and 016 to please use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen.

And right now is Caller 2887. Please follow the Zoom prompts to unmute. That's Caller 2887, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. That's Caller 2887, if you will please press star six to unmute your phone. And one more time, Caller with the last four of your phone, 2887, if you'll please press star six, it will unmute your phone. Oh, there we are.

MS. KERR: Good morning, Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning.

MS. KERR: Sorry for -- about that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

MS. KERR: I wanted to --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple -- I have a couple of instructions. Just one second. Your caller -- your speaker order number will be number ten, if you'll make note of that for future reference. And with that, please let the --

MS. KERR: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- mapper know what area
you would like brought up.

MS. KERR: Sure. If we could pull up Long Beach, please.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

MS. KERR: Okay. Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Megan Kerr, M-E-G-A-N, K-E-R-R, for the record. I'm a lifelong resident of Long Beach, have lived in the Greater Bixby Knolls area just north of the 405. I've served for seven years, and I'm the current vice president of the Board of Education for the Long Beach Unified School District.

Long Beach Unified is the fourth largest school district in the State of California and the second largest school district serving L.A. County with nearly 70,000 students and their families in the Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon areas. I'm speaking with you today to urge you to keep Long Beach together as much as reasonably possible. Serving our students and families is made easier when our strong and diverse community stays intact as has been done for the past several redistricting cycles.

I'm also asking that for outreach zone H, that you'll hold a public meeting here in Long Beach when you are able to do so in person to bring this really
important redistricting process closer, not only to our residents, but to our students and families. It's a great opportunity for learning and civic engagement for them.

Thank you for your service to our state and communities and your strong consideration to keep Long Beach together. Have a good weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have caller 7365, and up next in the queue will be caller 3290. Right now, we will have caller 7365, and up next in the queue will be caller 3290.

Caller 7365, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 7365, you are unmuted. I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 11, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. And with that, will you please let the mapper know any area you would like brought up on the map, and the floor is yours.

MS. DUSEK: We would like to -- or I would like to -- my name is Charlene Dusek (ph.). I -- I am a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley. My concern is with our 25th District. Santa Clarita is a part of a district that covers the Simi Valley region as well as Santa Clarita and parts of Agua Dolce. We would like our -- our team up here would like us to keep that intact.
Santa Clarita and -- and Simi Valley are definitely geographically segmented, and we feel that this would be a better service to not only our schools, our residents, and our transportation system, but we would like to see that remain intact to serve our population a little bit better. It would be a challenge if you did break up our district just because of you're looking at the population and density level. We want to ensure that our representation clearly understands and will continue to support it in the fashion that it is.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have caller 3290, and up next in the queue will be caller 0645. I'd like to ask those in the queue to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. For those in the queue that have called in by telephone, please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And again registrant 013, if you will use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen, you will enter the comment queue line. Right now will be caller 3290.

Caller 3290, you are unmuted. I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 12. If you will please make note of that for future reference. If you have an area you would like brought up on the map, please let the mapper no. And with that, the
floor is yours.

MS. MEHLINGER: Yes. Please bring up the City of Long Beach. My name is Samantha Mehlinger and I'm the director of communications for the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, and I'm also the former editor of the Long Beach Business Journal. I've lived in Long Beach my -- well, nearly my whole life.

I would like to voice my support for keeping Long Beach together in its Congress and state districts. Doing so not only preserves the integrity of our city as one community, it also ensures that our major industries which employ so many residents are represented as one. Long Beach's hospitality and tourism industry is the second largest employer in the City and generates more than $1 billion in economic impact for the City annually.

Ensuring that this industry and other major sectors are represented as one community is really key to their well-being. I would ask the Commission to keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines for the benefit of its residents, workers, and business community. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And again, I'd like to ask those in the queue that have called in to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine
to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And again, appointment 013, if you will use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen. Right now we have caller 0645 is the only hand we have raised at this time. It is caller 0645.

Caller 0645, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 0645, you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 13, if you will please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. If you could bring up the Lancaster area. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. So yeah. The Antelope Valley is connected with Santa Cruz and Simi Valley, and that's a great highway to go into each other. But if you go to -- on the Lancaster west side, if you kind of zoom in, you will see --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller, if you will mute your livestream audio.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I just did.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You will see a division where Lancaster West and Lancaster East are not in the same district. They've kind of -- where is it at? I'm trying to look on the map that you are showing. But I agree with keeping it -- keeping Lancaster together.

It's actually divided up in a certain area where my neighbor right across the street has -- is in a different district. So -- so you know, congressional districts need to represent a -- a demographic, you know, a homogenous demographic composed of several factors. So like, you know, geographic, economic, social, environment, crime, values, education.

The 25th District, at its core, has always, you know, represented people from Santa Clarita, Simi Valley, and Leona Valley, Palmdale, Lancaster, Little Rock, Lake Los Angeles. And -- and portions of Lancaster have been gerrymandered into the 23rd District, Bakersfield and Central Valley. So I don't understand that. That doesn't make any sense.

So we have dominated -- you know, we have aerospace and we're bedroom commuters, and we've got a prison system, and support for the underprivileged and foster population. With high desert and canyon air quality and fire dangers and high altitude agriculture, right? And hus -- agriculture and hus -- husbandry. Practical
educational needs and unusual law enforcement needs.

The 25th District should include probably, you know, Rosamond and Mohave as well in addition to the communities mentioned above so elected representatives would be able to address the unique needs of the --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- unique needs of these high desert and canyon communities. So I thank you for looking into that, why it's divided up like that, and --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- get us on the right track, okay? And I thank you for listening. I appreciate your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have color with the last four 4380, and then up next in the queue will be 016. Right now, we will have caller 4380, and up next in the queue we will have 016.

And I'd like to invite the other callers and have called in to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And 013, you can use the raise your hand bot -- option at the bottom of your screen. Right now is caller 4308.

Caller 4308, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
quick instructions. Your speaker order number is number
14, if you'll please make note of that for future
reference. If there is an area of the map you would like
brought up, please let the mapper know. And with that,
the floor is yours.

MR. CANALES: Yes. Good morning. Hi. My name is
Miguel Canales (ph.). I'm a resident of the City of
Artesia. The City of Artesia is located in southeast Los
Angeles, so if I could have you please go ahead and pull
up the map that has the City of Artesia.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

MR. CANALES: Thank you. The City of Artesia is one
of the gateway cities in the southeast Los Angeles area.
We only have about 17,000 people. We had about a --

nearly a 80 percent census turnout, and so we're hoping

that now we have a little bit more than 17,000. But we
have -- during this COVID crisis, we joined several

southeast cities like Bell, Bell Gardens, Huntington
Park -- let's see -- Bellflower, the City of Cerritos,
and we've advocated for our region when it comes to
vaccination.

As you are aware, the news has made it pretty

apparent that there have been some discrepancies early on

regarding the southeast community of Los Angeles and the

amount of attention when it comes to resources for COVID.
So we were -- we worked with the County to make sure that we had those resources for communities during this pandemic.

We've also (indiscernible) when it comes to transportation. Transportation is an important issue: the 605, the 710, the 91, and pollution from those vehicles and making sure that traffic and pollution don't impact our communities. So we are happy to be part of the southeast part -- happy to be part of AD -- Assembly District 58, 7th Seat 32, and Congress -- congressional District 38.

We would really appreciate it, myself as a resident and our community, to be -- to stay together with that particular district and not separating us into Orange County. We have more commonalities and more issues to combat with our southeast area than we do with Orange County. Thank you very much for your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, will be 016. And I would like to -- if my mouse would work correctly. I'd like to invite 0060 -- oh, you found the raise your hand button. And so right now will be 016. Up next in the queue will be 006.

016, you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number will be number 15, if you will please make note of that
for future reference. If you'll let the mapper know what
area you would like brought up on the screen, the floor
is yours.

MR. BECKWITH: Sure. Great. Thank you very much.
I'm representing the Palmdale, Lancaster area of the
Antelope Valley, basically all the Antelope Valley. My
name's Cliff Beckwith. I'm the president of the Greater
Antelope Valley Association of Realtors. And I wanted to
share some -- some reasons and information on the
Antelope Valley and why it's unique and why the entire
area should be kept together.

We are the northeastern part of L.A. County, and by
being a part of L.A. County and being so far away from
everything, it basically means underrepresentation in the
Antelope Valley. So it's crucial that we are kept
together for effective services and everything else.
Antelope Valley extends all the way up to California
City. We've had a couple people on I've heard before me.
Really, our district should go beyond Rosemond up to
California City, Mojave. If you've ever driven up the
14, you know that we're geographically isolated from
everywhere else.

Our valley has extensive aerospace and defense
industry. It's the same social-economic profile
throughout the transportation corridor for high speed is
projected to go through Palmdale and Tehachapi and down that area, so all that would be helpful to have. Historically, like I said, a home to aerospace and defense.

We have our own unique health care issues, and we also have community colleges that provide training for defense workers which are unique to our area. Kern County is below -- is in Ros -- below Rosamond there, but really we should be dividing, like, at Tehachapi or the mountain range because everything from Tehachapi west is considered usually Bakersfield items, and Ridgecrest and everything down through Rosamond would be Antelope Valley.

