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correctly. You said we should -- without the polarized voting analysis completed, we should probably go with the community of interest and the polarized voting as -- not polarized, but the C.V.A.P. as we know the rules today and that would try to achieve over 50 percent, and then as we get additional information based on the polarized voting, we might -- we'd then come back and revisit what the possible alternative options are?

MR. BROWN: Well, that might be a way to -- to go. I mean, the mappers need --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I mean, as far as now, we simply don't have that information.

MR. BROWN: We don't have the information right now.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We'd go with what would be the normal approach to this, we'd try to achieve the districts with over 50 percent.

MR. BROWN: That would be one way, I mean, but I could imagine the other extreme, too. You could say, you know, let's assume that it doesn't exist and draw a completely other -- so I -- you know, it depends on where you think things are going, because it affects how quickly

she gets the drafts done, I guess.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Forbes.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: See, I -- I would argue that we, in fact, do have the information. We can look at the historical record of what actually has happened in this area of -- of the city. So it's not -- I mean, I think it's going to be -- as I said, I think it's going to be difficult to prove that there has been racially polarized voting.

Therefore, given that I think that the scale is on the -- on the side of nonracially polarized voting, that I think we should draw districts to the other criteria with -- and in -- if, in fact, the study comes back that there is racially polarized voting, well, then so be it and we -- and then we have to adjust accordingly. But I -- I think we have the evidence.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco, then Commissioner Malloy.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I -- I would agree with that approach that we assume there's no R.P.V. and we draw based on C.O.I. testimony and -- but the additional instruction I would add

is that as we're looking at drawing these based on community of interest testimony, which we did have a lot of, that we keep in mind that we may be facing potential Section 2 claims in some of the adjacent areas in terms of Latino population.

So in drawing that C.O.I. district, that we keep in mind the adjacent Lynwood/Watts area, which has the historical C.O.I. testimony but may now be the basis of another group's Section 2 district. So I think I would -- I would want them to look at both together.

MR. GROSS:

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: As I -- I sent out an e-mail to the commissioners last night about the significant backlog of public comments that we have to review which as of Tuesday will actually be grouped by region and by date, and it seems like this is an area which, in addition to the C.O.I. testimony that we got in Long Beach and Los Angeles, that we should really look at closely what we have on record once that backlog comes in.

I would support at least having the two options to consider, again, without having seen the second Section 2 district, but to look at

what would be the impact of creating two over 50 percent districts versus having three that are, I don't know, in the range of 30, 40 percent, at this point for us to keep our options open as we continue to review the C.O.I. testimony, get our R.P.V. consultant on board to help us with more depth of our analysis in this area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is there general consensus around that approach as articulated by Commissioner Malloy?

Now -- now the tougher question, Ms. MacDonald: Is that doable to be able to do both?

MS. BOYLE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank you for your optimism.

MS. MACDONALD: Would you like -- would you like to see the adjacent --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: -- African-American seat? Okay. And she's also going to show the one that -- she has like two iterations on this one as well.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: And so we're going

to show the one that has the lower C.V.A.P. number on there as well.

Just one second. We're highlighting the one.

Okay. So -- so this one here -- great. This has Hyde Park, the Crenshaw district. Just one second. Okay. Lynwood Park, Alta, Cloverdale, Cochran, goes up to Crestview, Beverlywood, South -- South Carthay, Miracle Mile, Mid City, St. Elmo Village. So that particular area.

So this is at this point at 48.3 percent black C.V.A.P., so this is the adjacent district basically and --

MS. BOYLE: Jumped off of it.

MS. MACDONALD: And so Nicole is still working on this one, because we're -- again, we're waiting for direction on -- on which way you wanted to move on on that particular area. If anybody has some feedback on that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are we -- are we creating a Marina Del Rey finger here?

COMMISSIONER DAI: No, that's Culver City.

MS. MACDONALD: That's Culver City.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. All right. Thank you.

Yes, Commissioner Filkins-Webber, then Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What were you trying to achieve here, the 50 percent district for the possibility of a Section 2 for African Americans?

MS. MACDONALD: Well, again, you know, it -- it's basically looking at -- looking at guidance, testimony, direction, and -- and also at -- at C.V.A.P. and -- and figuring out whether, you know, we could get to the point where we have a visualization where you can decide whether or not you want to give us guidance to draw a Section 2 district.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I seem to recall there was an Ingelwood/Hawthorne -- there was an A.P.I. community in there too. Can you put up the -- the -- you know what I mean.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Go south.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go south, yeah.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Go south. Yeah, I mean, I -- overall I like it. I -- I think that this preserves the opportunity to do a beach district, which we had talked about before. But I have a question about Inglewood.

MS. MACDONALD: I'm not sure what you would like to see.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think she wants to see the southern -- below that -- that district that you were showing, down at the Hawthorne.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, I must have not remembered correctly, then, because that doesn't look like it matches up with the legend. I think it was Hawthorne and Gardena.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other comments on this?

Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: A more general question: Are -- are the districts, the one that we just completed and this one, and is there a third one that you're going to highlight that's adjacent? I'm just wondering if they're -- are they all next to each other?

MS. BOYLE: (Inaudible) now is the

beginning of iteration three.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Speak into a microphone.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is a work in process here. So basically she started working on a third district that goes to the east, but it's not completed yet.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Okay. The reason -- the reason I'm asking is I wanted to sort of compare the black C.V.A.P. or V.A.P.s, if they're adjacent, to see how they progress and whether you might divide them differently depending on -- looking at this from a -- from a big picture perspective how you might allocate them differently. But if you don't have it, that's fine.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: (Inaudible) density?

MS. MACDONALD: So -- so here's what happened. She basically when she -- because the way that she drew, she ended up with very heavily populated black C.V.A.P. districts and this -- in -- in the last iteration, with like 60 percent plus C.V.A.P.

Then in the next iteration she started to work her way down. She has a balanced plan that basically shows what you want to see, but that still has the very high, high black C.V.A.P. iteration. So you could see how the district are moving if she goes to the previous plan.

She does not have that worked out when -- when the black C.V.A.P. has dropped down to 50 percent.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and I guess -- well, I mean, I guess at some point you do a density or -- what's that term, a choropleth -- do you have a -- where the color, the color gradations change based on density of a population.

MS. MACDONALD: Well, we can show you a dot density map if you'd like to and we can take the -- would you like to take --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, it's not the -- it's not t.dot density, it's -- again, I think the technical term is choropleth, but it's the one that -- the color gradations become more intense as the percentage increases.

MS. MACDONALD: For which race

would you like to see that?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: African American.

MS. MACDONALD: We can do that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: These will be shown at the census tract level, then; right?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And that -- I think that term I said is c-h-o-r-o --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's choropleth.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- pleth --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's a choropleth.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: P-l-e-t-h. No, just for the -- the transcriber because it's.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: She's got to write it down somewhere at some point.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is basically the -- I think this is what you wanted to see. So basically the -- the high red is basically the highest density, and then as you go down to -- to yellow and then to white, you have

the lower density of black C.V.A.P.

Is that what you had in mind?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, any other -- yes, Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Yes, I was wondering if we could just get in the habit of saying the city, county, any splits that occur with each of the visualizations as they come up.

And then I was wondering, with a number of the public-submitted maps, I see Culver City was not included with Inglewood and -- and the like. I'm just wondering if you can explain how and why you added Culver City to this one.

MS. MACDONALD: That -- it is actually in the districts as an equal. So per the -- the Commission's visualization, she's going to put that up.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Webber, are -- do you want to wait for this or do you want to -- okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So that's the Culver City area right there. Is that what you were asking about?

COMMISSIONER WARD: I was commenting -- excuse me. I was commenting that in many of the submissions that we received, Culver City would not be -- was not included with Inglewood and -- and the major makeup of this particular visualization.

So I was wondering why this visualization elected to include Culver City and then I was also looking for a split count with this visualization.

MS. MACDONALD: Because this was a visualization that the -- that the Commission had asked for in -- in the wrap-up, so that -- that's why we have it in there, but we can take it out and -- and work with it if you give us further direction.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Can we get a split count on that visualization, please?

MS. MACDONALD: Only L.A. is split?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, Commissioner Webber, you have a question?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah. I -- I agree with Commissioner Galambos-Malloy based on whether we need the necessity for the R.P.V. or -- or that we -- or we decide we don't.

I appreciate Mr. Brown's advice in litigation potential risk in this area, which leads me to just my one comment on this visualization.

I don't recall, and this is an ongoing issue for me is I haven't -- I don't have the visualizations in front of me as to what we had instructed at each of the wrap-ups, but I think we do need to look at the options that we're discussing in this area.

And one -- and I see what you've done here is to look at the possibility where we have the first Gingles, which is you have a concentration, compact race in one area.

So I want us to be keep -- keep in mind that if we're -- that's what we're looking at on these visualizations right now, because we might need to get to the second step as whether or not we do have any racially polarized voting.

But the most significant point of Mr. Brown brought up today is that if we decide we don't -- we don't create a majority/minority district here because we don't have racially polarized voting and then we spread it out, then our only focus can only be on the C.O.I. testimony and not race.

Which then means we pull back all these numbers and we start over again and look at C.O.I., because as I recall and I've lived up there and worked up there is I don't recall us giving an instruction on visualization.

And I don't believe we have any C.O.I. testimony on Miracle Mile and the people that live up in Miracle Mile, which are substantially different C.O.I. from Crenshaw when you get south of the 10. North of the 10, close to the 10, you know, might have a very similar C.O.I., but you go further north up into Miracle Mile and you're talking about an entirely different C.O.I.

So I want us to just be conscientious that we look at these alternatives, but we really have to have the robust C.O.I. and -- and steer clear of race if we decide that this should not be a Section 2 district.

So I just want us to be conscientious when we start looking at the C.O.I. and maybe providing direction, because we're in a really serious -- a high -- potential high-risk litigation when we provide directions in that regard.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco, then Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: The only -- I generally agree with that comment. The only point I would make is that we have gotten advice in our original training session that race can be part of C.O.I. So shared racial culture, churches, et cetera, so I don't think that C.O.I. means you have to not look at race. My understanding from the training is that C.O.I. includes race.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, that was my point and I'd simply expand it that we have to have other factors, including economic factors and a variety of other areas of interest, but I -- I wouldn't subtract out race entirely, but it -- it certainly can't be the predominant factor, but I think it can be in tandem with other -- other factors which particular racial or ethnic groups, but -- but we need those other factors as well.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So I'm just wondering if we can give direction, I mean, so

I -- I was commenting before option two of the district that was adjacent to this district that I think was very consistent with the C.O.I. testimony we got, particularly in Long Beach.

Although that testimony is primarily about a congressional district, it very much put those four cities together and talked about the two transportation corridors, so I think that was very consistent with the visualizations we had asked Q2 to do.

I'm assuming that when we moved over to this district, you had to bump up over the ten for population. Is that --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: (Inaudible).

COMMISSIONER DAI: Commissioner Filkins-Webber just commented that we didn't get any specific testimony about Miracle Mile, for example, so I'm assuming that's just a population.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, basically, and -- and this is what -- what I've already tried to say, this is the difference between having, you know, two drafts or having one draft map is we -- we work these -- we work these areas out, we figure out how to integrate, you know, the

directions that you gave, the V.R.A. districts and all of that.

I mean, this is really the first time you're seeing it. We haven't had a whole lot of time with this, because we didn't start drawing until just, what, a couple of weeks ago. And so these kinds of things happen and then we need feedback. So this is going to happen not just here, this is going to happen again.

So this is good to know if -- if we don't have testimony about it or, you know, if you can fill in the blanks, and it's also good for the public, because this is a public process, so if they see this and they have some feedback, they can get it to us for the next iterations.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other questions?

MS. MACDONALD: There -- there is also, if I may, another reason. There -- there is also an -- an Asian community of interest district that also affected the -- the Miracle Mile area, but -- but, you know, there's -- there's just -- L.A. is just so incredibly interconnected, so it's just -- it's really difficult.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

Commissioner Yao, then Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I requested and have seen the second option. Is there a third potential black C.V.A.P. district that you've come across?

MS. MACDONALD: We're -- we're looking -- we're looking at that now. The -- the answer is we're not sure.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, my thinking is if -- if -- if there is another third potential district, then we may not have an issue with -- with all the topic that we previously discussed. I -- and I would welcome to -- to -- to have a global picture before we jump on trying to solve the --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It sounds like they're at least looking into that at this point, yes.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Right. Right. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I was just going to say you can look at the concentrations. I think that's going to be extremely hard to draw

a third one based on this. But given that what we have -- maybe up further? Possibly, okay.

But my point is that I think option two -- I mean, it's certainly my preferred option, I think that -- of the one that's over there, because it -- it avoids a packing problem potentially.

And it's also very consistent with the C.O.I. testimony that we received, and so I think to the degree that we can draw a district and it's consistent with the C.O.I. testimony and it will allow us to draw the other districts that are also consistent with the C.O.I. testimony, like the Beach Cities District, that maybe that should be our initial direction so we can finish drawing this area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that a consensus of the group?

Looks that way. Go for that.

Okay. Before we start another one, I think we could probably take a break here. So we'll take a five-minute break, so let's be back at five minutes to 11.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:54 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we're reconvening, and in an effort to try to bring a little more structure to this, we've asked Mr. Brown if he would kind of give an overview of the L.A. area relative to Section 5, and then we could then zero in on some of the specifics, so we get a little background on why some of these -- some of these decisions are as complex as they are.

So Mr. Brown.

MR. BROWN: Yeah, and this will be brief.

So based on our meetings and interactions with the mappers, there was a couple of observations with respect to trying to figure out how many majority/minority districts might there be for particular groups.

One -- and you've already seem some of it. One was that there seemed to be one Asian area that had a high concentration of C.V.A.P. and we looked at that. The other was we talked about the potential of African American plus 50 percent districts.

But I found when we started talking about the Latino areas, it was more challenging to

figure out how -- to conclude how many districts you're going to need.

And I think if you look at what's up there now, which is a visualization of Latino C.V.A.P., with color concentrations by level -- the percentage of population, what you can't see up there but you all know about is there is a concentrated area in San Fernando Valley on both sides of the 405 freeway.