The Antelope Valley is made up of Plant 42, which is classified aircraft manufacturing. Been doing that for years. We have Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed, all the different manufacturers. We have the Mojave Air and Space Port. It should be part of the same general area, which is just to the north of Lancaster, Palmdale. Edwards Air Force Base, which is renowned for what they do for our country as well as other Southern California air logistics. And if we want to go to the east, it could even be Victorville. The Naval Weapons Air Station in China Lake, which is up towards Ridgecrest, you know, and many other things are unique here.
Also, our water, the Antelope Valley, the Kern --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. BECKWITH: -- water district serves the entire Antelope Valley, and that should be kept together so that services are -- are consistent. We don't have any UCs or state schools, but we do have --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. BECKWITH: -- a great private -- or not private, but community college in -- in Lancaster, and that serves our military and other needs. So there's a lot of reasons we should be -- be kept a part, and I appreciate your guys' time. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have 006, and up next in the queue will be 013. Right now will be 006, and up next in the queue will be 013.

006, your speaker order number will be 16, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable the audio and the video in the lower left of your screen.

MS. HELLER: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. If you'll let the mapper know what area you would like to see, the floor is yours.

MS. HELLER: Santa Fe Springs.
MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

MS. HELLER: My name is Lisa Heller (ph.). I've been a lifelong resident of Santa Fe Springs. My friends and family live here, and they live within neighboring cities Whittier, Norwalk, Downey. And we call this part of the L.A. County and gateway cities. I'm calling to ask you to keep the gateway cities together. This includes keeping Artesia and Cerritos within L.A. County and separate from Orange County.

What impacts one of our communities impacts all of us as a set of communities. The gateway cities share the same concerns around economic development, housing, homelessness, air quality, and transportation. We are a highly ethnically diverse region with significant Latino and Asian populations that are united by their common social and economic connections to L.A. County.

For instance, our region experiences the environmental and transportation-related impacts created by Artesia and Cerritos as they make their way to work in the great -- Greater L.A. Basin. The 710 is also the main artery for the movement of goods and services out of the port. Also, my city, along with the cities that I've already mentioned, make up a significant portion of the transportation, housing, air quality, and economic development.
That's pretty much all I have to say. Thanks for taking my call. Please keep the region known as the Gateway Cities, including Artesia and Cerritos whole and together with L.A. County.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now, we will go to 013. And I'd like to remind those in the queue that it chose to call in to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand. And right now we will go to 013, and up next in the queue will be caller with the last four 8037. That is caller 8037.

013, you can now enable your audio and video in your lower left of your screen. Your speaker order number will be number 17, if you'll please make note of that. And with that, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Good morning --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. And if you let the mapper --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the area you --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If can --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Van Nuys. I'm sorry if you can't hear me. I don't know if you guys can hear me.
There's a lot --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- back ground -- okay. So it's Van Nuys, California. And I'm actually new to the area, so I'm a lot -- a lot like everybody else had said they've lived here for a very long time and the areas that they've lived in, I've only been here for three years. So and I didn't hear another person had mentioned the San Fernando Valley, which Van Nuys is in. I guess Van Nuys is more central, so there's not really much that I -- I do have to say because he did touch on it.

But I would say just from being here for the amount of time that I've been here, you know, we are located near the Van Nuys airport, I guess, and there's a lot of government buildings here. And I'm just kind of going off of the questions that you guys have sent to us.

Our shared interests, I think, would be just, like, families. It seems like there's a lot of families here. And so to me, what's important is the schools. I don't feel that there's a lot of coming together for that in -- in -- in this neighborhood for the children and the schools and, you know, what is being afforded to them, so -- and I don't know if there's a way that we can improve on that.

And then I know that there's a lot of other cities
surrounding Van Nuys, which would be, I guess, most popular areas like Sherman Oaks and, I believe, it's, like, North Hollywood. And just only seeing -- because there's a lot of those communities over there kind of, you know, they're growing and having new businesses and development going on. As far as Van Nuys, I -- we see it a little bit, but not so much as far as how, you know, you see the growth and development in Sherman Oaks right now and North Hollywood.

So I don't feel that, you know, I -- I would be the right one to say to connect to those areas, but I would say, you know, to keep us where we are. And then hopefully -- I don't know. I know you guys do this every ten years, but that there will be more opportunities for growth within this city. Van - Van Nuys.

From what I can see is they have a very entrepreneurial spirit. Wherever you go in Van Nuys, you see families of people working together on the street corner, and you know, trying to get their businesses out there and things like that. So I -- I really appreciate that here in this city and living here (audio interference) very entrepreneurial mindset as well.

It's the families. It's very family oriented. They come to Van Nuys. I believe that --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- it's probably one of the most populated areas in the valley, from what I -- I'm seeing. So that's all I really have to say. And then again, because the -- the gentleman had mentioned it before earlier, so there's not too much to say but --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- just to keep us the same, and hopefully, we'll be able to see the growth that we want to see here as well. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So right now, we will have color 8037. And I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. At this time, we do have one hand raised of caller 8037.

Caller 8037, you are unmuted. I have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 18, if you will please make note of that for future reference. If there is an area of the map you would like brought up, please, let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. RUSSELL: Good morning, everyone. I'm down -- I'm in Long Beach, downtown, right off of Ocean Boulevard. My name is Courtney Russell, and I'm the Vice
President of Client Relations for the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau. Former -- former general manager of the Residence Inn Long Beach Downtown.

I came to speak today in strong support of keeping Long Beach together in Congress and state districts. I believe that doing so will allow for our unique strengths as a city to contribute to the success of California. You know, one of those strengths being is our hospitality and convention industry, which is the second largest employer in the city.

As you know, Long Beach competes directly with nearby cities, so it is key for businesses and residents employed by the hospitality industry to maintain their collective voice as one community. For the past two redistricting cycles, the city has been largely kept intact with a vast majority of Long Beach represented by predominance seats. I ask the Commission today to keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with that, I would like to ask the callers in the queue to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand.

And Chair, we do not currently have any hands raised. I will defer to you.
VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read the short instructions, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The Commission is now taking public comment by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page.

And we do now have a hand raised. It is caller 1926. Caller with the last four 1926, if you follow the prompts to unmute. You are currently unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 19, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. MENDOZA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is John Mendoza. I live here in the City of Pomona. And you could bring that city up. I live 91768. The zip code is about four blocks from the Pomona Fairplex. And our city is bounded on the west side by the 57 freeway, which is connected to Cal Poly Pomona, and on the north side, it's Route 66 up to Foothill Boulevard, and what also borders us up in the north is the Claremont Hills.
And on the east side is the City of Montclair, which is -- shares a lot of community interests with the City of Pomona because of the working-class, high Latino -- Latino district there.

And we share a lot of the interest on the north side with the City of Claremont which has a lot of the colleges there. And nearby, where a lot of people come down from Claremont all the time to our City Council meetings ad -- advocating for social change, as you know, at our city politics, and there's a lot of comingling back and forth.

Along with that, we have water history with Claremont that dates back to the 1800s where some of the following founders like the Calamares (ph.) family, and you know, founded water up in the foothills and then directed it down to the City of Pomona. Unfortunately, they lost their water rights and got disempowered back in the late 1800s because of a severe drought and common law practices brought into the United States by common law laws and so forth. So we have an underground aquifer that is -- connects so, with just, you know, hard granite rock, so that's some of the similarities we -- we face, you know.

I'd like to keep Pomona together, you know. Like I say, we have a -- our -- our cultural issues are -- we --
our city is very involved with immigrant rights, affordable housing. Annually, they have a Juneteenth celebration there. And we're also served by the Pomona Community Unified School District, which extends out into Diamond Bar.

So the areas that are represented by our elected officials, which is the 20th Senate and the 57 Assembly and the 35th Congressional District, primary a lot of those are working class African-Americans, Latinos, you know, and we all kind of share a lot of the common goals, you know, affordable housing and so forth, and you know, reaching out to the people that are underserved.

But on the --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. MENDOZA: -- other side of the -- on the south side, which is the 60 freeway, which borders our other section, there's Chino, which is another city that does counter -- you know, they're counter to -- to a lot of the politics.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. MENDOZA: They're conservative. And so I'd like to see them moved into the Riverside district and have us include Claremont. Thank you very much, Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I would like to remind the callers in the queue to please
press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star nine to raise your hand.

And with that, Chair, we do not have any raised hands. I will defer to you.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I would like to take this moment to make a small announcement. Just a reminder that, on Monday, we have a -- our Zone C meeting, and registration for that will close today at 5 p.m. So please, viewing public, if you wish to provide public input for Zone C, registration for that closes today at 5.

So I will say, seeing no other hands raised in the queue and being so close to our mandatory break, we will take this opportunity to go on break and we will return from break at 11:45. When we return from break, we will start with individuals who are registered for an appointment, and then we'll open up the phone lines to all of the callers if time permits.

So we are on break until 11:45. Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, a recess was held)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission COI input meeting. We encourage those that have appointments and those Californians that are listening to call in and provide
input. We also encourage you to visit the community of interest tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting drawmycacommmunity.org.

As an announcement, there is another public input meeting that will occur on Monday for Zone C. Zone C is those communities consisting of Solano County, Marin County, Contra Mesa County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County. As a note for housekeeping, we intend to take a 45-minute lunch at 1:15.