But what kind of struck me in looking at it is other by San Fernando Valley, almost all of the rest of it is contiguous. And so I understand that what the mappers have done is drawn preliminary visualizations using mostly cities and neighborhoods and the like.

And I think it's -- what's -- what's challenging is I think you can't just look at a single district and say yes or no, do I have to draw this one here. I think what have you to do is have a -- some sort of systematic way of drawing the lines and then I think you have to step back and ask do we think we have any Section 2 concerns here given what we've done.

So I -- I ought to say now one -- one suggestion, one idea that might be discussed,

and I think the mappers may have partially done this already, is can you go through L.A. County simply using the level four criteria, cities, neighborhoods, communities of interest, with a mapping strategy and being sensitive to not having overconcentrations of a particular group or underconcentrations as you go along, and then stop and look at how you're doing after sort of a first -- a first pass?

Because I think if you did it that way and you looked, say, at where you were on Latino voting strength from a Section 2 perspective, you might conclude either you were satisfied or that you were a little under or whatever.

But -- but -- but if you got satisfied or mostly satisfied using just what we call the level four criteria, then you would solve a lot of -- a lot of issues.

So that's my basic comment.

MS. MACDONALD: If I may -- if I may add to that, and that is exactly what we did. So when Nicole was -- was -- was referring to her iteration two earlier and then we switched over to iteration three where she was showing the lower

black C.V.A.P. districts, basically the -- the way she got to those 60 percent plus black C.V.A.P. districts was by -- by using everything that George has just explained.

So then she looked at it and basically she had -- she had districts that -- you know, as -- as Commissioner Dai had referred to them as -- as packed. And then she tried to quote-unquote unpack them, and that was the iteration three that you -- you saw.

But, of course, L.A. as you see, is so interconnected. I mean, if you put all of the different -- you know, if we change this color theme and we then, you know, look at black and we look at Asian and whatnot, you see that all of these groups affect each other, and also we have testimony, of course, we have a lot of visualizations that you gave us. You gave us a lot of preferences.

So taking that all into consideration, as soon as you start to touch one thing, you have this ripple effect, which is why it was difficult for her to actually show adjacent districts or, in fact, you know, answer the -- the one question about the -- the potentially third

50 percent plus black C.V.A.P. district, because that is just not the way she had looked at it.

She was really just looking at quote-unquote unpacking on that third iteration, and we didn't know which way you wanted to move.

So I hope that makes a little bit more sense.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So is it possible for us to see what the overall of the districts look like against that background?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, so -- so now we are at this iteration two, just remembering that really the only think that we had on iteration three and we now have guidance on that, right, because you -- you told us what to do with that and basically lower the -- the black C.V.A.P.

And so -- so there -- there was some guidance that we received. So just remembering that this is not incorporated at this point in the iteration that you are going to see, so whatever districts you see now will have to change based on what you just told us to do.

And I know this is difficult. I -- I wish I could make it a little bit more clear, but -- but I can't unless, you know, we add a

couple of months and we'll do this all in public.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, I think the couple of months is probably not going to happen, but --

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Can we have the same display for the Asians and also for the blacks so that we get a total view on that?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll -- we'll put up Asian -- Asian first and then we'll do black. It will take a second.

Okay, so again, please note that the breaks are a little bit different because of the -- the G.I.S. basically assigns them base --

So -- so this is the Asian C.V.A.P. concentration. Would you like us to zoom in on any areas or kind of read off --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let me just ask.

Mr. Brown, is this -- this distribution of Asian, does that cause you to look at this differently than you did the --

MR. BROWN: No. It's -- it's consistent with my understanding. Because what they told -- what the mappers told us is that

they -- they had just one area that had close to a 50 percent C.V.A.P. concentration.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

MS. MACDONALD: Compact, a compact area that has 50 percent C.V.A.P., you know.

So now we'll move to black C.V.A.P. That will work?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, and this is -- this is black C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I don't know if you have one for the Pacific Islander communities. Can you show that?

MS. MACDONALD: She has Pacific Islander voting age population but not citizen voting age population prepared. Would voting age population be okay?

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Sure. That would be fine.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Has anybody got any comment on this particular map?

(No audible response.)

MS. MACDONALD: Just one second. We're looking for the layer.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And you don't have to show the state of Hawaii in this one.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So this is -- again, so the highest percentage you have is 10 percent and above in this particular color theme. Is this okay?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Is there something else you'd like to see or should we move to -- to some more districts to look at?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess I have a quick question. Would it possible between the map drawers and the staff to maybe get printed versions of these maps so we would have them at our disposal when we are looking at -- I think that -- to my mind at least it would be helpful, because it's kind of hard to remember all these things. Then we would have that available.

MS. MACDONALD: We can absolutely do that.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Just a question: How do we deal with the conflicts between the -- the minority groups? Because again, we're looking at -- we're looking at one map at a time for a

particular minority group and they often superimpose each other or competing for the same city as each other.

When -- are we going to have an opportunity to -- to -- to discuss those issues in -- in this process that we're going through today?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think having it -- all four maps in front of us at one time would probably help a little bit.

I'll -- the other aspect of that, there was a -- a process of highlighting two variables on one map that is a possibility that we might take a look at as well.

Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: (Inaudible) approach, I intend to take the color maps that Q2 gives us and just make old-fashioned transparencies and just put one over the next. And it's as simple as that.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I -- I think that's what the dot density map that they had at the beginning was all about, so if you want to see that again.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I'm not suggesting that we do it. I just want to know whether we do or don't have a problem when it comes to the Section 2 --

MS. MACDONALD: We could -- we could highlight --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: My guess is that we have a problem. And --

MS. MACDONALD: If -- if you'd like, we -- we could move through this iteration two that -- where she has, you know, the districts and -- and then we'll -- we'll basically see where this arises and then we can take them one district at a time and -- and talk about how you would proceed, how you would like to proceed on this.

In -- in some areas it's -- it's not -- in -- in some areas it's pretty clear. In other areas it isn't, and you will have to weigh in and you will have to make some decisions. So that might be the best way to proceed.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Why don't you proceed down those lines.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we're going to put a Latino color theme on here, unless

you tell us otherwise, and -- and also take a look at the district configuration. We're going to start in the -- in the east.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can I ask you two a question? I -- I am curious. You gave kind of an overview how you approached this, but did you find that you started in one location and moved in or did you move out or up or down? Did it matter? Did it have a bearing on how the rest of it felt?

MS. BOYLE: I'm sorry, I'm looking and thinking about my map.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was just curious if there -- if -- where you started when you were looking at this in terms of Section 2, if you -- if you found it easier to start on the east or west or just kind of looked it at as a holistic or --

MS. BOYLE: Sure. I started actually in the west and the South Bay, and then I stopped once I had the Section 2 black districts configured and started in the east and started pushing to the west. And --

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so I'm -- I'm just going to -- so this is the easternmost edge

of this particular region. I'm going to just read off some of the cities so you can orient yourself.

So Azusa is in here. We have Covina. We have West Covina. It goes down to South San Jose Hills, Avocado Heights, West Puenta Valley, Baldwin Park, Urbandale.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner Barabba, could you change the highlight color maybe on the lines or -- I'm finding it hard to see, given the other colors up there, the actual boundaries.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, she's -- she's trying to make that a little bit better here in a second.

Shall we take the color theme off, the Latino C.V.A.P. for right now? Would that be easier?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I think it's helpful to have the Latino indicators up there, but you could -- if you could do another highlight color on the district boundaries, if that's possible, something --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: (Inaudible) being black. If it could be red, something like that? Is that what you meant, Commissioner

Ancheta?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes, yes. Something, you know, something florescent, chartreuse.

MS. MACDONALD: Is this -- is this a little better?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think you could remove the green color so we could see the --

MS. MACDONALD: So again, what -- what you're seeing here, so this is a high Latino area, it's 57.1 percent C.V.A.P. at this point, and the reason for why we got to 57.1 percent C.V.A.P. is again by, you know, looking at -- starting with C.O.I. testimony, looking at all of the different criteria.

And, you know, the famous iteration three that we looked at earlier is -- is again looking at, you know, lowering that number a little bit and seeing -- seeing what happened -- what happens there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai and then Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So I was curious about Duarte up there. Is that -- is that your

question? I was just wondering if that's going to interrupt the -- the Foothills District. I guess we can go over and above it just like we did on the other one again. But I think above Duarte and Azusa -- how big is Azusa there? Oh, it goes down -- okay.

MS. MACDONALD: Duarte could be taken out. It doesn't really matter to the --

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. It just seems like it would be --

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I mean, the -- the pop -- okay, it could be split is what Nicole says.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, so you can't take all of Duarte out? You couldn't take all of Duarte out?

MS. BOYLE: No, let me put the population.

MS. MACDONALD: We'll put the population up for you.

MS. BOYLE: It had a long tail on it.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, it has a long tail, but it looks like, you know, most of the Latino population is only in the -- in the

very bottom of the tail and doesn't -- I don't know how dense that is, but --

MS. MACDONALD: I think that's the point is that, you know, when you -- when you take all of Duarte out, then you're lowering the Latino C.V.A.P. Of course, she's working on that, but -- so we could take that as a -- as a suggestion and then we could take a look at it if you'd like.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I wonder if -- actually, move it up. I wonder if it would be an advantage to lower it here, because again, we have to worry about packing as well.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let me ask the Commission a question. If we get into start moving cities around on all the maps we've got to look at, we're going to be here for a couple days.

And I would just say that maybe the direction we could provide is what would it look like if you took some of those cities out, rather than getting specific to it.

COMMISSIONER DAI: What would it look like if you took Duarte out?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The question is is if they take it out, we're going to be here for several days and --

Commissioner DiGuilio and then Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And I'd just like to maybe just give a general thing, since we -- we already looked at the other district in Arcadia. We had the Sierra Madre jump over through the mountains to Monrovia, jump over through the mountains to Glendora. I just -- I don't particularly feel comfortable with that hopping, even though they're contiguous based in the mountains. I don't even know if there's a road that's contiguous.

So I'd like as a general direction, clean those lines up so there's -- at least that -- that's my inclination, clean them up so it looks better and come the next time around.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would classify that as a general direction.

Okay. Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, that was basically mine. If you can get a -- try to have a foothills contiguous area, maybe more than one district, but try to remain -- try to remain the contiguity among populated areas along the foothills.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that clear, Ms. MacDonald?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: If we need them for the Section 2 seat, can we split?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, I'd say --

MS. MACDONALD: Above the freeway?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can I say yes?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Your -- your point was that if you -- would you repeat that?

MS.. MACDONALD: We need to know whether the Commission would be all right with us splitting some of these cities to basic -- if we need that for the Section 2 and population purposes.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I think based on the C.O.I. testimony, we have a justification for maintaining San Gabriel Mountain District, or border, or something along up there that would allow to us justify to break some cities in order to maintain the integrity of the C.O.I. testimony.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber and then Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So if you split it, then consider that we could have a contiguous foothill district to the north, so if you're going to split -- provided at least based on the concentration that you have here, it might be easier and then obviously you can highlight the problems where if the population happens to be closer to the foothills.

But it looks like, based at least on this Latino overlay, you might be safe on splitting so then we can create our foothill district and still keep a good Section 2 compact below.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

MS. MACDONALD: We would look at that, yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: With addressing only the assembly map, we may not want a 50 mile assembly district, so I -- I think we can form assembly districts without having -- having --

make it a continuous foothill district all the way to the -- to the edge of this, Los Angeles County all the way from -- from Pasadena and so on.

But we're talking about congressional district or the state senates and you may end up having a foothill district that's very, very long. So some of these things are -- again, it's a function as to whether we're really only addressing the assembly district or whether we're going to go further than that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So would the direction be that, and given Commissioner Yao's point is that the -- we don't want it so -- so long that it becomes, you know, the never-ending assembly district, because that would be some difficulty as well.

So you might have to find yourself coming down a little bit so we ended up maybe with two districts kind of looking across and then may have one senate district maybe that would do that.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And again, I would just say to refer to the public testimony,

because I do believe there was some public testimony in C.O.I. that there was a stopping point that it then became -- so I don't think you have to deliver a long one.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Getting back Ms. MacDonald's original question, I -- I would answer it, I'm not sure if others have the same answer to that, is that if you need to -- if you really need to interrupt some of the foothill communities in order to create a Section 2 district, that you should do that, but if you can do it otherwise, do it otherwise.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah. I think that's where we are.

Okay. Another area, then.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll move to that El Monte area that we talked about this morning, actually. So again, we're -- we're now looking at a district that is 66.2 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Filkins-Webber here. I -- I -- I couldn't get the attention of the chair or vice chair.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Excuse me.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I just have a general question before we get in there.

Mr. Brown, I know that you had a potential difference of opinion regarding Anaheim Santa Ana reiteration that we're going to get to. Are you -- do you concur with Q2 on their identification of these Section 2 areas that we're looking at? And if you don't, I'm assuming you're going to chime in and provide your opinion where -- otherwise.

MR. BROWN: So my view on L.A. County is that it's a different -- it's a different exercise than all -- all the other areas of the state in that because there are many different ways to do this, I think you have to look in the aggregate about -- at what's done and then ask -- and specifics, and then ask do we have Section 2 issues.

With respect to the districts we're seeing so far, my understanding is for the most part they've got whole cities with very few splits, whole cities and -- and neighborhoods. And to the extent that that's possible, that's a

good thing for us.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments on this particular district?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I know we are less sensitive about crossing county lines as compared to city lines, but in this case we pick up a couple of cities strictly for the population and it really -- it's a forced grouping as compared to anything else, so I question as to whether we really want to do that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta, did you want to --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, just a general point. I think actually it's even worse when you go west. But I -- I was just looking at the percentages, because this one it's 66, but I think actually in the one to the west it's 83 percent Latino.

And again, if -- maybe that's just unavoidable just given the demographics, but I'm

just wondering if -- if you looked some -- at some other options where the percentages were lower than current.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that is the famous iteration three, because -- because, again, this -- this is basically the one where she really looked at just all of the different criteria and then saw what she got with respect to, you know, basically what the outcome was per direction.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm looking at the public testimony and there was quite a bit of testimony about Hacienda Heights and La Habra Heights being in this district instead, which might bring the percentage down a little. So -- I don't know. But that might be something to try.