With that, I will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator, to continue with the public input. We will start with people who are registered and then open up the phone lines if there's time before the next session. Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be -- you'll be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number for future reference.
The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

Right now we have 017, and up next in the queue will be 014. Right now is 017, and up next will be 014.

017, your speaker order number will be number 20.
You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. If you'll please let the map per know of what area you would like to see, the floor is yours.

MS. BALL: Thank you. I'm speaking on Zone H, Los Angeles County. Good morning. My name is Andrea Ball. I'm with the Ball/Frost Group, legislative advocate for the Long Beach Unified School District, Dr. Jill Baker, Superintendent. The Long Beach Unified School District serves 70,000 students. It's the fourth largest in the State of California, and it is the largest employer in the City of Long Beach.

As reflected in Superintendent Baker's letter to the Commission, we support the City's interest in preserving the geographic and demographic integrity of the City through district lines that keep Long Beach together.
The City and School District are home to one of the state's most diverse communities. We think it's important to have this preserved through the district lines.

We support the City's request and urge the Commission to hold a public input session in Long Beach when you have the opportunity. I thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments, and thank you for your service on the Redistricting Commission. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have 014, and up next in the queue will be caller with the last four 4376. Right now will be 014, and up next in the queue will be caller 4376. And I'd like to remind the others in the queue that please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Right now we will go to 014.

014, your speaker order number will be number 21, if you'll please make note of that for future reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. If you'll remind -- if you'll please let the mapper know of what area you would like to see. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. KIM. Hi. My name's Stacy Kim (ph.). I want to talk about Los Angeles County, the City of Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights. I live here at this area for
more than 40 years, and then I just build -- the Walnut
has a common interest with the community of Diamond Bar
and Rowland of so much close. So I would like to all
these three city combine as one unit so we can have
better service for our community and the people. So this
is a very desperate need. We need a one boundary, not
three separate city. That's all.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have a caller with the last four --
last four 4376. That is 4376. If you'll please follow
the prompts to unmute, caller 4376.

You are currently unmuted. I do have a couple of
quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be
number 22, if you will please make a note of that for
future reference. If there's an area of the map you
would like brought up, please remind -- please let the
mapper know what area that is. And with that, the floor
is yours.

MS. SARATE: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. The
area I'm calling -- calling from is from Los -- Los
Angeles region. My name is Alejandra (indiscernible)
Sarate (ph.), and I live within zip code 91325 on the
border of Lake Balboa at Northridge. And I'm calling on
behalf of our communities in Lake Balboa, Northridge,
Reseda, North Hills, and Western Van Nuys to identify
that as a community of interest.

We do have more in common with the eastern San Fernando Valley and would appreciate being drawn together with them and not with the western San Fernando Valley region because we do not share common interests and concerns.

Our communities are people of color. We are undocumented. We are poor with very diluted power because of the white, affluent communities of neighboring Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, Encino, just to name a few. And to reiterate, we do not want to be drawn with them.

The communities of color I'm referring to have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, consists of hard to count census areas, has been disproportionately affected by pollution, unemployment, rent issues, and do not have access to disposable income like the western San Fern -- Fernando Valley does. We are working poor, and many of us live paycheck to paycheck, issues the western San Fernando Valley cannot relate to. And as such, we need our own representation and ability to elect our candidate of choice that would be more likely to respond to our day-to-day concerns.

Many of us, additionally, are not citizens, so we cannot vote. So we would need your support in keeping
our communities together when you are looking at issues of total population, when you're looking to keep these communities of interest whole, whether or not they're citizens or don't have a status. We are also have communities a high -- have high proportion of limited English proficiency.

And again we do not want to be drawn with Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, and Calabasas. We do not share similar concerns, and we'd like to be drawn in with the eastern San Fernando Valley, who shares similar demographic characteristics and share policy concerns so that we are able to receive the representation that we need for the next ten years to come. Thank you so much for your consideration.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, are you able to define what -- the boundary between east and west San Fernando Valley?

MS. SARATE: Yes. It would stretch from the north a little bit past California State University, Northridge, and it -- it would -- I'm happy to submit a map for your reference, and I'll note that I'm caller number 22. But as you're going down south, it would be around the Tampa Street area. You're going all the way south and -- and down into what's Boulevard. Those communities south of Ventura Boulevard --
MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. SARATE: -- are affluent communities.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

MS. SARATE: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star nine to raise your hand and enter the comment queue. Please press star nine to raise your hand. Caller 5906, if you would please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment at this time. Again, that was caller with the last four 5906. Oh. Oh. No? Never mind.

Chair, I will defer to you.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read the short instructions, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The Commission will now take public comment by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you have called in -- once you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page. And I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.
And Chair, at this time, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a couple of minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And again, those calling in, please press star nine to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a caller at this time.

Chair, would like me to go to them?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Absolutely.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And that is caller 9083. Right now will be caller 9083, if you will follow the prompt to unmute. And caller 9083, if you press star six to unmute yourself. That is, press star six, please, to unmute yourself. And one more time, caller with the last four 9083, if you will, please press star six on your telephone keypad to unmute yourself.

There you are. Caller 90 --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 23. If there's a area on the map you would like to see, please let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Yes. District 25,
which is Simi Valley. Part of it.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hi. So the district that I'm calling -- I'm referring to is District 25, which but I'm calling specifically about Simi Valley.

MR. MANOFF: Go ahead and begin your comment, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm calling regarding redrawing our district. I'm calling to oppose the redrawing of District 25. It was a very close race this time. Mark -- Mike Garcia is our representative. I feel that it is a very good representation. We've got Simi Valley, the Antelope Valley, and I think part of Ventura County. I do not want to -- I don't feel that we should be drawn into part of the San Fernando Valley. The San Fernando Valley would not really represent this district.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And we do have another caller, caller 0283, with their hand up. And I would like to ask those in the queue to please press star nine to raise your hand if you have not commented today. Please press star nine to raise your hand. Thank you so much.

Right now we will have caller 0283, and up next in the queue will be caller 2034. Right now will be 0283.
If you will please follow the prompts to unmute yourself, caller 0283. And again, that is caller with the last -- there you are.

MR. KNOX: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted.

MR. KNOX: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick instructions.

MR. KNOX: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number will be number 24, if you will please --

MR. KNOX: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. KNOX: All right. And can I just say Walnut, California?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I believe so.

MR. KNOX: Can I just say Walnut? Yeah. Okay. All right. And I'm ready to talk. All right.

Hello. My name is Jerry Knox (ph.), and I'm a resident of Walnut in the eastern part of Los Angeles County. I'm a high school human geography teacher calling in to express my support to have the communities
of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights, Hacienda Heights, West Covina, and Phillips Ranch, the community of Pomona to be able -- to be in the same federal and state legislative districts.

This area would be a coalition district. The demographics of these communities are evenly distributed among the Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and Latino population when combined. There is also a major transportation and jobs corridor with many people using the 60 freeway as a main transportation avenue to and from their jobs.

These communities in the San Gabriel Valley should remain together. They have more in common with each other than Orange County communities that they're currently bundled with in state and federal legislative districts.

I would also like to point out that Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Antonio Colleges should belong in the same legislative districts as they are immediately adjacent to each other. Right now, part of the Cal Poly campus is cut off from the dormitory portion of the main campus at the state Senate and state Assembly levels. I hope the Commission can address this with redistricting.

Again, Diamond Bar, Phillips Ranch, Walnut, West Covina, Hacienda Heights, and Roland Heights should be in
the same legislative districts. Thank you for your time
and consideration to my comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
right now, we will have caller 2034, and then up next in
the queue will be caller 5906. Right now will be caller
2034, and up next will be caller 5906.

Caller 2034, if you will please follow the prompts
to unmute yourself.

MS. ALCANTAR: Hello. Can --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. You are unmuted.

MS. ALCANTAR: Hello? Am I being heard?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

MS. ALCANTAR: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick
instructions. Your speaker order number will be 25, if
you will please make note of that for future reference.
If there's an area of the map you would like brought up,
please let the mapper know what that is. And with that,
the floor is yours.

MS. ALCANTAR: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners.
Thank you for your time today. My name is Elizabeth
Alcantar, and I serve as the vice mayor for the City of
Cudahy, a city in southeast Los Angeles, a region that I
have called home my entire life. The southeast Los
Angeles communities are predominantly immigrants, are
working class with distinct interests and particular
needs. Cities such as Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce,
Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate,
Florence-Firestone, and Walnut Park are home to residents
that have been historically underrepresented and under-
resourced.

They share many struggles, including the
(indiscernible) contamination, pollution from major
highways such as the I-710, I-105, and the I-5, and face
obstacles when it comes to gaining health, home, and
education access. Our communities here I southeast Los
Angeles are all almost 50 percent immigrant, over 90
percent Latinx, are largely young with a quarter to a
third of the population being under the age of 18. About
25 percent of us are living without internet, even in
conditions like the ones we experienced in the last year
and a half, and have about a quarter of our population
living in poverty.