MS. MACDONALD: That is what she did in iteration three apparently.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, okay. Great. Great. Because that's consistent with public testimony.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other comments?

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, on the last comment, the Hacienda Height and so on will start eating into the Asian -- potential Asian district so -- and there's also public comment in terms of wanting to keep Brea, La Habra, La Mirada together as well, so --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber, then Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That's where I have a question, when you have other areas within a county without crossing county lines, you have a significant number on the V.A.P.ers E.V.A.P. for Latino, you know, that's way above where the -- you know, where a threshold would be, what your thought processes were of moving into, crossing country lines into La Habra, kind of infringing a little bit on the C.O.I. testimony versus going north to the 10 at Rosemead and Monterey Park?

And the reason I say that, because we didn't -- I don't recall specifically if we had Rosemead or Monterey Park testimony versus La Habra, so -- and looking how high the number is at 66.2, it seems to me that we could, you know, lower that like we were talking about on our

concern, not cross county lines just yet unless we had that significant C.O.I. testimony.

So that might be a general direction or instruction to provide that before actually crossing the county line, we should have -- if -- if we're looking for people, we should make sure that they're not around elsewhere in the commune -- in the county, especially when we're butting up against some C.O.I. testimony.

So if that works better to your reiteration three -- you're smiling, so it looks like you've already thought of that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, just a -- just more of a process question, because Commissioner Filkins-Webber and I are trying to keep a running list of districts where we're --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm glad you reminded Commissioner Filkins-Webber of that assignment.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And I forgot to get the previous one, but I don't know how many variations we're going to look at, so we're trying to memorialize it to some extent the ones where we

want to iso- -- or we're going to identify as needing R.P.V., but if we're going to have another set, I'll -- maybe I'll wait, but -- or I'll label this as -- what -- what I need is actually some sort of general name for the district.

MS. MACDONALD: Can we just call it Whittier Pico Rivera, because there -- there -- while there is some starting point for an iteration three, we're not going to look at this today, because that -- that's going -- going to not --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. And what would you have labeled the first -- the earlier one?

MS. MACDONALD: Covina.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Covina, okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: I was just wondering when we put up the visualizations from visualization to visualization, could maybe you two just give a quick summary of the boundaries, what neighborhoods they split, didn't split, and that kind of thing, just because when we're

looking at, like, in some of the handout material and trying to compare it with the map, things are displayed differently and it would just I think save a lot of questions and help me particularly if they can just walk through each visualization and, like I say, kind of give a split count and -- and what's different from the one before and why.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Only El Monte is split in this -- in this district. By 56 thousand people.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I think in -- his -- as we move down, it might be a thing to do at the beginning of the presentation of each of the areas.

Okay. Could we move on, then?

MS. MACDONALD: This is the Whittier Pico Rivera.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I see no other hands up, so let's move to another --

MS. MACDONALD: Moving on to Downey Norwalk District. This district splits nothing, and it has Bell Gardens, Norwalk, Downey, Bellflower, Paramount, Lynwood. You have 58.4 percent Latino C.V.A.P. 8.4.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It sounds

like this one looks -- I see a lot of smiles out there, so -- you won the smile effect.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I knew Commissioner Dai would find something.

COMMISSIONER DAI: No. I just had a question about Lynwood because under the previous version that you showed us with Lynwood in that one, so -- so that means you might have to --

MS. MACDONALD: That was iteration three, which is why I didn't want to switch back over there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'm pleased. I'm smiling. I'm pleased to see this, because I had testimony from Downey that was split before, so they'll be very pleased to see this.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Let's -- no direction, further direction on this one, so we can move to another.

MS. MACDONALD: One second. We are moving to -- this district -- this district is called University Park South Gate.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: What's split in here is Los Angeles. We have Vernon, Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Walnut Park, Florence -- Florence-Graham, 83 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's where they -- there's a lot -- lot of Latinos there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments? Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just have a general question. I know that we're seeing some very large numbers of things, and I'm assuming -- I want to make this assumption but I'd like to see if I'm correct, is that you -- you did try as many options as possible to keep things more reasonable, but there were certain places where it just had to have been -- had to be 83 percent or -- I mean, was there really much else you could do based on the other factors around it?

MS. MACDONALD: We're -- we're going to go over that with the V.R.A. counsel if he's -- if he's happy to do that. He's smiling almost. Yes.

And -- and, yeah, we're going to look at these closer. I mean, we're trying to

keep cities together here, which is also why you're seeing deviations that, you know, are not -- per your vote yesterday, are not going to be acceptable in the final map.

So just -- just keep in mind that, you know, some of these districts that look quite perfect where everybody's smiling and waving, there may be a little less waving once we actually have to bring the deviations down.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: This was -- this was the starting point and you'll be --

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, this is a starting point, really, meeting all the criteria, this is what we worked out with V.R.A. counsel, and -- and so that's why you're seeing some of these numbers.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Again, I'm trying to remember what was in rev three. Was there room to go further south in this version here? Or did you not get rev three? I was just wondering because I know that rev three included Willowbrook, Compton and Lynwood, and I'm just wondering about the northern boundary. That might

bring it down a little bit if you could drop it.

MS. MACDONALD: This I'm informed is one of the more difficult districts, and in iteration three she may have to move north and west on this particular district, but, you know, I -- I guess we're going to work that out, unless you have some comments on -- on that right now.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I'm wondering if any of our southern Californian commissioners would have any comment about going north from here.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Going up the I-10, up that black line where those other numbers are at, keep in mind that if I'm not mistaken, if my orientation is correct, that is on the east side of downtown L.A.; correct?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: And if that's the case, we did receive some specific C.O.I. testimony that -- if I recall correctly, that put that area closer into downtown. They liked -- the downtown -- the eastern part of down -- east of downtown wanted to be connected with downtown

moving west, as I recall.

So when you move south of -- what is that street that's like the white -- well, any -- any further south of the 10 versus being up on downtown, you do have a difference of -- of communities of interest between that, so just keep that in mind instead of going north on this district near downtown up the 110.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I'd just like to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes. I'd just like to comment that that area to the right that Commissioner Filkins-Webber just mentioned was -- it was part of the Alameda corridor as well. So it's a major transportation corridor. Just keep that in mind.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. Thank you. Next area.

MS. MACDONALD: This is the Downtown Wilshire District, and this is actually not a Section 2 district. This is something that

people might call a coalition district.

UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: This one has Koreatown in it; correct?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Why don't we just say downtown.

MS. MACDONALD: Downtown.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Does this include Koreatown and Chinatown and Thaitown and all of the other towns?

MS. BOYLE: A little piece of Thaitown is missing, I realized, when I looked at the C.A.P.A.F.R., but it could easily be put in.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Great.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just -- just very quickly, I know it's a neighborhood area. Could you give me just kind of maybe a quick reference for the north part and the south part kind of on a neighborhood basis? Do you -- do you know that off the top of your head? Because it gets a little blurry for me in there without that. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, in the north -- can you read it? It's Little Armenia,

East -- East Hollywood, then as you move down, Filipinotown, Angelino Heights, Chinatown. You have Koreatown, Pico Union, Downtown.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Thank you for putting those on. I appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Is Chinatown split? Can you comment on that?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is Chinatown split?

COMMISSIONER YAO: Is Chinatown on the -- on the east, northeast corner there, it is -- it is split or it's not split?

MS. BOYLE: As far as I know, it's not split, but I'm looking at the C.A.P.A.F.R. C.O.I. areas now and I'll be verifying it against that. In the C.A.P.A.F.R. district, Chinatown is taken out of that district.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Chinatown is not split on this map right there, because that first street that runs across is Sunset, if you

zoom in a little bit, so that northern line is the northern border.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Next area. Hold it. Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Just to make sure we're keeping this running list, you said this is not a Section 2 but could be a coalition?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

MR. BROWN: Yeah, just as far as terminology goes, I wouldn't yet conclude any of these are Section 2 if -- if what we mean by that is required to be drawn, because these are all being drawn in accordance with following city, county, and neighborhood boundaries and communities of interest.

So, I mean, even the reference to a coalition district is a bit of misnomer if what she's done is included entireties of communities of interest.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Moving on.

MS. MACDONALD: We're going to the -- to the Port District, and just remembering that is iteration two before we -- this is

California. And so this is -- this is a port -- this is the Port District in -- in -- Los Angeles Port.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: It has one of the ports in it. You recall that we had -- that we're talking about one port per district. And the cities that are wholly contained in this district right now are Hawthorne, Del Aire, Lawndale, Gardena.

There are parts of L.A. Of course, it's hard to avoid parts of L.A. We have West Carson, Harbor City, and this is a neighborhood right down there and San Pedro. Yeah.

And the percentages are 37.4 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 15.5 percent Asian C.V.A.P. and 17.3 percent black C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, only Los Angeles is split in terms of cities?

MS. MACDONALD: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: To the east of Gardena, does that butt up against your other district that we were looking at earlier for the Compton Carson?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I -- I guess I just want to say I -- I think this looks good. The only thing is I thought that there was some concern about this corridor, because that's kind of the existing district, but I think you're right.

If we really look at the C.O.I. testimony, you separate the ports, you keep the peninsula area, you know, intact for the beach community, and you respect the -- the black potential Section 2 or just community of interest in Compton Carson, and you had to get people elsewhere. And that would be your justification for how it -- just the way that it's looking right now.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And that's also a function of the way the City of Los Angeles is built, too. I forget what that lady called it, but I thought it was nice.

Yes, Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Weren't there some small -- there was some C.O.I. testimony about -- was it a Japanese community that was up in Gardena? And there was -- wasn't there something in Inglewood, too? Do you recall?

There was -- I seem to recall something about a Lennox Hawthorne -- if you go a little bit north. Yeah. I'm trying to remember the testimony that there was some -- some A.P.I. community up there. Hawthorne. Can you put the Asian --

MS. MACDONALD: She's -- she's searching the database on it, too.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: While we're searching, how many more districts are you planning to review in the L.A. area?

MS. MACDONALD: Two. Two or three for assembly.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I know we aren't discussing this map, but I'm seeing here visually. Lennox has a lot more in common with either Inglewood or Hawthorne. I'm just curious

to know why it just jettisons out like that. Unless you just need the numbers.

MS. MACDONALD: That's actually exactly the testimony that -- that Bonnie just pulled up.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I remember that, too, Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne.

MS. GLASER: Three different speakers talked about those three cities together.

MS. MACDONALD: Do you have a name for that district, Mr. Ancheta -- Commissioner Ancheta? The -- the last district we just looked at, Nicole called that the San Pedro.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I -- let me just be clear. Are -- are these the ones that we require in our -- I'm only tracking our P.V. analysis.

MS. MACDONALD: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So I'm not -- I didn't count that one unless I get a signal otherwise.

MR. BROWN: Well, I -- I think we should talk later, because I'm not sure we'll need do R.P.V. analysis for all of these.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I can log

them all if you want to.

MR. BROWN: Maybe not any of them, but --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, Commissioner Blanco.

MR. BROWN: It depends on what direction we go.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just have a question about the shape of that district. I know we're always thinking about that, so just a little bit more narrative. I know the other ones we -- we went by neighborhoods. Is this where -- just explain it to me..

MS. MACDONALD: These are cities.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: So this is -- but why are these cities going down and not cities going -- you know, just, you know, why the choice of these cities in one place? That's all. For the record.

MS. MACDONALD: Because of the -- the C.O.I. testimony over on --

MS. BOYLE: So on -- on the west? That's the Palos Verdes Estates C.O.I. area that we established during the wrap-up. Here is Long

Beach, and we received a lot of testimony about not splitting it or having -- separating the ports, so going this way would have also put the port in that district.

And going this way is the Carson Compton District. It -- so. It could possibly go this way, but it would --

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Well, Tor -- if we went to Torrance, it would also break up the con -- contiguity on the beach; right?

MS. BOYLE: It would -- it goes all the way to the beach here, so you'd have -- you would break it, you would have to split Torrance if you wanted to put -- keep going up the coast here from Palos Verdes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other comments on this district?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Let's move on. Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I might have missed it, but did we agree that we wanted to look at it with Lennox in there? I'm sorry. Okay, I -- I might have missed that.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. This is the

Long -- Long Beach port District. I'm just going to name them no matter, just in case somebody wants a name.

This -- this only splits Long Beach, and that is due to population equality, for population equality reasons. We have 23.4 percent Latino C.V.A.P. in here, 13.3 percent Asian, and 15.6 percent black C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments on this one? This sounds pretty close to what we were given when we were there.

MS. MACDONALD: We're going to go to Northeast L.A. now.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ms. MacDonald, when do you -- you said we had a couple more on assembly. How many do we have on the senate?

MS. MACDONALD: Six or seven on the senate.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: They're nested, so.

Okay, so -- okay, this is -- this -- this is another plan that -- or visualization that splits only L.A., and we have in here Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Mt. Washington,

El Sereno, Elysian Park, 67.9 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

Okay, East -- East Los Angeles, I'm sorry, I couldn't see that. East Los Angeles is also included here.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And what are we calling this district?

MS. MACDONALD: Northeast L.A.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai was -- just asked the question.

Any other questions on this one?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Let's move on.

MS. MACDONALD: San Fernando Valley.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's an easy one; right?

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. No city splits. What we're looking at here is Sylmar, Lakeview Terrace, Arleta, Panorama City, Sun Valley. This is called the East San Fernando Valley District, 61.5 percent Latino C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The only comment I have is I -- I thought there was some

C.O.I. testimony about that, the 405 was not a hard line as far as the -- the people who live there felt, as there was some disagreement about that, but -- and I don't know what that does if you go over it. It probably would increase this -- the Latino C.V.A.P. would be my guess.

MS. MACDONALD: I guess there's some -- there's some seats around that that -- that basically led us to use the 405 line as a boundary, but we can take that into consideration, obviously.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Just have it as -- as background, because several people have brought that forward, particularly yesterday.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So that either keeping North Hills, that North Hills -- oh, I think they had an East North Hills, though, too. We got some testimony about that.

One question I had was about -- we -- I think we got one person who talked about --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai and then Commissioner Webber.

COMMISSIONER DAI: -- about the Sunland Tujunga area, that that was part of San

Fernando Valley. I mean, I suppose they could also go the other way, but that was -- I think we got some testimony about that, too. I don't know what it does to the numbers.

MS. MACDONALD: That would be great if you could give us direction to look into that.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, please look into that.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just want to be clear. It appears that you kept the integrity of a neighborhood council boundaries here. Well, I'm looking at the other maps as well. Is that correct?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. On -- on the North Hill, I should say that North Hill apparently crosses the -- the freeway there. So, you know, now that we know that that's a soft line, that could be -- you know, if -- if you give us guidance that the neighborhood is -- is more important than --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: -- than the

freeway, then we'll look into that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Clarification. Is the layer that has these various L.A. names, is that corresponding -- is that matching the L.A. neighborhood councils?

MS. MACDONALD: The -- the layout that we have is the neighborhood councils, yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. I just wanted to be sure. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: That's the one we've been -- because that seemed to be the --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: -- the most accurate.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Next.

MS. MACDONALD: West San Fernando Valley. So this is -- this district includes Chatsworth, Northridge, win -- Winnetka?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Winnetka.

MS. MACDONALD: Winnetka, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, Reseda, and 27.6 percent Latino C.V.A.P. It splits the -- of course, it's on the

other side of that North Hill neighborhood that we just talked about goes across the 405, so this -- this will change a little bit.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I see that Lake Balboa has tried to divorce itself from Van Nuys for many years. I see you've managed to marry them back together again.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Just a clarification. If I recall, some of these are mixed neighborhoods and incorporated cities? Or are they all neighborhoods?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's all part of L.A., I think.

MS. MACDONALD: These are -- except for San Fernando outside of this particular district, they're --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's all Los Angeles.

MS. MACDONALD: They're all L.A. -- Los Angeles neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I see. Thank

you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And Commissioner Blanco, did you --

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, I -- I thought we heard a lot of testimony about Van Nuys being kind of more east San Fernando Valley, sort of traditionally in terms of where people -- I -- I remember there was -- like where people went to shop and -- and that was part of the -- I may be wrong, but I thought I heard a lot about Van Nuys being more on the east side, even -- you know. So. But may -- maybe other -- I would really appreciate it if other people could check their notes and comment. I --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You might take a look at -- is it V.I.C.A. group that made a presentation? I didn't know whether they had that or not.

Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I concur also due to my familiarity with the area that, yeah, Van Nuys is seen, as I recall, more east San Fernando Valley.

And in light of the presentations, there were -- we did receive information that Bell

Canyon can only be accessed from West San Fernando Valley. So they were concerned about Bell Canyon being separated from San Fernando Valley, because there was only one transportation corridor in there.

So if we took Van Nuys out -- and I know we've got population issues, because I -- I was looking at Van Nuys in the last iteration, because we were so close in population, so if we considered those general instructions and -- and not isolating Bell Canyon, that might be some consideration.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments? Okay, let's -- oh, Commissioner Dai, then Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think we heard a lot of testimony about Granada Hills, Porter -- Porter Ranch and Chatsworth in the Santa Susana area, too. Ms. MacDonald?

MS. MACDONALD: I'm -- I'm very sorry. I'm sorry. Would you please repeat the question?

COMMISSIONER DAI: I believe we heard a lot of testimony about Granada Hills,

Porter Ranch and Chatsworth kind of in the same breath.

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So it seems like maybe those should be kept together. I'm not sure where we're going to put them, but they seem to be talked about in the same breath.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think that moves further north with the other connections, if I remember.

Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But that kinds of goes with the flow of what Commissioner Forbes had just mentioned as well. If we -- if -- I know we were looking at the last reiteration with the 61.5 percent Latino.

If we added Van Nuys in there -- I don't know exactly the stats in Van Nuys -- and -- and took out Sylmar from that last -- and then ran Sylmar, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch to Chatsworth, then you can bring down this West San Fernando and add Bell Canyon with West Hills.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the V.I.C.A. group had Sylmar pretty much locked in

and --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Locked in to -- oh, the valley. Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: You're right.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Having lived there, I think I could identify with that.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh, that's right, I'm taking the whole city of San Fernando. Sorry. Sorry, San Fernando.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I didn't talk about Norco, so I would appreciate it if you'd watch your --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Hands off.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. Any other comments, then?

Yes, Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: This map appears to be consistent with testimony we received from the Armenian community as well. In terms of ethnic breakdowns, do -- is it quick -- can -- do you have information on the Armenian population that we can bring up quickly? If not,

that's okay.

MS. MACDONALD: We would have to use a surname dictionary basically and --

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. That's more involved. No. Okay. I was just curious. But I think it's consistent with what we've heard.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other questions on this that you need direction?

MS. MACDONALD: I -- I think if you're -- if you want to break for lunch, I think we -- we need to strate- --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Our lunch doesn't show up till 1230.

MS. MACDONALD: Oh, okay. Okay. So that -- that's good. Can -- can we just have two minutes to confer?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You can have three if you actually need it.

MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Meanwhile, can we discuss among ourselves here?

I recall some testimony about an Iranian community, Reseda, Tarzana, Encino, West Hills --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the east part of the valley, yeah. It was Iranian and --

COMMISSIONER DAI: And Armenian as well.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And Armenian, yes. And I think they're probably captured in there, if I recall the conversation.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: They were previous to us.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. I just wanted to make they weren't cut. I wasn't -- I wasn't able to tell this last -- last bottom part here.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Along that line, and this is more of a social question, I -- I think when several -- several of the speakers were talking about the Armenian community, they also said there's quite a mingling of Jewish people, Jewish community people in that same organ -- group as well. Anybody hear the same thing?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Just a

comment.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So some really easy right before lunch questions for you. Could we perhaps talk about the fact that we need to move from L.A. into Orange?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: And where you might want to do that, and I think that would be --

MS. BOYLE: In iteration three, I'm looking at bringing -- in iteration three, I'm looking at bringing potential districts down here into L.A. to pick up La Palma and La Mirada -- or La Mirada is already in L.A., but I crossed the border here to pick up I think La Palma, and I used La Habra as well.

MS. MACDONALD: Is -- is that something -- is that something the Commission will be able to live with?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta, then Commissioner Dai, then Commission -- oh, Commissioner Ward, you had your hand up first.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Can she repeat that one more time? I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You need to repeat your direct -- your description.

MS. MACDONALD: Would you please repeat the -- the question? You -- you want a description of why -- why we're asking for that direction or what necessitates this?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You were describing the district -- you were describing the district and he didn't get all of your description.

MS. MACDONALD: She -- this is really not a district that she's really worked on. She just knows that that's the way the population is flowing and there is a potential Section 2 district there that may necessitate her to go via La Habra into -- into that -- that area, or take La Habra and then also take --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I think I next in the queue, but I guess where are you starting from to go into La Habra I guess would be the question.

MS. BOYLE: I brought it into this -- this is iteration three now that you're looking that I'm -- it is my work in progress. And I -- I picked up La Habra into this district here.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And what are

you calling that district?

MS. BOYLE: This district here is -- yes, this is the iteration three of Whittier Pico Rivera. It only has a small portion, though. I split Pico Rivera in this iteration, so Pico Rivera split. It includes Whittier -- just a minute. Let me take off the highlighting on the district so I get the boundary correct. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Scratch previous testimony. It's actually in a different district.

MS. BOYLE: So in iteration three, I looked at creating an Asian C.O.I. and moving it east, and this is what I got. I needed La Habra, though.

MS. MACDONALD: So it has Chino Hills.

MS. BOYLE: Okay. Pardon me. I'll read off all the cities. So it includes what remains of El Monte from the split in the section -- potential Section 2 Asian district we're looking at. It has South El Monte, Avocado Heights, yeah, Hacienda Heights, Industry, La Puente. I think this is San Jose Hills here.

It includes Walnut, Diamond Bar, and I went into Chino here as well. I'd like -- if that's okay with you. And then I picked up La Habra. And this is based on the Asian C.O.I. testimony.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Two questions. Are there splits, and if, so where? And then the second one: Is the num -- first number we're seeing at this point, is that population? Is it V.A.P.? Is it C.V.A.P.?

MS. MACDONALD: The -- the first number in the black, in the large black box is basically the deviation from the assembly district.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I'm sorry, I -- what I meant was underneath the name of the city, that first number that follows, is that --

MS. MACDONALD: That is tote pop, and what's underneath is V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Webber.

MS. MACDONALD: El Monte is split

in this particular --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And the 37.9 is Asian? Oh, no, just the -- this district.

MS. MACDONALD: No, that's Latino C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. Sometimes we've flipped it, so -- I thought you said you were trying to create an Asian --

MS. MACDONALD: That was because I -- I -- an Asian C.O.I., which didn't necessarily mean it was -- that the Asian population actually became the majority/minority.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And what do you want to call it?

MS. BOYLE: Calling it Rolling Heights.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So is this -- do we have --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: They're asking you want to break into Orange County is kind of the question here.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm sorry, can I see those numbers again real quick?

I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So speaking of breaking counties, I think we had some testimony from the South Asian -- we had a South Asian C.O.I. in -- in Artesia, Cerritos, and it went into Buena Park, so I think you got La Palma but not Buena Park?

MS. BOYLE: In talking to the mapper and in her iteration she's working on, that was okay with her.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: She will be here this -- this afternoon, so you're talking to the next mapper about that particular area. But this is where we're talking about these borders right now, because we need to figure out where we can exchange population with your permission from one region to the other so that we can actually put a statewide map together.

She -- she may need to move east from Long Beach into Orange and -- does that -- yeah, just tell -- tell us what you -- what you absolutely don't want to see. Let -- let's -- let's approach it that way. Absolutely don't -- we hate it but we could live with it and this is a

really good idea. How about --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I -- I -- everything we heard was don't go into Orange and Long Beach, yeah.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Exactly. And when we asked for clarification of the members of the public, they agreed to go north if you needed to look for people. So provided that we have no Section 2 issue here on this side, which it doesn't look like we do, going north has consistently -- and again, I'm familiar with the area and I know people that live in Seal Beach, for instance, so that's a no-no.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So that's something you don't want to see. Could we just walk -- may -- maybe it would help to just go across the Orange County border and -- and -- and just see if you can give us some idea of where -- if -- if things push toward Orange County, where -- based on my three-point scale, we get a no, a maybe, and a yes, absolutely.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Before I -- is your question related to that?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I guess it's a logistical, but I think this is a -- it

might be a very good tactic as we go through this, because I think a lot of times we're providing our feedback to them and it might be easier to some degree, too, to make sure you ask us questions and we can tell you. Otherwise, you're going to hear a lot of different opinions all the time, so --

MS. MACDONALD: So here's the county boundary is right there. So -- so how would you like to do this? Should we just zoom in a little bit on these areas and -- and just take a look and you can given us some opinions? Would that be okay?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was thinking that, yeah, just as you said, just following up the county line, and then you just want assistance as to where we understand the C.O.I. to cross that county line so then you can work with your other mapper.

So, for instance, you were just at La Palma. So we've given you the -- the direction like with Long Beach will not cross over into -- to Seal Beach and Los Alamitos, and then you've already said you were looking -- working on La Palma. So you can just follow it all the way up the county line.

MS. MACDONALD: So we've looked at La -- I'm sorry. We need to move back up a little bit. So we talked about La Habra already. Buena Park.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, that's what I was saying, that was part of that C.O.I. testimony, too.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This is Commissioner Dai speaking --

MS. MACDONALD: So that's an okay crossing point?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- then Commissioner -- Commissioner Yao is next and then Commissioner Webber.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I -- I don't believe there was a lot of objection crossing over county line between La Palma and Cerritos. I think the Asians were pushing for that, or ignoring the county line.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then Commissioner Webber, then Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was just a little concerned about all of Buena Park, because there might be cer- -- only certain areas of Buena Park that might be closer to the county

line and closer to La Palma for the C.O.I.

So we may need to focus on that rather than taking the whole city, because there are other areas of Buena Park that have closer ties to, you know, Knott's Berry Farm, you know, the -- that entertainment group that's separate and apart from what you're trying to capture with the other South Asian groups in Artesia, Cerritos and La Palma.

So if we had a little bit more information on the C.O.I. testimony as to where the borders might be in Buena Park, just looking at that, that is probably okay to cross the county line for that issue.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward, then Commissioner Yao..

COMMISSIONER WARD: I concur with -- with La Palma. I think the C.O.I. testimony's been strong in -- in the -- the maps that have been handed in. Buena Park, though, I -- I think we'd have to have some pretty compelling, in my opinion, testimony to -- to break county lines to go into Buena Park.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: This is a clarification question. Are we suggesting to break up Buena Park, in other word, divide up Buena Park based on the -- based on the last comment about entertainment side and not the entire city?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Jodi, you want to clarify that point?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What I would like --

COMMISSIONER YAO: We suggested that we may want to divide up Buena Park --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: No, I -- what I'm concerned with is -- is -- is precisely what Commissioner Ward said. I was kind of -- I personally have no recollection of any testimony from Buena Park, so I was relying on Commissioner Dai, but Commissioner Ward is clear as well.

The association of this city with Orange County is definitely closer than Los Angeles, so I was wondering if Bonnie maybe could maybe run Buena Park and see -- refresh our recollection before we actually give this direction of crossing the county line into Buena

Park.

So I'll kind of pull back from my last comment.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai and then Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me. If -- if Commissioner Dai doesn't mind my going, I have a response on Buena Park.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, okay.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: I found a number of people who talked about the north county -- north Orange County bond, so to speak, Fullerton, Brea, Buena Park, La Habra to -- to be together, preferring to be together, and in -- in general that people did not want to let us split even within the county, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I recall that it was primarily Artesia, Cerritos, and then as supplementary testimony they included Hawaiian Gardens, La Palma and Buena Park. So I think that it's not as strong. I would agree.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA:

Ms. MacDonald, have we -- have we helped or have we hurt your -- your request?

COMMISSIONER DAI: We need to hold off on Buena Park.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Buena Park's a little iffy on -- on crossing country lines right now, so --

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so that goes in --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- we'll probably hold off on crossing county lines for Buena Park unless we have robust C.O.I. testimony.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so that goes then into the -- into the middle category.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

We also need to talk about the San Bernardino area just to make sure. And we could, of course, do that from the other side as well when Alex is here.