As you can see, we have incredibly unique needs and
need representation that will best serve our communities
here in southeast Los Angeles. Our communities are
incredibly resilient, but they need district lines to be
fair, equitable, and to include them together as a
unified voice. For these reasons, I urge the Commission
to consider southeast Los Angeles, again, the cities of
Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate, and the unincorporated areas of Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park to be in the redistricting process. Thank you so much for your time and consideration for your concern.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now we have caller 5906. That is caller 5906. If you will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5906, you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 26. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up on the screen, please let the mapper know. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. PACKERDONI: Thank you, Commissioners. I apologize. I wanted to be a little more prepared in my speaking. I submitted a written statement, but sometimes life intrudes and I'm actually getting my car repaired. I mean, my name is Deacon Packerdouni (phonetic sp.) I'm from the Montebello area. I'm an Armenian-American.

And I would -- what I'd like the commissioners to consider is the fact that there's a fairly large Armenian-American community in the San Gabriel Valley centered around the cities of Montebello, Whittier, Pico Rivera, and the surrounding areas. It's a community that's been in that area since the 1950s. It's currently
represented by Linda Sanchez in the 38th Congressional District. And it's pretty much the areas that the community lives in are still within the 38th District.

What I'd like to suggest to the commissioners is that those areas remain together, that they would not be a dilution of the Armenian-American community in that area. We have community centers there and schools, churches. And again in the Montebello, Whittier, Pico Rivera area, there's a fairly high concentration of Armenian-Americans who for the last 60 years have been living their lives as Americans -- living their lives as citizens. We're well represented in Congress and we'd ask that vote not be diluted by splitting up those communities.

As I said, I submitted written comments and I would refer the commissioners to those comments. Thank you. And I apologize that I'm not speaking in a more prepared fashion. But as I said, sometimes life intrudes. Thank you very much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with that, Chair, we do not have any other callers in the queue that have not spoken today. I will defer to you.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, can we go to the five-minute video?

(Pause)
VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: And welcome back from a short break. We were able to show a short video regarding redistricting. Katy, if we have any callers, can you please invite them in to provide comments?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair, as caller 6250 has their hand raised. And I invite those who have not spoken today and to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. But for right now we do have caller with the last four 6250 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. You are currently unmuted.

I do have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 27. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. If there is an area of the map you would like brought up on the screen, please, that the map or know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. HOYT: Hi. Yes, I would like the everything north -- the San Fernando Valley is where I'm thinking about. And I could just start?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

MS. HOYT: Great. So my name is Jen Hoyt (phonetic sp.). And I'm here to talk about the San Fernando Valley. The U.S. Census Department has a census county division for the San Fernando Valley, which gives the
exact geography. But essentially the San Fernando Valley contains all the neighborhoods north of Mulholland Boulevard, which is on top of the Hollywood Hills.

Though it has a population of about 2 million residents, the San Fernando Valley is neither a county nor a city. But if it was, it would be among the largest in the nation. The valley is roughly split into the West Valley and East Valley with the 405 freeway, running --

dividing those two.

And the valley's further divided by a neighborhood counsel system that bestows local government status on our many neighborhoods like Sherman Oaks and Rosita Park. So please, make a district that reflects the San Fernando Valley community by trying to include a vast majority or entirely valley population. If needed, try to skew to the West Valley and East Valley subdivide, and please try to minimize splits within valley neighborhoods.

Please don't divide our community of interest and throw pieces of the valley to this and that city or county that's just like happen to be adjacent but a million miles away in our mind. Just thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please
press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a hand raised. That'd be caller 3494.

And caller 3494, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. And you are unmuted. I have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 28. If you will please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like to see, please -- if there's an area of the map you would like brought up on the screen, please let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 28: Okay. We live in Lancaster. We are right on the border of the 23rd District and the 25th District. So if the mapper could move in on the intersection of Avenue K and 15th Street West and then zoom out a little bit so the audience can see the borderline there. There is a very weird bubble that comes down into Lancaster from the 23rd District, so that half of Lancaster or parts of Lancaster in the 23rd, parts are in the 25th. It makes absolutely no sense.

The high desert and surrounding canyon areas are homogenous in terms of geographical needs, law enforcement needs, economics, being aerospace, prison, law enforcement, and commuter L.A.; air quality is
similar in all these areas, all the way down in the Santa Clarita Valley. It would make sense for the 25th District to actually extend north all the way past Roseman to Mojave, to Tehachapi. Then you would have representation of communities that have similar social, economic, law enforcement, aerospace, military, and commuter -- bedroom community-type needs.

Education is often under fire because of all of the foster children and the difficulty with parents commuting. We need a representative of that in both the state and in the federal government that can meet the needs of this particular unique community. We have nothing in common with Bakersfield. We really don't.

The Central Valley is an entirely different demographic, and they deserve to have their own representation. We are the high desert, aerospace, military, law enforcement, commuter area, we need to have representation that fits our needs. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with that, Chair, we do not have any callers in the queue at this time.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. I appreciate all your work. Can you please read the long instructions, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do have a hand
raised. Would you like me to read those first or go to
the caller?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Let's take the caller first.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. And that will be
caller 5858. If you will follow the prompts from -- to
unmute yourself. And that's caller 5858. If you will
press star 6 on your telephone keypad. It will unmute
you.

MS. ROYAL: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yep. There you are. I
have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order
number will be number 29. If you will please make note
of that for future reference.

MS. ROYAL: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If there's an area of the
map you would like brought up on the screen, please let
the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the
floor is yours.

MS. ROYAL: Good afternoon. Thank you very much.
My name is Monica Royal and I am a councilmember to the
city of Bell. And I am calling to request that you
consider keeping together the following cities, Bell,
Bell Garden, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Commerce, Linwood,
Maywood, Walnut Park, and Florence and Firestone.

Please, we are bound by our similarities in
demographics and needs, and we would like to have a representative that will fight for us as we need. So I urge you to keep the southeast Los Angeles region together, and I appreciate you taking my call.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to ask those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. If you could please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. We do have to raise hands at this time. Right now we have caller 3185. And up next, we will have caller 4495. That is right now is caller 3185. And up next will be caller 4495.

Caller 3185, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. You are currently unmuted. Have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 30. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up on the screen, please make -- please let the mapper know what the area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. MARTINEZ: Good morning. I'm calling from the San Fernando Valley in Reseda. My name is Carlos Martinez, and I'm calling to encourage you to draw the lines out of respect for Latino communities and our needs in the valley. We don't really care for Valley
affiliation or keeping the valley whole because we don't really share anything in common with white communities here.

We would appreciate being drawn together in black API communities who share our struggles. We care more about keeping our communities together than any valley affiliation. We will continue to be segregated into neighborhoods filled with poverty, no jobs, low-funded schools, and no representation based on let us be absorbed by white communities in the valley. Please keep Tarzana, Woodland Hills, Sherman Oaks, away from Canoga Park, Macedo, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, and North Hills.

Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment if you have not spoken today. We do have a raised hand, caller 4495.

Caller 4495, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. Caller 4495, you are unmuted.

MS. FLORES: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 31. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like
brought up on the screen, please, let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. FLORES: Thank you so much. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Lisseth Flores. I am a councilwoman for The City of Bell Gardens. And before I go on to the reasons for my call, I'd like to thank all of the commissioners who are, you know, inheriting this very difficult and important work, for it does take a role in the future of our communities, and it should not be taken lightly.

So today I'm calling to express the importance of preserving the Southeast Los Angeles areas. My city of Bell Gardens is home to vibrant eateries, young families, all who come or many who come from immigrant parents. Although Bell and Bell Gardens are different cities, we share the same experiences and hardships. And that goes same for Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Southgate, Walnut Park, and the Florence Firestone Area.

As we draw these lines, I urge you to please keep our communities together for sometimes we are referred to as the donut hole of Los Angeles, an area that is often forgotten, for the redistrict's goal in our surroundings and we are left behind. It is thanks to the leaders in those areas that a lot of our communities receive
assistance because we're out there advocating and separating that I would just become an -- become much more harder for us and for our constituents. So as you draw these lines, I ask you to please maintain us together. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to ask those in the queue that have not spoken today to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy, can we read the long form, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

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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 the Commission is taking community of interest input at this time. And we do not currently have any raised hands, Chair.

   VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a few minutes. While we are waiting, I would like to announce that registration is open on our website for the 7/1, the July 1st Zone A meeting for the 7/2, July 2nd Zone B meeting. Zone A consists of the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity. Zone B consists of the counties of Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama.

   I also would like to announce that the Commission is committed to language access. Language interpreter requests are due five business days in advance of a COI meeting. The 7/1/21 at 5 p.m. deadline for submission for the 7/1 meeting the deadline for submission is 5 p.m.
for 7/8. And with that, we will wait and see if we have any other callers.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to ask to remind those in the queue that have not spoke today to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. We do not have any hands at this time, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, can we go to the long video in Spanish, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Wow.

(Pause)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back. We had the opportunity to show a video in Spanish regarding redistricting. I hope that was informative to our viewing public.

Katy, if we have any callers that would like to make a comment, please invite them in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. I'd like to ask those who have called in over the break to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: I think we do.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, we do. Caller 5059.
And caller 5059, if you would, please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. Please. There you go. You are currently unmuted. I have a couple of instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be number 32. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. If there's an area of the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 32: Yeah, I don't have visual. I'm calling in from a regular phone. So the only thing I'd like to add is that I just think that the Valley, which would be like Tehachapi, Mojave, Lancaster, Palmdale and to Santa Clarita, is a more normal grouping for the area than the way that it's currently split, with Lancaster being split kind of in half and going with Bakersfield when I think more of the valley is related to aerospace.

It at one time was a farming community, but as anybody who lives here knows now, that's really changed pretty dramatically to where it's not. And it still has its aerospace roots and that's probably the major employers out here are for aerospace. And so I just think that that is a more normal configuration than the current one right now. And that's really -- those are the comments I wanted to make.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
with that, Chair, we do not have any other hands in the queue.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. If you can read the short form one more time for me, I'd appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. The Commission will now be taking public comment by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number of 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page. The Commission is taking community of interest public input at that time and we do not have anyone in the queue with a raised hand.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease. And again, I would like to remind our viewing public that I -- the next COI meeting -- COI input meeting will be June 28th. The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. and will last to approximately 6 p.m. or upon completion of business. That meeting is specifically for Zone C, although we will take input from any of California. The counties that are that our focus at that meeting will be Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to ask those calling in to please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment.

(Pause)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And again, those calling in that have not commented today, please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment. And it looks like at this time we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Well, unless there are any objections from any other commissioners, in light of us being within 15 minutes of our lunch break, we will break for our lunch and return at 2 p.m. at which time we'll take our scheduled callers. And if we have time, we'll take all of the callers that call in to provide public input. See you guys at 2 p.m. Have a good lunch.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:10 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community of Interest Input Meeting. We hope everyone had a good lunch. We encourage you to provide input during these sessions. We also encourage you to visit the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by visiting Drawmycacommunity.org. Again, that's Drawmycacommunity.org.
As we noted at the start of our meeting, every ten years after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts so that the districts could correctly reflect the state's population. Our fourteen-member independent commission was authorized by California voters to draw the new district lines.

We are here today to obtain communities of interest information from Californians directly. We encourage all Californians to participate in this process. While there are no clear rules on how to define a community of interest, we've identified ways for you to describe your community. Begin with your county or city, mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community.

What are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community? Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Are there nearby areas you do not want to be in a district with? Explain to us why or why not. Has your community come together to advocate for important services, for better schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood?
If you'd rather submit committee of interest COI input over the internet, you can do so from our website or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the line. Go online. I will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator to continue with public input. We will start with the people who are registered and then open the phone lines if there's time before the next session.

Katy?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number for future reference.

The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit with a warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen, and I'd like to ask 020 to please use the raise
your hand button at the bottom of your screen if you are ready to make your comment and get in the comment queue line.

At this time, we will be starting with caller 9353. I'd also like to remind those calling in that star 9 will raise your hand to indicate you wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And again, 020 if you will use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen, it would raise your hand. Perfect. Right now we will have caller 9353. And then up next, we will have 020.

Caller 9353, you are currently unmuted. I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 33. If you will please make note of that for future reference. If there is an area you would like to discuss and have brought up on the map, please remind the mapper of what area you would like brought up. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. ZLOTNICKI: Hi. Thank you. I don't have a particular area on the map because I'm not able to see the live stream for some reason. But my name is Jessica Slotnick. I'm calling from Altadena, near -- on Maiden Lane and Rubio Canyon, so just a couple of blocks east of Lake Boulevard and about, I don't know, three or four blocks south of -- I'm sorry, I have alarms going off --
south of the mountain. And I grew up here and I
currently live here again.

And I'm calling because I am wanting to request that
this entire community, sort of between the 210 and the
foothills or in the mountains, be sort of a whole
corridor and within their current district lines. We as
residents who live here, we really enjoy being able to
hike and camp and backpack. And I grew up doing that a
big part of my -- who I am as a person and how these
people who are moving into the community and people
who've lived here for a long time really interact with
our space.

We're also really used to having, you know, lots of
our non-human, more than human friends and neighbors
coming around. There was a bear in my front yard about
three days ago. The dogs weren't very pleased with it.
I would also say we're a community of interest because
we're really used to being sort of at risk from the fires
and the floods that we have here that we're going to be
having more and more of.

So for me and for my family and people around me,
it's really important that during these sort of high
alert times, we know who to reach out to. We know state
and federal leaders that we can turn to. And in the
past, when there's been tragedies, we've had fires around
here, it has been confusing to figure out who we can turn
to for help. So being under one umbrella would be really
horrible. So those are just my main comments. I have
noted that I am speaker 33 and just want to thank you all
for your work on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
up next, we have 020. 020, your speaker order number
will be number 34. If you will, please make note of
that. You can now enable your audio and video in the
lower left corner of your screen. If you are, please
remind the mapper of what area you will be talking about
today. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. SU: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
name is Mary Su. I'm the former mayor of the city of
Walnut and active participant in San Gabriel Valley,
Educational and Civic for the past 25 years. Walnut is
located in East L.A. County and is near is between the
freeway 10 to the north and 60 freeway to the south and
freeway 57 to the east.

Walnut was named the number one best place to live
in California by CNN Money in 2011 and top 50 best place
to live in America, also by CNN in 2013. We are a master
planned community have one of the state's highest ranked
school district, the Walnut Valley Unified School
District.
Walnut has a lot in common with neighboring city of Diamond Bar and incorporate Rowland Heights. These all three community are Asian-American communities (indiscernible) Diamond Bar is 53 and Rowland Heights is 60 percent of Asian. With the recent hate crime against Asian, it would make sense this community stayed together to ensure the Asians are not fractured but stay strong (audio interruption).

Diamond Bar and Rowland Heights share common government services. They all use L.A. County sheriff department, L.A. County fire and also part of L.A. library systems. Walnut Valley school district serve the majority of district and also the Walnut Valley water district. All these three communities are impacted by the 5760. This two-mile freeway is the worst congested freeway in California and six worst in the U.S., 100 million vehicle per year and transport nearly $4 billion of goods.

It will make Walnut be included in the same legislative and congressional district as Diamond Bar and Walnut due to our common ethnic background and government service and transportation issues. Thank you so much for all the Commissioner. Your service is greatly appreciate. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. With that,
Chair, that's all of our callers at this time.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read the short form, please?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The Commission will now be taking community of interest public input at this time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been read previously and are provided on the live stream landing page in full. And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a few minutes.

(Pause)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And it's been two minutes and we still do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Kristian, do we have the five-minute video available?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 022. You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left of your screen. 022, you can now on mute yourself in the lower left bottom of your screen and enable your video.

MS. BRENNER: Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. You will be speaker order number 35. If you could please make note of that for future reference. And if you could let the mapper know what area you would like brought up on the screen, the floor is yours.

MS. BRENNER: Do I speak right now? Sorry.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you do.

MS. BRENNER: Okay, cool. I'm speaking to the Valley, the Los Angeles San Fernando Valley area. I have kids in the background, so I apologize in advance.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're fine. Go ahead.

The floor is yours.

MS. BRENNER: Great. Thank you. Hello and thank you, Commissioners. My name is Stacey Brenner, and I am here to ask that as I said, as you work to create representative districts, please consider the San Fernando Valley as a community of interest. The geography of the San Fernando Valley is described clearly by the U.S. Census Department as its own Census County division. I will be emailing my -- in my comments today as well, and I will include the link to the Census website for the benefit of the map drawer.

The Census describes the San Fernando Valley well. The valley is what is on the north side of the Hollywood Hills. Mulholland Boulevard runs along the top of the
Hollywood Hills and neatly separates the valley from the West Side. People in the valley think of themselves as from the valley, in the same way that people on the West Side think of themselves as West Siders. A lot of this has to do with traffic, particularly traffic through the Sepulveda Pass.

If Valley folks need to get over the hill to the west side, the main route requires that you cut through the Sepulveda Pass on the 405 freeway, which is listed every year on the list of the nation's top ten most congested stretches of the roadway. There's also no subway to the west side, so the mountain matters.

It means that as much as possible, Valley folk try to do their living and shopping and work and possibly in the valley. We have our own airports Van Nuys, colleges to send our kids, Seaside Pierce Valley College. And it's well known that the fireworks show at the Warner Center Park on the 4th of July are better than anything going on over the Hill.

Last, redistricting, the commissioners listened to the San Fernando Valley when we said in chorus that we did not want to be carved together with other districts on the West Side. Thank you for that good work. The Valley will never get a subway to the West Side if all elected officials already live on the West Side and have
district offices in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. I want
to thank you again for your time. And please remember to
consider the San Fernando Valley as its own community of
interest and not to pull us together with the West Side.
Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And we do
have another caller. We have caller 2964 at this time.
And then it's caller 2964, if you will please follow the
prompt to unmute yourself.

MR. CONNELL: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are unmuted.

MR. CONNELL: Good afternoon.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good afternoon. I have a
couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will
be number 36. If you could please make note of that.

MR. CONNELL: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If there's an area you
would like brought up on the map to discuss, please let
the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the
floor is yours.