So and this is not -- this is really just so that in case she runs into this situation, because she doesn't know that she will.

Just one second.

So that is the county boundary right there. We'll put some labels up so we can actually --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: This an anticipatory question.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, it is. A lot of these are, actually. So we don't have to have another session on Memorial Day.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I will reclassify, this is --

MS. MACDONALD: Is that a hard no?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- an important question.

MS. MACDONALD: Is that a hard no?

(Inaudible.)

MS. MACDONALD: No, I meant the Memorial Day, calling you for -- for advice on Memorial Day.

Okay. So --

MS. BOYLE: Do I have your permission to cross over here and go into Victor Valley and join Victor Valley possibly with parts of Antelope Valley?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner --

MS. BOYLE: If necessary.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- Filkins-Webber.

MS. BOYLE: I haven't worked on this iteration yet.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, my first question is why the iteration exists in crossing county lines unless that's bumping up against what the -- I'm sorry, the prior member's name escapes me -- what she did in Lancaster, Palmdale. Is that why this one showed up like this?

MS. BOYLE: It was based on the visualization that you gave me -- or that Forbes actually I think led me through in the region for wrap-up. We were just looking at that. So if that comes up that when I'm up there if that's kind of where I need to go, I wanted to know if that was okay with you.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: The -- the positive aspect of it is that these communities do consider themselves the, quote, high desert. I don't know where the split is to the east. I don't know what that other white square is to the east of the 15 that's being

blocked. No, down. Down, down. Right there. What is that?

MS. BOYLE: I believe that's Apple Valley.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, then you can't split Victorville from Apple Valley, so -- they have to be together, because they're considered the Victor Valley, and that's the testimony that we've received, and the -- I believe that would be supported for that area, so Apple Valley would probably have to be with the Victor Valley area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Forbes.

MS. MACDONALD: That's very helpful.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: And as you look at these, we have discussed this I think yesterday, I -- you may have gone with Kern, but the -- the -- the whole Bishop, Mammoth Lake way to the north has to be connected somewhere, and so you could go as far up 395 if you needed to have -- use it for population.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So just to answer the question, is this something where we're saying okay if it needs to, it's -- it's not an absolute no, but we're hoping there's a lot of other options first?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, this is basically a hypothetical, and there may be a Section 2 implication that -- that might necessitate something that looks somewhat like this, so that's why we just wanted to look head. So we will be working with V.R.A. counsel.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Where would that Section 2 be at?

MS. BOYLE: This is -- joining this group and this group.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, I mean, you're saying that a potential Section 2 would -- would -- may force this configuration, so where is the Section 2 that would push into this?

MS. MACDONALD: It's unlikely, apparently.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh,

okay, because --

MS. BOYLE: I just want to make sure it was -- it was a visualization to cross here. I actually wanted to clarify. This was part of the visualization as well, and in -- in investigating this for potential Section 2 issues, I removed it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. BOYLE: And that's all that -- that was to that.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Keep in mind that when you are considering crossing the county lines, this -- this particular area, the transportation corridor of the 15 through the Cajon Pass down where it says 215, you've got a lot of people from Victor Valley area that come into the San Bernardino area for a number of things, like doctors and -- and hospitals.

So just keep in mind that if we needed to consider this district of -- of keeping the Victor Valley whole, it's not bad as a whole high desert idea of crossing the county line, but if we can avoid it in coming further south for a district into San Bernardino County and maintaining the county line, that might be more

consistent with what the -- the public would desire, but.

And we'll likely hear more of that probably in our San Bernardino meeting.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think everybody has worked so hard and moved rather rapidly today, I would say, that it's time for lunch. And for the Commission, their lunches are right out the door, and in the spirit of maintaining the -- what the university has requested, it would be better if we ate outside.

(Whereupon, a luncheon recess was held from 12:26 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.)

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COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And just, again, to be helpful to our reporter, I'll try to do a better job of that, and if you could speak a little bit slower in some instances, because a lot of us are using terms that are not always familiar, and we want to make sure we get the record correct.

Ms. MacDonald.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So -- so we're now looking at a -- a senate map that has some -- I should say it's a map of L.A. that has some senate districts, some potential senate district visualizations on there.

Now, I should explain, again, just to refresh everyone's memory, there -- there are a number of iterations here that -- that Nicole's been working on, so that second iteration was the one where we already had some guidance.

Now, she worked off of the second iteration and tried to figure out whether it would be possible to nest some of the assembly districts

into the senate districts.

As I mentioned yesterday, there are some areas in -- in the state where it's going to be incredibly difficult to impossible to nest, but there are some areas where the likelihood of nesting is much, much, much higher, and this is one of the areas.

So the way Nicole has approached this particular situation is that she looked at the district visualizations that she had created in -- in iteration two, and then essentially figured out whether or not she could nest them.

Then the next step of the process will be to then look at whether that nesting actually worked, whether there is a problem that arose -- for example, did nesting create a V.R.A. issue? Did nesting create city and county splits? You know, county splits obviously less likely in L.A., but, you know, just in general that's the methodology that's being followed.

And then essentially the boundaries would be adjusted? This is a very, very preliminary look at some nested assembly districts in L.A. based on iteration two, which was already changed.

So this is really more of a visual than it is anything else just because she -- every time she makes a -- with this methodology, every time she does make a change to an assembly district, she has to go back and then make that change in the senate district as well.

So in terms of methodology, the best -- the best way really to approach this is to, you know, pretty much complete the best possible visualization of all of the assembly districts in this area and then take a look at whether or not nesting is actually possible and then make adjustments from there.

That is not necessarily the same methodology you would use in -- in every one of the regions in California, because California's geography is just so varied and, you know, the population breakdowns are just so varied and the cities are not necessarily that closely together.

So -- so that's about the best that I can explain how this process works but I would invite some questions about the methodology or about what you're seeing.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As a commission, are we comfortable with that approach?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, let's proceed.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So we could look at these districts one by one, or if you -- or if you have a better idea, again, these have changed already. Okay?

So we can look at what -- what would have been had we not had the discussion earlier, or -- or you can -- you could give us general guidance about that you would like us to proceed with this particular methodology and then show you what that would actually look like on Tuesday, Wednesday.

Wednesday is the next time we see each other?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Wednesday, yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber and then Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I know we're just back from lunch, so maybe I'm a little slower in getting back into this. For instance, what you're showing us in the blue, is that two assembly districts that are nested into

one?

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. So if you can just explain to me what the decision would be to put those two together versus the Compton Carson going with the Hawthorne District. How -- how does that work? I guess what is your methodology for selecting which two assembly districts go into one?

MS. MACDONALD: There were two -- wrong way. In this particular instance, she put two Section 2 -- potential Section 2 assembly districts together. But the -- the decisions that have to be made when you're looking at nesting is also whether you can keep cities and -- and jurisdictions and neighborhoods and, you know, C.O.I. testimony and -- and whatnot, basically everything else also together.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So if you find yourself splitting a city like we looked at maybe with El Monte, you want to make sure you put it next to the other district to make El Monte whole for the senate?

MS. MACDONALD: That would be the preference, yes --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: -- so that you don't, you know, duplicate the pain.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Now I understand. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That was -- that was the "share the pain" strategy as I recall.

Commission Ancheta, then Commissioner Ontai, then Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, I guess as you're moving forward with any individual descriptions of the districts -- you identified one which is sort of pairing two Section 2 districts.

If -- if there are any issues where nesting one Section 2 and one that's not a Section 2 results in a district that's a senate district that's below Section 2 thresholds, if you could just identify -- if -- if they come up, if you could identify those.

MS. MACDONALD: We will do that in the future. Since we've changed the underlying districts already, it would be kind of premature

to do that, but absolutely. And I -- I suppose it would be -- yeah, I mean, we can talk about it on -- on Wednesday. And I -- I want to confer with V.R.A. counsel, of course, about -- about this as well.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So are we moving from left to right and are those outlined areas the senate districts, proposed senate districts?

MS. MACDONALD: We can make the boundaries a little bigger, but these are really just some visualizations of what might have been had we stopped at iteration two.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: So the first one, what are we calling that?

MS. MACDONALD: The first one on the left?

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: This -- Inglewood Compton.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that it, Commissioner Ontai?

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: I'm done.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: The question I have is: Is there a general goal in term of maximizing the number of Section 2 senate districts? In other words, it's -- it's a process question more than a question associated with what's in front of us.

If there is, then, perhaps combining a Section 2 assembly with an non-Section assembly may give you greater opportunity to -- to generate the maximum number of Section 2 senate. So I -- I need to -- to -- to see whether that is or should be part of our strategy or not.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

MR. BROWN: So I don't -- the answer is no. There's not a goal of maximizing the Section 2 senate districts. So just like with the assembly districts, the question is: Are you required to draw a particular district because of Section 2 to avoid a violation?

And so if putting two adjacent assembly districts together would result in a compact area with more than 50 percent majority

C.V.A.P., then you're headed down the path of perhaps having one that's required. If that's not the case, then you have to have some other justification for putting those two together.

So again, it's not an easy task, particularly where you have -- with the largest group, the Latino group, it's -- I'd be interested in what the mappers have to say, but it's not necessarily an obvious task about which ones you match with -- with --

COMMISSIONER YAO: So we should continue to use the goal of matching the most likely community of interest in combining the assembly districts into senate districts?

MR. BROWN: I think that would make sense as a first pass.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Parvenu, do you have a question?

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah, I'm just saying that my initial reaction here, I see the logic, but what the net result of this will be is that there are two senate districts where African Americans are considered competitive in this region, 25 and 26, and this will result in diminished -- an area where the African-American

candidates will -- will have less ability to compete for senate seats because that's -- this is consolidated into one senatorial area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: As I understand it, I'm afraid we can't consider that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Constitutionally, we are prohibited.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I mean, based on, yeah, the California constitution. And obviously Mr. Brown can chime in on that.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Point well taken.

MR. BROWN: I -- I agree that we shouldn't be considering the existing incumbents or existing districts or impact of lines on particular districts, with maybe one asterisk, and that is that if we get to the point of considering the totality of the circumstances, we might look at prior success of the African-American community in electing their preferred candidates.

I think that's different from looking at incumbents and existing districts.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Let -- let

me clarify. I wasn't speaking specifically about incumbents or elected officials. I didn't want to -- I'm just saying that -- I'll just withdraw my statement. I wasn't speaking specifically of existing elected officials, because I have no, you know, preference, being nonpartisan.

To that effect, I simply wanted to make the point that this appears that there's just one particular district, and I was concerned about the consolidation of -- of the votes in that one area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other questions?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So where I would like to go from here is that I -- I would like to confer with Mr. Brown on -- on some of the other areas, because what -- what Nicole has worked out here on this particular plan are just the -- the areas that were nested.

So I want to make sure there aren't any other V.R.A. concerns that we need to incorporate. And then I think this is all we have to show you for right now for the senate, and I

would like to move to congress if that's okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We --

MS. MACDONALD: And -- and -- and I have one more question, actually. In -- in terms of, again, the -- these exchanges on where to go from one map or region to the other, should we generally assume that you would like us to observe the same rules that you give us for the assembly also for the senate?

Or does this go with the "spread the pain" principle of if we have to, you know, perhaps go across a -- a county border in some particular city, should we try to avoid doing the same thing unless we have some sort of C.O.I. testimony or some sort of other direction from you?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

MS. MACDONALD: And then bring that -- bring that back? If there's some sort of a rule of thumb, that -- that would be nice to know.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, maybe I can try to formulate. I think that in general you

should follow the guidance that we gave you for the assembly, but if we caused pain, to try to fix it in the senate where we split something in particular. So I think the South El Monte -- or El Monte example was a good one. I think that's a -- that's a good general rule of thumb.

Any -- anybody else have some refinements to that.

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I believe we can move on from -- from that suggestion, yes.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I just want to throw out something and see whether we can reach some kind of general agreement. For small to very small cities, pick a number, 20 thousand -- 20 thousand population, should we set an objective and try not to split those very small cities?

In other words, given the choice of splitting bigger cities versus smaller cities, the preference is to try not to split the small cities.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think the problem you run into going by size is it's where the city is located relative to the district.

COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I understand that, but -- but often we do have choices in term of which city to split to come out with the exact population, and -- and I'm simply suggest that if -- if everything else being equal, then perhaps the -- the pain will be less to split the bigger city as compared to the smaller city.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other commissioners want to comment on that?

Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I think that's hard because it assumes all other things are equal. I'm not sure we can always determine when all other things are equal.

I understand the interest that -- Commissioner Yao has identified. I -- I don't feel comfortable sort of ranking cities, though, because I think there's two many variables going into location and what -- what other things are happening to try to create a district. But -- but I understand what you're -- what you're getting at.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA:

Ms. MacDonald.

MS. MACDONALD: I mean, as you can

see from the maps that we've shown you, that is one of our concerns, and we -- we always, always, always try to avoid splits wherever we can, small, large, you know. And if it's just not avoidable, we -- you know, with previous direction we got from you was to not to split too -- too much or more than necessary. I mean, that's obviously something we observe anyway.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. The next area.

MS. MACDONALD: So -- so then we'll go to -- to congress. That will take one minute just to pull up another map.

And -- and just to clarify one more time what -- what I'm hoping we're going to get to today is that what you will see -- what you might see on -- on Wednesday is some areas that actually just have placeholders and don't have districts, because we may not have guidance from you on what to do in those areas at all.

And the -- the reason for that is we -- we are looking at the information that we have from you so far, we're conferring with V.R.A. counsel, and we're filling in the blanks that way, and then we're looking at, you know, what areas

are missing, where -- where do we not have direction, where do we not have visualizations from the wrap-ups.

So what we're trying to get to today is just a point where we know where the one -- where one mapper can exchange what we call exchange population with another mapper. The -- you know, the borders that you've set from one region to another, you know, where does it make sense to actually go across.

Just like the -- the conversation we had yesterday about Inyo and, you know, moving south, that was a very easy one and, you know, we need to do that basically to go from one mapper region to the other so we can actually put some sort of a skeleton of a statewide map together for you next week to look at.

And -- and then we see, you know, where we're falling down and where you'd like to make changes so we can fill this picture in --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: -- before the 10th.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Then let's move to the congress.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So these are

the congressional maps and -- or visualizations, rather, and -- and again, Nicole used the same methodology that I've described earlier, so essentially what -- what you will see here is -- and -- and I know many of you have looked at the submissions by the various groups and when you see, you know, what they're considering to be Section 2 districts, they're usually not, you know, 60 or 70 percent or something like that.

But when you're drawing with the methodology that we've employed, which is really looking at all of the criteria and trying not to split, you know, communities of interest going with the testimony that we've received and the guidance we've received from you, then, you know, sometimes you just get not necessarily perfectly populated areas in terms of the racial breakdowns.

So this particular district is called the Covina -- the Covina Congressional District, and I will just read off the cities that are in there. Starts with Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Glendora and then Charter Oak, Baldwin Park, El Monte.

Avocado Heights we're looking at whether El Monte is whole or split in this right

now. Industry, West Covina and Charter Oak is in there as well. And this has a Latino C.V.A.P. of 52.56 percent.

Just a second. We're looking at this -- I'm assuming you're interested in the city boundary for El Monte; yes?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: While you're looking that up, can you tell me, was this iteration created for the possibility of a Section 2 congressional district for Latinos?

MS. MACDONALD: Well, again, this is -- again, with the entire -- using -- you know, keeping cities and counties together, using all of the different -- using all -- all of the different criteria together, this is -- and looking also at, of course, concentrations of the population as we saw earlier, so -- so basically everything together got us to this particular district.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: The reason I ask, because the -- the coloration that you have up there is Latino?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that is Latino on there, and El Monte, by the way, is not split

in here, so El Monte is whole.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. So you were trying to capture population similar to the assembly district. The reason I'm asking is because if you pull the map down going north, we do have quite a bit of testimony and obviously a presenter regarding the -- the Foothill district.

And what I'm a little concerned with here, even though we might be respecting that with this district if we went north is some of the effect it might have on Claremont, and I will defer to Commissioner Yao on where we were looking at the Foothill districts, because obviously it wouldn't be one long district, because there's sufficient population to create several.

So just if the -- the focus was to create a congressional district for Section 2 purposes and if this is the area where the population is compact for those numbers, I just want to make sure I have a better understanding when we start to butt up against item four, because obviously priority two, you know, takes precedent over four. I just want to make sure I have an understanding for this district that's

presented.

MS. MACDONALD: Correct. Well, there are some high concentrations and -- and compact area of minority populations, of course, in this area.

And actually, if you wouldn't mind zooming out a little bit so we can see the entire area.

And -- and so basically keeping that in mind, obviously, we can look at whether we can take some of the -- the Duarte and Glendora area out of this district, but it may put pressure onto another compact minority area so -- but, you know, with -- with guidance -- again, we had some guidance earlier.

Obviously we didn't incorporate that into these iterations because it takes a long time to come up with them, you know. We can -- if -- as far as you want to tell us that your guidance from previous plans carries forward to also these, then that -- that would be -- you know, if -- that's just something that we can look into.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Looking at the Latino concentration, what would that district look like if we were to -- to nest two assembly district from the previous presentation? Would that still get us close to the C pad number?

MS. MACDONALD: These are actually congressional districts we're looking at, so this is not a senate district.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

MS. MACDONALD: Should we move to the next one?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

MS. JOHNSTON: (Inaudible) for El Monte.

MS. MACDONALD: El Monte is whole.

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: El Monte is whole.

MS. MACDONALD: That was Marian Johnston who asked what the decision was on El Monte.

THE REPORTER: And the answer?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: It's whole.

THE REPORTER: Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: This one is -- this one is called the Whittier district for Commissioner Ancheta or -- and this particular district has -- and -- and you can see that the populations are fairly -- are -- are still not close to one person, obviously. It's -- it's 131 people under right now. And the Latino C.V.A.P. is 53.99 percent.

The cities that are in here are Pico Rivera, West Whittier, Whittier, East La Mirada, La Mirada, Buena Park, Norwalk, Bellflower and Downey. No splits.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I'm not sure Buena Park would go in that grouping. I think we had some testimony about Whittier, La Mirada and La Habra, so you're going to maybe go the other way instead.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll look into that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other

comments?

COMMISSIONER WARD: Commissioner Dai got me.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: She -- she snuck in there and got you. Okay.

And Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I may be causing you to look at things out -- out of your seat -- your order. Is there a potential Asian Section 2 cities on La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and on up that way? Have you looked at that already?

MS. MACDONALD: We -- we haven't looked at it. We haven't looked at whether the Asian population is compact enough to actually -- you know, whether you have geographic compactness and -- and the numbers for that, but we can investigate that.

COMMISSIONER YAO: We move into the La Habra Height area, that's what -- Rowland Height, you're going to be impacting that, so that's the only concern.

MS. MACDONALD: So you would like us to investigate that?

COMMISSIONER YAO: Take a -- take a

casual look and see whether there is or is not. I don't want you to spend a lot of time.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We will investigate it casually.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I -- I agree with you, I don't think there is, but I don't know for sure.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Give it a -- give it a wink. Okay.

Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: There is -- so here we have -- which -- now we're looking at the Long Beach port District, and I just want to make sure one more time that we start with C.O.I. testimony when -- when we're drawing okay, so.

Okay. I'm going to -- it's the one in the middle and we're trying to make it a little more visible here.

But we have in there is Lynwood, South Gate, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park. There's a lot more in there. Cudahy, South Gate, Florence-Graham, Paramount, parts of Long Beach,

all the way down to the port, and this includes the port.

And what we have here in terms of -- okay, the population in here is 59.91 percent Latino. Yeah. Okay. 7.26 percent Asian. This is all C.V.A.P. And 15.81 percent black.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber, Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Now, we're talking about the yellower portion --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And Andre Par -- Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- east of the 710; correct?

MS. MACDONALD: Correct, yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I apologize.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: East of the 710. My question is why doesn't that include Lakewood and all of Long Beach?

MS. MACDONALD: Well, Long Beach -- Long Beach, for one, is -- is too big to put into that district, and also this looks like a potential Section 2 district, and as you -- and it's moved -- it's based on C.O.I. testimony as well.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, this is where I have the question, which was raised by Commissioner DiGuilio to the M.A.L.D.E.F. presenters. Every district throughout Southern California can be a Section 2 district no matter how you draw it.

And that's what this looks like to me, going all the way down to the port, and then I don't know what you're going to do with Long Beach and Lakewood. I know that it needs to be split, but now we would be looking at crossing county lines for a congressional district between Long Beach and Orange County, which I'm a bit concerned about.

So my question is when we -- when you get in -- this doesn't look compact for the population for a Section 2 for a congressional district either based on how yellow it is down near the port versus going all the way up to where the concentration is at. So that's just my just brief obser- -- observations.

MS. MACDONALD: There -- there was just a lot of testimony about being connected to -- to the port area so that I think that's what basically resulted in that shape was that people

said that even though they were, you know, quite far away, they felt like they were affected by the port because of the traffic and all of that, so.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, that leads me to another question that we had had a discussion about, and we certainly can save this for next week, because what my understanding was of using C.O.I. is recognizing those areas of testimony that we were not drawing districts based on C.O.I.

We were just going to make sure that when we follow our other criteria, given that C.O.I. is number four, that we respect C.O.I., not draw per C.O.I. And so there's where there is a little bit of concern with this district.

MS. MACDONALD: This -- this also, though, keeps all of these -- there's also no splits in there, so it's keeping a lot of communities together.

You know, and -- and sometimes when you're trying to do that and -- and trying not to split communities, it's -- just for population purposes, you end up with configurations that otherwise you may not.

But, you know, that's why we're

here, so just please give us direction of what you'd like to see.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I think there is great economic advantage to have a senate district containing both the Los Angeles Port and Long Beach port being two of the world's biggest seaport. So I don't recall whether we have a lot of testimony from the port operators, but looking -- looking at it in -- in term of at -- at the top layer, there certainly is -- is great advantage to combine the ports together.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's been a while since I was involved, but I -- I think they are really under separate administration -- is that -- Commissioner Parvenu, do you know? Part of Los Angeles is really quite different from the port of Long Beach as far as management.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I understand that, but looking at it from a congressional representation, having all the ports under one -- one person or one district would be a great

economic advantage for the -- for that particular industry.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu, you're next, then we have Ward, DiGuilio and Blanco.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just wanted the mappers to zoom into that area just north of Willowbrook, if you could, please. The area north of Willowbrook.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, we'll pull it up.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Could you zoom in for a moment? That's historically the Watts community. I just want to make sure that -- could you zoom into that area right over where it says 105? I want to see what the streets are.

Okay, looks like --

MS. MACDONALD: Just a second. We have to load the streets up. Just one second.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: That are has historically been separated, divided up.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did that help, Commissioner Parvenu?

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: That's why we

usually don't have that layer up.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: It actually does. It actually does. Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just wanted to know what that northern boundary street is. I think it's around 92nd or 93rd. Okay. All right. That's -- I'm fine with that. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you. I just share Commissioner Filkins-Webber's concern about the criteria used to craft this particular visualization. I noticed when you put it up, you made the statement, "We start with C.O.I. testimony when we're drawing." Did you mean just this district or in general?

MS. MACDONALD: In general. In general. I mean, we use -- we basically use -- use everything, but you've got to start somewhere, you know, so we look at whatever guidance we've received from you, we look at, you know, the -- the city populations. I mean, you really use everything in -- just at the same time, but it's not like we're looking at race and trying to draw,

you know, racial districts here. That was my point.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did that answer your question, Mr. Ward?

COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay, what I'm -- I'm just going to throw maybe an alternative to explore. If you have to split Long Beach, as I understand that to be the case, is there a way to -- to swing down and get Lakewood and the northern part of that and leave -- split the -- the top part of Long Beach and keep it south?

I'm not sure if that's an option or if there's issues around Section 2.

And the only other -- the only other comment I would make is -- well, Commissioner Yao has -- there is some legitimacy, too, I think to having ports together. I -- I still feel like when you have two very powerful ports, it's -- it's usually in the best interest to have them split up to share the power.

That's just usually -- that's kind

of my take on that.

But the other one was just whether or not you could swing around on the top and -- so you don't get that long arm coming down.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yeah, I wanted to just get some clarification from both mappers and -- and Mr. Brown. We had been going heavily on C.O.I. and I thought that's what we had agreed at the beginning of the session that we'd go -- we'd go by neighborhoods, cities, C.O.I., obviously population.

But my -- my question is: If -- if you don't -- if you don't elevate C.O.I., then where do you start?

I mean, you just say, okay, let's draw a congressional district. What -- so my question would be to Mr. Brown: We -- we have testimony here about -- a lot of it about -- that keeping one -- Compton Carson -- very, very strong testimony and then a lot of testimony about it being connected because of even, not just transportation, but issues having to do with employment and all of that.

If we don't go with C.O.I., what would be the thing that we would go with here in terms of drawing a congressional district?

MR. BROWN: Is that for me? So when you're in a situation where you have not concluded that you had must draw the district because of Section 2, then it's all the other criteria. So I assume it's everything that's in that paragraph d of Article 21, and that is cities, neighborhoods, communities of interest.

And then I think the concern for the Commission needs to be that with respect to cities and neighborhoods, those are the kinds of things where you can get really good, objective evidence on and get -- be comfortable that you've got it right.

With respect to communities of interest, you need to test your evidence to make sure you've got what the commissioners believe is reliable evidence to support whatever choices are being made.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco, does that answer your question?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes, it does.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So I'm trying to understand why we couldn't keep Long Beach whole in this scenario, because as I understand it, Long Beach's population is 461,522? So is there any reason why we couldn't keep it whole?

MS. BOYLE: It could be --

MS. MACDONALD: It's just -- it's just a different iteration, basically. And these are very preliminary congressional districts. I mean, she's been -- you saw the work that went into the assembly districts, I assume, and she did three iterations on those.

She started working with the senate districts. I'm telling you that we -- we're just running against time and -- you know, so these aren't -- these are very, very preliminary so that you have something to comment on, you can give us some guidance, and then we can go from there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I think you should accept these comments as guidance.

Commissioner Malloy.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Never quite close enough. I would feel less comfortable at this point connecting the two

ports. I think that the C.O.I. testimony was very clear in that the corridor immediately adjacent to the Long Beach port wanted to be connected to the Long Beach port.

I understand kind of the rationale in thinking about connecting the two ports, but in absence of either, you know, local community members, industry, we really haven't seen that come up. We may see that as we go farther along.

But I'm -- when I think of the perspective of the kind of individual resident, individual voter, I'm not convinced in regards to the many environmental issues that come up around the ports that consolidating all of that power into one district is actually what would be in the best interest of the individual voter.

So that may be something we get more C.O.I. testimony later on in the process.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I have a question from Commissioner Parvenu. If you could drop down so we could see both ports.

Each of those ports has their own transportation north; is that correct? So the -- the traffic is --

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: They both

use the 710 primarily.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So that -- that addresses why you might -- why you could keep them separate if you chose to do that.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: And they're both connected with the Alameda corridor, which is a joint partnership.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: I've just been doing a little research over here.

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER RAYA: No, we were advised we could look at objective evidence.

The Port of Long Beach, the commissioners are appointed by the mayor of Long Beach. Obviously, the mayor of L.A. appoints the L.A. Harbor commissioners. In just reading a little bit about -- about their operations and management, I don't know if that's some -- I'm just throwing it out there as, you know, consideration for how they do or do not relate to each other.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissions Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Just for general directions, we might wish to consider, given the -- the impact Long Beach City has, based on their population as well, their connection to the port, and looking through the -- the testimony at the time of the input hearing, a lot of people want to keep Long Beach whole.

So if there is another iteration that you can look at in -- in respecting Long Beach with the Long Beach port, as I do support the fact that the ports should probably be different, because there's a whole host of number of issues and trust funds and whatnot that separate the two ports.

So just as general direction in looking at when you're working with this area, maybe that might be something else to look at. But if you do come across a circumstance where this might get into Section 2, then we have to consider it, but maybe we can keep the city whole.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

MS. MACDONALD: We'll take a look at it.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: And that was just to mirror what I -- what I had suggested earlier was to, you know, drop the -- have the line go -- curve around to the Orange County border, and then you could keep the harbor with a big part of Long Beach City, whatever you have to do it based on population you could split. See if that's a viable option.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll take a look at that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other -- Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Could you pull the map down a little bit? I -- I just wanted to point out -- again, trying to be consistent previous direction, the -- the C.O.I. testimony we had about Artesia and Cerritos, it looks like they got separated in this version.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, they did, just for population purposes.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Right. So I'm just wondering if -- if -- if we try something different down there, it might fix the issue up there, too.