MR. CONNELL: Okay. Thank you very much. My name
is Michael Connell. I am the deputy executive officer at
L.A. Metro overseeing the planning. And the area I would
like to speak about today is for Los Angeles County,
specifically the cities of Diamond Bar, Walnut, and the
area of Rowland Heights.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

MR. CONNELL: The reason I'm calling today -- great. Thank you. The reason I'm calling today is from the perspective of the importance of these communities of Diamond Bar, Walnut and Rowland Heights, to be able to work together, to coordinate and to phase together a common issue in that region, which is the movement of freight along State Route 60 and into State Route 57, where there is a tremendous need for the ability of these communities to work together for a project of state and federal importance.

Recently, we've had to work with them to try to secure funding for this important freight blockage area for L.A. County that affects the movement of people and goods throughout not just the county, but also into the other surrounding counties as part of the L.A. counties adjacent to the three other counties, San Bernadino, Riverside, and Orange counties. And the movement of freight supersedes the county districts.

But through these state districts, we've been able to coordinate these communities to work together to secure funding for this project of state importance through the CTC, the California Transportation Commission, as well as dealing with a tremendous regional
problem that affects local communities through accidents. You know, we have about 700 accidents a year, the number two truck accident location in the State of California over the last few years as one of the top ten truck bottlenecks for the nation over the last few years.

And we recognized that the only way that we're able to work together with these communities, if they're able to be coordinated at the State level, to speak with one voice on this issue, to direct attention to it, and not only to be able to secure funding, but also policy and support for clean air quality vehicles and other kinds of community impacts caused by the movement of national freight from the ports of L.A. to the industry area to the rest of the country.

We understand that there are previous coordination requests through the Four Corners region, which is bringing together the four counties, and that the 57 and the 60 freeways where they come together creates major impacts on these local communities and that there is need to be able to work together and be productive in that work to ensure that their voice is heard and that their funding that they need for their projects is received from the State and Federal level.

So on behalf of L.A. Metro, in terms of the goods movement perspective that -- wanted to provide that
testimony.

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. CONNELL: And I've worked with these communities in the past and have been very pleased that we've been able to extend beyond our county borders, to be able to work with the State legislative offices to address these issues on a regional level, not just a county level. So thank you.

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. CONNELL: That's the end of my testimony.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to remind those in the queue that have not spoken today to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

And 023, if you'd like to use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen. And again, 023, if you use the raise your hand option at the bottom of your screen indicating you wish to comment at this time.

And Chair, it looks like we don't have any raised hands at this time. And you want to give him a couple of minutes to stand by? Oh, wait, no, there. See, it always happens when I say that, never fails.

023, I would be promoting you at this time. 023, your speaker order number will be number 37. You can enable your audio and video in the lower left of your
MS. BAYLIS: Can you hear me?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.
MS. BAYLIS: Great.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.
MS. BAYLIS: So we -- I was registered as an individual and so is my husband. So I'm passing it on to my husband, who is himself, who would like to speak as well.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you.
MR. BAYLIS: Hi. My name is Sean Baylis. I'm also, I guess, speaking as an individual and a resident of the San Fernando Valley. And I find this commission a big concern and definitely want to make sure our voices are heard. You know, obviously, San Fernando Valley views itself as a distinct community, and the boundary of that roughly is everything north of Mulholland Drive.
The Valley, I'm sorry, the San Fernando Valley would certainly be considered its own community of special interest. And if for no other reason, there's a bit of a disconnect from a traffic and mobility standpoint. Everyone, for the most part who knows L.A. knows it's tough to get around, but it's incredibly difficult to go from the Valley to the west side. And so if these districts get split between the valley and the west side,
it will be one, forcing our elected officials to choose which side is getting particular resources.

And also, if we think it's difficult to see our elected officials now, it'll be even more so because if their offices and staff are in the valley, the folks on over the hill won't be able to see them quite literally and practically, and vice versa. If their offices and staff are in the West Side or over the hill, the folks in the Valley won't be able to see them either.

So you know, these are very distinct communities. The Valley views itself and most certainly is a community of interest. And we would ask that you would keep those districts together wholly representing the valley. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And with that, Chair, we do not have anyone in the queue that has not shared at this time.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. So since we have a few moments, I'd like to take this time to remind or inform our viewing public that our next COI input meeting will occur on June 28th at 10 a.m. That COI input meeting will focus on Zone C, the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano. And with that, Kristian, now, can we move to the five-minute video?
(Pause)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you and welcome back. We had the opportunity to show a five-minute video regarding redistricting. I would like to remind or inform our viewing public that on July 1st we have a Zone A community of interest input meeting. Zone A is the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity. Also on July 2nd we have a community interest input meeting related to the counties of Butte, Glen, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama.

And Katy, if you wouldn't mind, can you please read the long form?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to maximize transparency and public participation in our process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 95739784649 for this meeting.

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public input at this time. And I would like to remind
those in the queue that have not commented today to
please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment. And
with that, Chair, we do not have any raised hands in the
queue.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease
for a few minutes.

(Pause)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: And as we wait, I would like to
say that the Commission is committed to providing
language access to all of Californians. If
interpretation services are needed, please provide a
request five business days in advance of the -- of a
meeting.
July 1st at 5:00 will be the last day that that request can be made for the July 8th Zone J Orange County Committee of interest meeting. Also available on our website slots for the July 1st and July 2nd. Registration slots are available, so log on, find us, and pick a slot to provide COI input, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And it has been two minutes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Kristian, can we move to the long video in Spanish, please?

(Pause)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back. Thank you for your patience during our video presentation. Katy, I believe we have some callers in the queue. Can you invite them to give their public input?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do and we can. We will start right now with caller 7729. And then up next in the queue will be 019. Up next, thank you will be 019. And we will start with caller 7729.

Caller 7729, if you will, please follow the prompt to unmute. Caller 7729, if you will, please press star 6 to unmute. And one more time is caller with the last four of 7729, if you will please press star 6 on your keypad to unmute. All right. Well, at this time, I'm going to have to move to the next person. If you would
like to comment, please raise your hand again. Oh. Up
next, we will have 019.

019, your speaker order number will be number 38.
You can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
corner of your screen. Please let the mapper know what
area you would like to speak about. You can unmute
yourself and the floor is yours.

MS. JANICE: Thank you. Can you please pull up the
coastal part of L.A. County that touches Santa Monica
Bay? And I'll be talking about Palos Verdes, Hermosa
Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Marina Del Rey and
Santa Monica.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead, please.

MS. JANICE: Okay. My name is Janice, and I'm a 32-
year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes. The reason I'm
here is to request that when you draw the district lines,
that you keep all of these wonderful beach cities
together. We're all part of the South Bay coastline and
we have a strong sense of community and many things in
common. We're all interested in the environment and
clean oceans and beaches. All of these big cities have
great parks and hiking trails and bike paths that go from
one city to the next. So in one hour you can be in three
or four of these cities.

We also all have a lot of tourists which help our
economy. But we still maintain a strong sense of hometown and small-town atmosphere, which close -- we're really closely linked, both socially, culturally, and economically. And just to give you some specific evidence of that, for example, people in Manhattan Beach come to the Norris Theater in Palos Verdes. People in Palos Verdes regularly go to the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center. We all go to the farmers markets in each city on different days of the week. And we all go to concerts in the park on different summer nights in each city.

We're linked economically because we shop and go to restaurants all over. And just in my own little food and wine group, we -- even though I live in the farthest part of Palos Verdes, we go to restaurants in Santa Monica --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MS. JANICE: -- Venice and Marina Del Rey every week. So we are linked by the 405 and by Pacific Coast Highway --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MS. JANICE: -- And we're linked by our lifestyle. And so we consider all of it our hood. And we hope you will consider all of it to go together politically as well. Thank you.

MR. MANOFF: Time.
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now we will have caller 8171. And up next in the queue will be caller 4039. So right now will be caller 8171. And up next in the queue will be caller 4039.

Caller 8171, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute.

MR. CASTRO: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 8171, you are unmuted. I have a couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 39. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. If you please let the mapper know if there is any area you would like to discuss brought up on the map. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. CASTRO: Great. Well, good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Jessie Castro (phonetic sp.). My family and I are long-time residents of Rowland Heights in the Southern California region closer to the 60 freeway. Many of my family are proud members of L.A. County with a strong sense of community and family. In addition to religion and ethnicity, socially, culturally, even economically, our family -- we consider the community family.

As many of you may already know Rowland Heights is an unincorporated community area, some refer to it as a
bedroom community east of Los Angeles. And just according to the U.S. Census, Rowland Heights is about 60 percent Asian. The English languages primarily spoken English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Pagolo, as well as our Filipino as we grew up speaking in my household.

Our community has many members who are first generation professionals. Many are entrepreneurs. Restaurateurs, those that just work hard in order to provide for the family. You can always find the area with, you know, a smell of home, especially with all the delicious home cooking in many of the eateries and bakeries that you've come across.

So with the convergence of commerce and people working together and just the growth of our community, we wanted to make sure that the Commissioners please keep in mind that Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, Walnut, together in the same legislative or congressional seat as there are three communities that share the brunt of the impact of a lot of the changes that are happening in our area.

So we ask that, you know, you please consider the community and the amount of time effort that we work to maintain the familiarity of neighborhood and especially catering to the Asian majority populations. We also are familiar with working with the L.A. County Sheriffs, L.A. County Fire, and even public safety. And with the great
schools and focus on the education, we want to make sure that, myself included, want to maintain that with our family.