MS. MACDONALD: Sure.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Can we move on to the next district?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: After you take your notes down.

MS. MACDONALD: So this is the other Port District. So this is the L.A. Port District, and -- okay, I'm going to read the cities off, so Hawthorne, West Athens, Gardena, Los Angeles.

MS. BOYLE: Parts of Los Angeles.

MS. MACDONALD: Parts of Los Angeles. Of course it's not whole. Willowbrook, West Compton, Compton, Carson, West Carson, San Pedro neighborhood, and then this is the -- this is the harbor and the port.

So we have -- this is a 35.51 percent Latino district, 11 percent Asian, and 32.89 percent black. And it's overpopulated right now.

Would you like to give us some feedback on that particular configuration?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu, Commissioner Blanco, Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: On the

westernmost -- on the westernmost portion right there, is that part that jettisons out, is that the boundary of Hawthorne? Is that why it's -- what's, that, Del Aire?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. You said it's overpopulated by -- not by much, though.

MS. MACDONALD: It's overpopulated by 2,646.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Okay. All right. Okay, thank you. I'm just looking for areas to decrease population.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Talking congressional districts, that's a lot.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yeah. Looking for areas to depopulate in this area, but it doesn't look like that's quite it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Then Commissioner Blanco.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, so a little guidance on -- on where to -- where to take population out if you generally like this particular configuration would be very helpful.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: My question

is about but now we have two districts side by side that are sort of longitudinal. I think what some people -- a lot of us are reacting to is sort of something that doesn't look compact, that goes long. We've been kind of used to drawing these things that are a little bit more compact.

And so I'm curious about whether they're inter-related, in other words, if one goes long like that, does that then have an impact on the other one also becoming sort of this long north to south?

You know, I just -- I can -- I can tell that -- that this is troubling for some of us that where it doesn't look compact, and I'm trying to figure out whether we -- if we do one, we're bound to do the other one in the same way. I'm just curious --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think in this case if we went for keeping Long Beach whole, then you would only have one long one, yeah.

Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and I think this may just be a population issue again, but noting that the testimony we had again about Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne being together, I

don't know if it's possible to push that into that district and then try to capture Lynwood. Again, I -- I know may cause a problem here with the district on this side, but it might work in one of those configurations.

MS. MACDONALD: Where would you like to remove people if you want to go over there?

COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, what I was suggesting is that maybe we can replace Hawthorne with Lynwood and therefore be able to potentially put Inglewood, Lennox and Hawthorne together in the blue district.

But like I said, that would depend on how it flows. That might go with the keeping Long Beach whole option. Obviously, you're going to have see which one of these work, but just a suggestion.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner -- respond.

MS. MACDONALD: No, go ahead. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Ontai, then Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: The -- the

Asian C.V.A.P. is 11.17. Could you somehow show where the Pacific Islander communities are?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. It will take a second. Okay, she has to add another layer, so it's going to take a couple minutes, actually.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So why don't -- Commissioner Yao, why don't you ask your question and then we'll see if we can get into it, unless it's the same question.

COMMISSIONER YAO: No. When it comes to balancing the congressional district down to one person, we -- I don't see any way of not splitting cities. So try to keep cities whole probably should be changed to try to keep the number of cities from -- too many number of cities from getting split is by more realistic objective than trying to keeping your cities whole.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In this case, we're probably going to have to split census tracts, if I had to bet.

MS. MACDONALD: The only way you can do this is you take block by block and basically you're going to be picking blocks. That's what we're going to be doing is basically labeling all the blocks and then just figuring out

which block has the proper population. That's why you have so man city splits, and that's also what we're going to probably get with the legislative plans in the end.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ms. MacDonald, I think our problem is, given when you're down to 2,000 people, it's kind of hard for us to say where you might want to take those out. And I think what we're trying to say is if you have to break a city up or break a tract up, go for the one that makes the most sense and then let's -- let us look at it.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. I appreciate that. We'll take that as general guidance, then.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How far are we from Commissioner Ontai's request?

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Actually, she's got it right up there.

MS. MACDONALD: It's up now, actually.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Ancheta will be next.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, and it looks like you've got all of the communities in that one district.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I want to wait until everybody has looked at the -- I wanted to actually just pull back a little, because I want to get -- I'm losing perspective on the compactness of some districts here, so. As long as -- but if everybody -- Commissioner Ontai's got his information, then -- because I want to -- I want to pull back and we may not -- we may lose some of his information by pulling back.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah. Yeah, I see it. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: The Pacific Islander community is actually in -- in two districts as they're configured right now.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, both Long Beach and -- and L.A.

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: Mahalo.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: And could you use another boundary -- some -- bolder or something that's a little bit darker? I'm losing some of the boundaries.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, just a second. Is this better?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. Thank you. Could you -- well, could you pull back a little bit more? I'm trying to get the --

Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think that Commissioner Blanco's point if we make Long Beach whole, that will eliminate that one -- second really long district. Because there -- there it's affected by the pollution from the port is everybody up the street, too.

Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: In that regard, if -- Long Beach would still have control over that, you know, and then can address all those communities through that corridor, so that would still be helpful to those individuals. And what I'm talking about is the 710 out of Long Beach port, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I think what the line drawers might have been -- all up that corridor the communities were concerned about control of that.

MS. MACDONALD: Correct. Can we move on to another district or --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well,

Commissioner Yao has a question.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Just one comment. The 710 probably is contained in -- all in one district and not in the other district. So it's really only going to be controlled by -- whether it is assembly or senate or congressional, by the same -- likely to be contained by the same people and the -- and the residents on the other side of the freeway have absolutely no voice in it. So that's the risk associated with using the freeway.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If the concern is about pollution and if you remove of the pollution, you move it on either side of the road, would be my guess.

COMMISSIONER YAO: No, I'm saying is only one -- one district has the say on what to do about the pollution.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, but if you made Long Beach whole, then you would have the district above it as well.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Do we have to get into wind patterns --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- up

there? Because they're right there near the coast.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, there are. There are some issues there.

Okay. I think Commissioner Ontai was -- and I'm sorry for going too fast for you, but -- Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yes. Currently is it possible to show where the Muong community is? I think it's a fairly large community somewhere around there.

MS. MACDONALD: We don't have -- we don't have those data.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: All right. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But it sounds like what we ought to be think about, Ms. MacDonald, is doing some of the geocoding of names for, like, Muong and -- at some point we may need to have at least an estimate of -- a location of where the concentrations are. And I'm not sure, is the Muong name that unique? I don't know.

MS. MACDONALD: We currently -- I don't believe we have a surname dictionary for --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Muong.

MS. MACDONALD: For Muong. I mean, I can investigate that, but that's -- that's actually -- that's --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: That's hard and --

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah. I -- I'm not sure that --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- with other ethnic groups, too,

MS. MACDONALD: -- we're going to be able to -- to do that within Q2. I -- I hate to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I guess the other question would be, from our open hearings, several -- the Muong communities came up several times. We ought to look back there and see if they defined that in any way.

Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was just going to say I think in relationship to the Muong, I -- I don't believe they spoke up. There were a lot of people that spoke for them. So I think we have to -- you know, it's been a -- it's a group that's been hard to reach out to, but I think it's

worth looking into the testimony that other people gave on their behalf.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: There were two speakers from the Muong community that showed up.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I think it's time to move on to the next district.

MS. MACDONALD: The next one is the Crenshaw Inglewood district. So we're going to put the neighborhoods on, but I will -- never mind.

Okay, so the deviations on there, it's 2,500 people under, 28.91 percent Latino, 3.14 percent Asian, and 59.4 percent black C.V.A.P. at this point.

So again, this is the first time she's taken a stab at this. If you'd like to give us some guidance on where you would like to go with this. I'm going to read off the -- the neighborhoods here in a second.

Okay. We have Baldwin Hills, Altos, Alsace, Mid City, St. Elmo Village, Adams, Normandie, Exposition -- Exposition Park, West Vernon, Leimert Park, South Park, Vernon Square, Hyde Park, Harvard Park, Florence, Firestone, Vermont Knoll, Gramercy Place, Vermont Vista, and

Green Meadows. And Inglewood and Westwood are in here. Westmont, I'm sorry, not Westwood. Westmont are in there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So could you -- I'm not sure if the Pacific Islander is still on, but if you could take it off if it's still there and then put -- put the black population densities.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you pull -- could you also pull back a bit? And go -- yeah, thank you. Could you pull back a little bit more?

MS. MACDONALD: Just one second. We -- we've got to get rid of the box. Just one second.

So you want us to zoom out or zoom in? Zoom out.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Zoom out of there. I'm just trying to see if there might be a packing issue here.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Wait. I'm not quite sure Commissioner Ancheta is finished

yet.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Can you give the -- the percentages on the district just below the one you're highlighting? The -- the usual deviation and then C.V.A.P.s.

MS. MACDONALD: It's 35.51 percent Latino, 11.17 percent Asian, 32.89 percent black C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. And again, we're obviously affect -- there's ripple effects, obviously, but if -- I guess this is a question if the -- if the -- if -- if we're looking at a Section 2 district in the Crenshaw Inglewood district, I -- well, many of the numbers don't work, but there's a little bit of packing issue, I think.

If -- if you could raise the other one to the south higher, but -- again, it's -- you don't have two Section 2 districts is the issue, but I don't know if you can do much. I wanted to see those numbers. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, I was

just following Commissioner Ancheta's line of thought where -- but then looking at -- it seems like we're kind of geographically constrained if we keep the integrity of the coastal district, we keep the integrity of the -- the lower half of that, the bottom part of that, and you then also on -- on the eastern bound you have that potential Section 2, which we've asked them to curve around and kind of do the split Long Beach north, south into a north and south district.

So there's kind of geographic boundaries all the way around it, so -- yeah, I'm not sure if we have a lot of choices other than that. I mean, that's a justification for why we're not packing, trying to keep some other areas intact, too.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No other comments?

Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: This isn't -- this is not necessarily something that's helping, but it's hard to read the deviation numbers, but they -- are they -- do they offset each other, those two deviation numbers?

MS. MACDONALD: Pretty much, yeah.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. Let's move on to the next -- oh, excuse me. Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'll just note -- this is not a question. I -- I suspect we're going to get a fair amount of commentary on these, too. But that's a comment more than a question.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So someone wasn't considering making a comment, you've would encouraged them to.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I didn't have to say that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, this is a northeast L.A. district that has Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Mt. Washington, Silver Lake, Elysian Park, El Sereno, East Los Angeles, Montebello, Vernon, Maywood, Commerce.

I'm getting an eye exam here.

And the -- this is 704 people under currently, 64.39 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 11.56 percent Asian C.V.A.P., 4.5 percent black C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Could you

display the Hispanic population as you have in the past?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

This is -- do you want -- would you like the legend on -- on this map, or are you okay with this? Can we show you anything else? Any comments?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: One of the -- several comments we received was concerned about the Griffith Park area, which I assume is up there near Los Feliz, and I think that if I -- I'm not 100 percent sure of this, but I think more activity comes from the east than it does from the west. I'm not 100 percent sure of that. No? Okay. So then --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: South.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the question would -- would be whether, from a population point of view, that little triangle you got going up there, if you could maybe surround Los -- that Los Feliz and Griffith Park with -- with communities on both sides of it.

Are you familiar with that? There's that little triangle up there, looks like

a San Joaquin finger up there? So that's Atwater?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, which that -- that's what I was about ready to say.

MS. MACDONALD: Atwater --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And I would say Atwater would be more aligned with Griffith Park area --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And Los Feliz, yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So the guidance is to move that finger over?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Put it over with the Los Feliz district.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But the -- the -- the general population in that area does identify closer with Los Feliz, and the main transportation corridor at the base of Griffith Park, that goes around the 5. There's not that much difference in going over east of the 5 between those two communities.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So -- I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm not sure what the -- what's approximately the population of that are that we're -- we're just talking about?

MS. MACDONALD: Atwater Village? Just a second.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I only raise it because it could -- if you -- depending on what you do, it could raise the Latino C.V.A.P. higher, and -- which could pose a packing problem depending on what's around it.

MS. MACDONALD: You wanted just the triangular area? That's just this area; correct?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

MS. MACDONALD: 7,612 people.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And my guess is that most of them are in the southern part of that triangle. Is that two census tracts?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So if you just took the top census tract, what would be the population there?

MS. MACDONALD: 4,076.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: To Commissioner Ancheta's question, does that raise the C.V.A.P.?

MS. MACDONALD: We're looking at that right now. 64. Actually, it puts it back up.

It raises the C.V.A.P. if you take it out. Commissioner Blanco, it raises the C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It just seems to me that based on what we heard, if we can kind of put a little group of people around Griffith Park, I think that would meet the C.O.I. testimony over here.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments on this district?

(No audible response.)

MS. MACDONALD: So we have one more, and then we're done with L.A.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So we're going to the San Fernando Valley in one second.

Okay. So this is the San Fernando Valley district. It's 15 people under right now. It's 50.98 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 10.25 percent Asian C.V.A.P., and 5.96 percent black C.V.A.P.

It includes the cities of --

communities, I'm sorry, these are communities of L.A., so it's Sylmar, has San Fernando in it, Mission Hills, Pacoima -- is that how it's pronounced? Pacoima. Parts of Lake -- Lakeview Terrace, Arleta, Panorama City, Sun Valley, Van Nuys, Lake Balboa, North Hills, and Reseda. And North Hill is in -- is we're pretty sure United the freeway.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Can we consider going, again, consistent with previous direction here looking at the Sunland Tujunga area and going that way instead, rather than encroaching into -- into West San Fernando Valley?

MS. MACDONALD: We can look at it. There may be -- we may be butting against the Section 2, you know, the Section 2 issue there, but we can --

COMMISSIONER DAI: Understood.