Myself and my family grew up Catholic. We attended services over at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton over in Rowland Heights next door to Walnut. And in my view, splitting up these three communities would really dilute our voice. We’re working to build the community. And they worked so hard to find that really it respects and understands the diversity and the strength of our sense of family.

I also find it in our ability to really relate to a lot of the ethnic populations that really struggled to live --

MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. CASTRO: -- where we are today. Our access to key government services know their demographic and can adapt to the needs that's served in this neighborhood. So thank you again to the Commission for your time and for your service to the residents of California. And I do hope you do keep my thoughts --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. CASTRO: -- in account. Have a good day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 4039. Right now we have caller
4039. Up next, we have caller 3894. Right now we have
caller 4039. Up next, we will have caller 3894.

Caller 4039, if you could please follow the prompt
to unmute yourself. Caller 4039, if you could please
press star 6 to unmute yourself. Again, that was caller
with the last four of your phone number is 4039. If you
could please hit star -- press star 6 on your phone
keypad to unmute yourself.

And we'll go to the next caller at this time. If
you would like to raise your hand again, please do so.

At this time, I'm going to go to caller 3894. Please
follow the prompt to unmute yourself.

MR. EDMOND: Hello? Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. I have a
couple of quick instructions. Your speaker order number
will be number 40. If you will, please make note of that
for future reference. If there's an area you would like
to discuss and have brought up on the map, please, let
the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the
floor is yours.

MR. EDMOND: Great. Thank you. City of Long Beach,
please. Honorable Commissioners and staff, thank you so
much for your service. My name is John Edmond. I'm the
CEO of the Apartment Association of Southern California
Cities and a longtime resident for the city of Long
Beach. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak today.

I came here to speak strongly in support of keeping Long Beach together, both congressionally and in our state district. I believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of our city and allow our unique strengths as a city to contribute to the success of California for many, many more years.

For the past two redistricting cycles, the city has been largely kept intact, with the vast majority of Long Beach residents having a -- seats that represent them. I asked, and most humbly, the Commissioners, to please consider keeping lobbies together when redrawing the lines as you have this important task ahead of you, please keep Long Beach together. Thank you so much for your time and consideration. And have a blessed day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I would like to ask those in the queue that have called in to please press Star 9 to raise your hand if you wish to comment at this time. If you have no comment -- if you have not commented today, please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

Caller 7729, you have chose to raise your hand again. You shall. Caller 7729, if you will press --

MR. PRIETO: Hello?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- star 6 -- there you are.

MR. PRIETO: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. PRIETO: Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

MR. PRIETO: Oh, Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You will be -- I have a couple of quick instructions. You will be caller order number 41. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like brought up on the map to discuss.

And with that, the --

MR. PRIETO: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- floor is yours.

MR. PRIETO: Thank you. Thank you for taking my call. And the area that I would like to bring into the map would be Santa Clarita, the city of. It is a beautiful city the way it is. I have been living in Santa Clarita for the past 20 years and prior to that I was a resident of the San Fernando Valley for 30 years. I've known both valleys and it would be greatly appreciated applause if you will, if you were to keep Santa Clarita the way it is on the map. My name is Agustin Prieto.
Like I said, I've been a resident of Santa Clarita for the past 20 years. I own a bakery in Santa Clarita for the last 20 years. The name of the Bakery, California Bakery and Café. We serve as a community. It's a great community. I have six children. They all live in the city limits. One is a sheriff. One is an electronic engineer. Two work for the LAUSD Unified School District in Los Angeles but live here in Santa Clarita. One works for the Netflix and has a master degrees that he acquired from Cal-State Northridge and then later on from Harvey Mudd.

Santa Clarita has a unique flavor. It is the third largest city in the county of L.A. We know that. But yet it feels like a small town, a great community, small town. I've been with the Santa Clarita Latino Chamber of Commerce for a while now. I am one of the board members. I belong also to the regulars. So I'm like everyone's Chamber of Commerce, great members, both of them. A great mixture of people from Mexicans to Latinos to Anglos to Hindus. And the mix is great. I know that College of the Canyon population -- Latino population, is hovering 50 percent. And it's a great, great mix. It's a great community to keep together.

Santa Clarita, it is what it is because of the way we are district.
MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

MR. PRIETO: We are from the 14 to the 5 freeway, up to the 126. And it's a great, great triangle. Keep it like that. And if we were to add any --

MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

MR. PRIETO: -- communities, maybe Santa Paula and Fillmore. But as far as my concern, my well-being of a family, my children, my grandchildren, they all went to these schools around Santa Clarita. Keep it together. Leave it the way it is.

MR. MANOFF: Time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now, we will have caller 1563. And up next in the queue will be caller 4751. Right now will be caller 1563. And up next will be 4751.

Caller 1563, if you could please follow the prompt to press star 6. Thank you. Caller 1563, you are unmuted. I do have a couple of quick instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be number --

MS. GONZALEZ: Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- 42. Your speaker order number will be number 42. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. And please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.

And with that, the floor is yours.
MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you. Good afternoon. This is for the city of Long Beach. My name is Susana Gonzalez, and I'm speaking on behalf of People on Beach Together Coalition, a group of Long Beach organizations that support keeping Long Beach Together during the redistricting process. So on behalf of San the (indiscernible), the NAACP Long Beach Branch, Equity for Cambodians, the Mays Center, the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Latinos in Action, Cambodia Town Inc, the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, Bixby North Business Improvement District, the downtown Long Beach Business Alliance, the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Long Beach Hospitality Alliance, (indiscernible) District, the Long Beach Playhouse, the California Apartment Association, Long Beach Opera Museum of Latin American Art, International City Theater, the Long Beach Camerata Singers, Musica Angelica, the Long Beach Museum of Art and the Arts counsel for Long Beach.

We share the city's Long Beach's interest in preserving the geographic and demographic integrity of the city, the district lines that keep the vast majority of Long Beach together. Long Beach is a City of nearly 500,000 people, the second largest city in L.A. County and one of the largest in the state.

For the last couple of decades, the vast majority of
Long Beach have been kept together in Congressional Assembly and state Senate districts, which has enabled our community to unify around important local needs and focused representation on issues facing our city, state, and nation in a coordinated manner.

It is incredibly important for us to maintain this level of continuity and coordination so that we are able to build upon the work we have achieved by working together in Long Beach. Keep Long Beach together, please. Thank you for your time and for your work to ensure the fair representation for all Californians.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All right. Now we have caller 4751.

Caller 4571, if you will please follow the prompt to unmute yourself. Please press star 6. Caller 4751, you are unmuted. I do have a couple of quick instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be number 43. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the floor is yours.

SPEAKER NUMBER 43: Hi. I would like to discuss the Antelope Valley. And I'm a public schoolteacher that works in the Antelope Valley. And I would like to keep equity and fairness in the Antelope Valley and keep all
of the cities together and not separate them into
separate redistricting. I would like the Antelope Valley
to remain together, which includes Mojave, Tehachapi,
Rosemont, Lancaster, Palmdale. And that is what I would
like to express today. And I thank you very much for
your time.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
with that, Chair, we do not have any other callers in the
queue.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. If I can
entice you to read the short form one more time, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. And are we
still just doing the community of interest input?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah, we will. Until after this
break.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: After this break. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: So just this -- yes. Correct.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. The Commission
will now take a community of interest public input at
this time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
enter the meeting ID number 95739784649 for this meeting.
Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
read previously and are provided on the info on the live
stream landing page. And at this time, we do not have
any callers with raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a few minutes prior to entering our break.

(Pause)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay, everyone. Thank you for your attentiveness. When we return from break, we will start with people with appointment time slots and then we'll open it up to COI input as well as general public comment. We will return from break at 3:45 p.m. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:05 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.)

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Welcome back. California citizens to the Citizens Redistricting Commission COI Input Meeting. We encourage our listening public. We encourage those of us -- those of you that are with us to call in and provide your public -- your COI committee of interest input. We also encourage you to visit the communities of interest tool to draw a map and describe your community. And you can do that by visiting Drawmycacommunity.org.

At this time, I will pass it over to Katy, our public comment moderator, to open the phone lines for public input. The phone lines are also open for general public comment. This session is specifically dedicated
to those that do not have an appointment. However, if
you had an appointment and were unable to call in during
your time block, we encourage you to call in now.

Katy?

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

Oh wait, I skipped one. One moment. When prompted,
enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
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key. Once you have dialed in, you'll 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
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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. I like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And the Commission will be taking general public comment at this time in conjunction with community of interest public input.

And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a few moments.

(Pause)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to remind those calling in at this time to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a raised hand. That's caller 6800. That's caller 6800.

Caller 6800, I have a couple of instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 44. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. And please let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead. The floor is yours. Caller 6800, you are unmuted. Can
you hear us?

    MS. GARY: Hello?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. The floor is yours.

    MS. GARY: Yes. Okay. My name is Jennifer Gary (phonetic sp.). I'm 29 years old and I have been long time resident of City of Long Beach. I currently work with a community based nonprofit organization, San Jose Community Hispanic Association. They help just navigators that are working in the most severe neighborhoods and educating the local Latino community on various topics, including the recent 2020 Census, and connecting families to vital services during the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

    I came to speak today in strong support of keeping Long Beach together in Congress and State District. I believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and demographic integrity of my city and allow for our unique strengths and leaderships as a city to contribute to the success of California.

    I ask the Commission to please keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines. I'm also dedicated to staying engaged in this process to ensure that we keep our school districts, city college, university, public parks, hospitals, community medical clinics, job
businesses, transportation, other valuable community interests are important to me. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I would like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment.

And with that, Chair, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for a couple of minutes. If we have no callers at the end of that period of time, we'll go to the long video in English and then subsequently assess our position after that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

(Pause)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we are at two minutes, Chair. And we do not have any callers at this time.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Let's transition to the long video in English. And again, we'll assess our position at --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Long video in English.

(Pause)

VICE-CAHIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Welcome back, California. Thank you for your patience during our video
presentation. Katy, I believe we have some callers in the queue. Can you please invite them to give committee of interest input or public comment? Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. We will be starting with caller 3351 right now. And up next in the queue will be caller 9927. Right now we will have 3351. Please follow the prompts to unmute.

Caller 3351, you are unmuted. I do have a couple of brief instructions or a speaker order number will be number 45. If you'll please make note of that for future reference. If you have an area that you would like to discuss and brought up on the map, please let the mapper know what that area is. Or you may just provide general public comment at this time. The floor is yours.

MR. PRITCHARD: Hi. Thank you for having me. My name is Rex Pritchard. I'm president of Long Beach Firefighters. I represent nearly 400 men and women who served the city of Long Beach 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We're urging the commission to keep Long Beach together in federal and state legislative districts as part of this redistricting process.

Long Beach is a city of nearly 500,000 people, with nearly a million visitors a year and is the second largest city in Los Angeles County and one of the largest in the State of California. For the past two
redirecting cycles, the city has been largely kept intact, with a vast majority of Long Beach represented by predominant seats.

This is extremely important to our firefighters and to the communities we serve in our ability to ensure that the decisions that impact our city for years to come are in the best interest of our residents and our firefighters. So again, we ask and urge the commission to keep Long Beach intact. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we have caller 9927. Right now is caller 9927. Up next in the queue will be caller 6972.

Caller 9927, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. Thank you. Caller 9927, you are unmuted. I have a couple brief instructions. Your speaker order number is number 46. If you have an area of the map you would like to discuss, please let the mapper know what that area is. The floor is yours.

MS. STUIT: Hi. Thank you commission for the opportunity to speak today. I am referring to Ventura County. My name is Suzanne Stuit (phonetic sp.). I'm a resident of Simi Valley. And for location parameter purposes, we have the Reagan Library and City Center is on Alamos Street. Our community shared interests are hiking trails, outdoor recreation, and preservation of
open spaces.

Our community, like most, are dedicated to family and the preservation of Constitutional rights and freedom. It appears the 25th District will have to grow in population by about the same as the population of Moorpark, combined with Santa Clarita. There's a small section of Simi that is in the 26th District, but adding Moorpark would be a natural fit, as both communities have a diverse population, with more minorities joining together in joint clubs and groups.

And we also share the same geography, such as water resources in the fire zone. This addition would allow Simi Valley to remain intact as splitting Simi would divide our communities and the voices of the citizen's rights would be impaired. So it's important to us to keep a planned-out community, also to avoid overcrowding. that way we can continue to meet the needs of the homeless and minorities through our numerous food, housing, and health resources. So please keep Simi Valley intact. Thank you so much.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And right now we will have caller 6972. And that is caller 6972. And up next, we will have caller 3429. Right now we 6972. Please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. Has caller with the last four --
Caller 6972, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 47. If you could please make note of that for future reference. If you have an area of the map you would like brought up, please, let the map or know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. MARTINEZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Francisco Martinez (phonetic sp.). I'm 34 years old and I was born and raised in the City of Long Beach. And this is my area of interest. Since 2008, I have represented the community-based nonprofit organization, Centro Cha, where I specialize in youth program development and empowering young people through various workforce and education programs, including violence prevention and rehabilitating justice-involved youth and young adults returning back to their neighborhoods and homes.

I came to speak today in strong support of keeping Long Beach together in Congress and state districts. I believe that doing so will preserve the geographic and the vastly diverse demographic integrity of the city and ensure that the decisions that are made on behalf of the families and youth that we serve are protected in their interest, including our community colleges, our school district, university, public parks, hospitals, community
medical clinics, jobs, businesses, transportation, and other valuable community interests that are important to our community. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. And good afternoon. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd like to remind those in the queue if you would like to give public comment for today but you have given community of interest input previously, you are more than welcome to raise your hand again. Please press star 9 to indicate you wish to give public comment for today.

Right now we have caller 3429. Caller 3429, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. Please press star 6. That's caller with the last four -- yes, caller 3429, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be number 48. If you will, please make note of that for future reference. And if you have an area you would like to bring up on the map today, please, let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MR. DAVIDSON: I apologize. I was struggling with those instructions. Hello, everyone. First of all, I want to thank you all for your hard work and service on this really important issue. My name is George Davidson (phonetic sp.). I have been a resident of Diamond Bar since 1995. I wanted to express my support to have the
communities of West Covina, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, my community, Walnut, and the Phillips Ranch Community of Pomona to all be in the same federal and state legislative districts.

The 60 freeway, you know, we call it the corridor, it's a major transportation and jobs for most of the area, with many people using the freeway as a main transportation avenue to and from their jobs. In addition to the jobs and transportation ethnically, these communities are very similar in diversity. They are diverse communities in the San Gabriel Valley and really should remain together. They have more in common with each other than the Orange County communities that they actually are currently bundled with in the State and federal legislative districts.

In addition, even though I live in Diamond Bar, my neighborhood in most of the northern part of the city is also part of the Pomona Unified School District. Phillips Ranch has many similarities with Diamond Bar, and their schools often feed students back and forth to each other. Both communities are made up of mostly single-family homes. We share a lot of similar, different demographics with Phillips Ranch. And we're connected -- all of us are connected with the 60 freeway corners.
So I just think Diamond Bar and the other San Gabriel Valley cities should be in the same district as Phillips Ranch. It should include Cal-Poly Pomona up to the 71 Freeway as the easternmost border. So again, in my opinion, Diamond Bar and Hacienda Heights, West Covina, Walnut, Phillips Ranch, east to the 71 Freeway, and Roland Heights should all be in the same legislative districts. I appreciate your time and again, I appreciate all the work you're doing. Sorry I couldn't follow instructions at the beginning. Have a good day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I would like to ask any of those in the queue to please press star 9 if you do have more public comment for today. Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to give public comment today.

Chair, at this time, I -- we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. Can you read the long for long form or what may be our last rendition for this meeting?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. I do have a raised hand. Would you like me to read the instructions and then go to the raised hand or vice versa?

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: How about we read the instructions, then go to the raised hand?
PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Will do.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

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. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is 95739784649 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press the pound key.

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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 at this time the Commission is taking general public comment and community of interest input public comment.
And we do have one raised hand of caller 9137. If you could please follow the prompts to unmute yourself. Caller 9137, you are unmuted. Your speaker ID number -- speaker order number will be number 49. If you could make note of that for future reference. And if there's an area of the map you would like brought up, please let the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

MS. HUNTING: Hi. Thank you. My name is Kris Hunting (phonetic sp.). I live in Simi Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you can please speak up a little bit.

MS. HUNTING: I live in Simi Valley on the east side off Yosemite and Alamo, and we enjoy our open spaces and the activities for kids in our community, which brings us together with our neighbors and other families in Simi Valley and Moorpark as well. And for us, it's very important that our community is safe and economically vibrant. And we believe all of Simi Valley should be in the 25th Congressional District because of the many shared interests in our town, as well as with Moorpark.

There's also a lot of shared economic interest with the aerospace industry, which I'm a part of. And these companies are located in the -- what's known as the aerospace corridor of the Antelope Valley. And Simi
Valley and Moorpark both have several aerospace companies as well. We also share similar values for supporting our schools, having healthy, open spaces to recreate, and caring for the minorities who move to our community.

In closing, I would say that Simi Valley not only remain in the 25th District, all of Simi should be in the 25th. It's strange that we're separated down the middle and doesn't really make sense. I think we should all be together and we should add Moorpark as well. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And again, I'd like to remind those in the queue to please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment for public comments, general public comment, and community of interest input public comment at this time.

Chair, at this time, we do not have any raised hands.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. We'll rest at ease for a few minutes.

(Pause)

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, it has been two minutes.

VICE-CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. All righty, Commissioners, without hearing any dissension, we will be moving to close this meeting. All right. Thank you for joining our statewide community interest input meeting.
today. Our next COI input meeting will be on Monday, June 28th at 10 a.m. and will be focused on Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano counties and surrounding areas.

And on Thursday, July 1st, at 12 noon, we'll be focused on Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma and Trinity Counties and surrounding areas. Callers are not limited to those counties. You can visit the meeting page at our website to see a list of additional COI input meetings at wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

And again, hearing nothing from any fellow Commissioners, I thank you for your attentiveness. And I look forward to seeing you at our next community of interest input meeting. This meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned.)
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