MS. MACDONALD: -- absolutely take a look at it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments on this district?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, then I would

say we're -- we're pretty much done with L.A. We will, you know, try to put this together with the previous direction that we've received from you and -- and, you know, having part of the -- the skeleton architecture map for you on -- on Wednesday.

And we'll now move to -- south to the southern area of Orange, San Diego and Riverside, so we're going to switch mappers. And then at the end of the day, or toward the end of the day, we're going to go back to Tamina, who's had, you know, barely 24 hours to work on the direction that you had -- that you gave her yesterday.

And then we can take a look at what she's been able to prepare for you and then you can give guidance on that as well. So we'll -- we'd probably have to take --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are we still in Section 2 discussion, then, or is --

MS. MACDONALD: Well -- is there anything else?

She hasn't really been able to work on -- on a whole lot else for the congressional districts.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I -- I just want to know if we could ask -- whether we need Mr. Brown here for the areas you're going to discuss.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, we're -- we have Section 2 and Section 5 coming up, so yeah --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: -- Mr. Brown's going to be with us I think for the rest of the day.

So but this will take a second because we need to switch computers and -- and mappers around, so maybe ten minutes for us.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So take a little break. We'll walk around a little bit, chat, that kind of stuff.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:28 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Before we get started, I -- I think we might get a little summary of what he's seen so far by Mr. Brown, our counsel.

MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just wanted to -- in conferring with the mappers at the break, I just wanted to comment that with respect to L.A.

County, there are still challenges in determining what the Commission's going to do about the Section 2 districts, and I don't think -- and I want it to be clear that we haven't resolved those issues today.

And I think you two would like a little additional guidance with respect to flexibility to try to think about these issues before they appear next time in front of the Commission.

For example, she's trying to draw the districts using cities and neighborhoods and adhere to the other criteria, and as a result of that first pass, it's likely to be that many of the Latino areas have high concentrations, which would be undesirable and, you know, could be packing in some instances.

So I think she should have the flexibility to consider whether those concentrations can be reduced in certain instances.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Mr. Brown, that does go back to my question from

yesterday and which we're going to see probably when we move into Orange County. If we're respecting the city boundaries, maybe with L.A. it's different because you have -- it's one city.

But if we had designated neighborhoods that are high concentration, is it really packing? Because if the population is there, it's compact, and as they have described to us, what they did is they moved east to west just gathering population and -- and respecting C.O.I. testimony, that if we have robust evidence of C.O.I. testimony, you have a compact district and it just happens to be 83 point, you know, zero percent Latino population, is that really packing when we followed all of the other criteria of the constitution?

MR. BROWN: So I agree that in many cases it may not be packing. So I think that Los Angeles County is unique within what the Commission is doing because of the widely varied population there.

And I think it's difficult -- what the Commission has to do is comply with Section 2, and when you're in L.A. County, it's -- it's not as easy to determine what is it going to take to

make sure that you've complied with Section 2 in drawing districts in the -- in the county.

And so the suggestion to follow the other criteria in the -- in the California constitution as a starting point for drawing districts is just a way of getting that process started, but I think it's worth doing further evaluation so that you can form a judgment.

I think what you're -- where you're going to end up at the end of the day is that you could draw a maximum number of districts or you could draw a minimum number of districts, and where are you going to be comfortable that you have mini -- that -- that you -- you feel that you've done a good job, you've satisfied your obligations under the Voting Rights Act, and you -- you believe the litigation risk has -- has been mitigated.

So what I'm suggesting is that the mappers ought to have some flexibility to look at the results of their preliminary pass and try to consider whether some of the highly concentrated districts could be somewhat modified to reduce those high concentrations.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner

DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Based on those recommendations from Mr. Brown and in consultation with Q2, then I'd -- I'd like to suggest that we as a Commission give Q2 permission to look at other options, particularly since they'll be working with Gibson Dunn on those, so that this is maybe the first pass and there's some implications to that, and I'd like to give them the option in their professional expertise to run some other options and have those run through Gibson Dunn.

And it may be more than one. There may be a couple options, but I think the more options we have, we would give them permission to run those options, so then we could take a look at them later on and have a discussion about the implications based on legal consultation as well.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

Commissioner Ancheta, did you want to --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Mr. Brown, I

don't necessarily have an opinion. This is a question. In the totality of the circumstances approach, is it -- if we wanted to look at the -- the -- a trend in demographics, in other words, here's this district and now it looks like this in terms of the population, but if -- if in the next -- the way the population is trending it's going to -- a place may end up really packed.

I'm just giving you an example. Is that something within our purview or something that really gets very risky for us to do.

MR. BROWN: I would have -- I have a two-part answer to that. One is I do think it's a bit risky to try to consider what's going to happen in the future in making today's decisions.

On the other hand, it would be perhaps useful if some experts on various communities actually presented information to the Commission about the history of various areas and the present population trends and the like. It might be insightful.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But I guess I have a question with that just on kind of

logistics. It's my understanding that we can only base things on the census data. I mean, we've had some arguments about undercounts or overcounts or other populations, and we've always had to respond by saying it's just based on the census data as it was in 2010.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't -- I don't think he's --

MR. BROWN: I agree with that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- suggesting you change the population count, it's just that you might say if you only put 50 percent in this district, we have a good impression in ten years it might be 60 percent, whereas if you've got 60 percent now, in ten years it might be 80 percent.

Is that the kind of analysis you would -- are you considering?

MR. BROWN: No, I think that's what Commissioner Blanco was suggesting. I -- I don't think that should be done.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Good. All right.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Should not be done. Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Well, I -- I've also been thinking a lot about trends but thinking of it from the other side that there are areas that are perhaps now heavily Latino but a lot of other people are moving in the so-called gentrification of a lot of areas. That's probably going to have a significant change over time.

And even looking at the African-American areas we've been talking about, the shift was a lot of Latinos moving into those areas. It just seems to me like, you know, that -- that's kind of a minefield.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, in looking at the totality of the -- what's before us, does it make sense to try to hit a minimum number or a maximum number -- or between a minimum and maximum to minimize the -- the risk of having -- of the litigation?

MR. BROWN: I think what you want to do is form a judgment -- you know there's no duty to maximize. You know there's some

theoretical minimum that you -- it's hard to know what -- what that number is, but there's some theoretical minimum.

And I think you want to get to a place where you can form a judgment that you've satisfied your obligations and -- and you could defend litigation over the issue.

COMMISSIONER YAO: May I continue? Where I'm coming from is if we can specify that minimum and get that as perhaps instruction to Q2, then perhaps that's the best we can do at this point in time in terms of a draft map in minimizing litigation risk.

MR. BROWN: I don't -- I don't know that anyone's at a point where they're ready to suggest what, you know, that number would be.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Could I use the census information in terms of the percentage of the total population as -- as an index?

For example, let's say Asian is -- I'm making up a number now -- 30 percent, 30 percent of 80 seats, you know, using some number like that and -- and -- and backing off from that number to come up with a minimum. Does it make sense to -- to -- to formulate it and -- and try

to come up with a minimum number?

MR. BROWN: I wouldn't try to do that just -- just yet.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. So, Ms. MacDonald, do you feel that the direction that was suggested by Commissioner DiGuilio is sufficient? In between bites.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I -- I was -- just to clarify in terms of developing other options, some of these options, you know, should include unpacking, even though it may not be unpacking, but -- but looking at different options that would reduce the C.V.A.P. percentage to the degree that it doesn't infringe on other groups.

MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other suggestions? Commissioner Parvenu? No? You're just nodding your head? Is that what -- okay.

All right. So let's start moving

to the other districts, then. And we're welcoming a new mapper; right?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. This is Alex Woods who has just joined us, and Alex area, of course, starts in Orange -- in Orange, goes down to San Diego, over to Imperial, up to Riverside, and then up to San Bernardino. So she suggested that we start in Orange, if that's okay with you.

Okay, and I'm going to let her explain what -- what she did here. We're going to just see a first visualization.

MS. WOODS: So this includes the -- the whole city of Santa Ana, part of the city of Anaheim and part of the city of Orange.

MS. MACDONALD: We're going to change the boundary color a little bit, because we just realized that this is difficult to see. And while she -- while she does this, I'm going to read off the numbers in the box and tell you what they --

Just one second.

Okay. So the numbers in the box are total population of this particular visualization is 607 -- 465 -- 465,787, deviation of 113. These are assembly districts.

And different mapper, so I'm -- I apologize for this, but we now have a change in how we're looking at the -- at the percentages. The first percentage is Latino C.V.A.P., the next is black C.V.A.P., and then it's Asian C.V.A.P.

MS. WOODS: And as you remember, Santa Ana and Anaheim are not contiguous, so they're connected through Orange, and that was to respect the Little Saigon C.O.I. which was stated at the wrap-up.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I'm having a hard time seeing the boundaries of this for some -- for some reason. I feel -- maybe they're hugging the freeway on one side, but maybe you could try a different option for the boundaries. And Commissioner DiGuilio and then Commissioner Ward, and Mr. Brown, you had something to say?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I was going to just ask a very simple request, that maybe the mappers could get the same standard only because -- not -- it's just -- it's for me. I --

MS. MACDONALD: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I can't

remember.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So I would appreciate it if they'd all --

MS. MACDONALD: I have the same problem, and my apologies.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay. It's not -- it's not -- I'm sure it's easily rectified. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: If this was easy to change right now, then I would.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: We've had a request, if you can walk us through the boundaries of the district into a split report, and then Mr. Brown, please.

MS. WOODS: So this is -- this is the entire city of Santa Ana, and then it's a central part of the city of Anaheim, which is, you know, split here at the 5 freeway, and then this area is Orange right here, which connects Anaheim and Santa Ana.

Orange is also split.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Brown.

MR. BROWN: Yes. So we have one concern about this drawing, and I think it would

be useful to put up the same census tract color visualization that we were looking at before.

And the concern is whether you meet the first Gingles precondition, because you may have two separate compact groups that aren't really one -- one compact group. And the mappers may have a point of view about that, but that's the one issue we flagged in this area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, actually, we had talked about the -- the fact that maybe each one of the cities should be the focus of -- of their own assembly directs because of the population to try to keep them whole.

Did you have a visualization for us on that?

MS. WOODS: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we do have visualizations on it, and I don't know if you could see the color theme underlying here. Was that sufficient for your purposes?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is this the Hispanic population, the -- and what's the 50? I

thought she said that 51 --

MS. MACDONALD: You mean the color theme?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I got your -- I -- that's answered my question.

MS. WOODS: So the -- the lower in green is the city of Anaheim, which is not split. Part of the city of Orange and part of the city of Garden Grove and the pink district is -- includes most -- the city of Anaheim, but it -- it does not include the Anaheim Hills and part -- the south part of Fullerton and Buena -- Buena Park and -- and Stanton.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What city is north of the 91 where you have that long tail going up to Yorba Linda?

MS. WOODS: That's Anaheim.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. So it doesn't include Anaheim Hills, but as I recall, we had a discussion at the input hearing that that portion is more contiguous and probably similar to Anaheim Hills, the main transportation corridor feeds -- all the population feeds off of

it on both the north and the south.

So even though you cut out the Anaheim Hills, I remember we did have a distinct discussion about Yorba Linda.

But are you reaching out there for any other purpose or you're -- or are you just trying to keep as much of Anaheim together, despite the fact that it goes very far east?

MS. WOODS: I -- I remember testimony about Anaheim Hills being south of the 91, so I was just incorporating that into this visualization, but if there's a different point, you know, I can take that section out.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, because I do recall that we had this discussion about the north part of 91 as well regarding Yorba Linda, and only because of my familiarity, I travel that nearly every single day, so -- and I lived in Placentia and I've lived in Yorba Linda, and I have friends in Anaheim Hills.

And I distinctly recall Commissioner Blanco asking me further about whether there was at least one gentleman that did speak about this area and did speak about Anaheim Hills. So I'm a little concerned with the tail.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we'll look at the tail and try to take it off.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So this would be a -- a good example of where a city line, because of the way the city is configured, could compact this.

Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, I know that we've certainly had some quite testimony about keeping Fullerton whole, especially considering its history being split several ways, and added to some Irvine and things like that. So I'd like to see if we can give some direction to try to keep Fullerton whole.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber, then Commissioner Aguirre.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So in this division, based on the concerns that Mr. Brown has raised and the possibility that we might have two separate potential Section 2 -- why are you shaking your head no?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, not yet. But I mean, we have a compact Latino population, and if we pulled that back up again --

if we're concerned about the numbers. I was looking at the area that -- north of the green following the 55 freeway to where it meets the 91.

I know that there's population in there, mostly commercial, too, but not going over the 55. If whether or not -- it's still contiguous, it still might be compact with -- with Santa Ana and whether we -- what the numbers might look like for Latino V.A.P. or C.V.A.P. or whatever we're using up there.

But -- and I was just trying to get some direction that if -- if we're looking at this being a possibility of a compact first Gingles, you know, criteria for potential Section 2, I don't know if broadening it out for -- to increase population is against the law, but I'm just looking at trying to create a district that would be still focused on the primary C.O.I. and primary compact nature of Santa Ana.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Aguirre and then Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, and following up on that discussion, certainly I -- I think Mr. Brown was -- is referring to a Section 2 Latino C.V.A.P. district; is that correct? And --

and possibly an Asian Section 2?

MR. BROWN: So the comment was that it didn't appear from the drawing that Central Anaheim and Santa Ana could be considered one geographically compact group.

So what we're looking at now is an alternative, and it's close enough where I would -- I would suggest the mappers do some more work to see if that Santa Ana region can be drawn in way that would get it over 51 percent.

Or whether investigating what the actual C.V.A.P. is instead of the estimated minimum, that that might also push it over 50 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio and then Commissioner Blanco and then Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just out of curiosity, in the decision for the upper part for splitting Fullerton and -- splitting Fullerton and keeping Buena Park, I -- I can't see the Latino C.V.A.P. under there because they're a similar color.

But was there a reason you could go north and grab all Fullerton or -- or was this

because there were some other issues to the -- to the west that you chose to go -- make the district kind of go east-west versus north-south.

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No, I'm just saying going up to grab all -- see, it looks like it's more compact. See, there's the --

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could you grab all of Fullerton and keep that intact and still keep the integrity of the -- I know the Latino population seems to be -- I'm not sure what the -- the C.O.I. is, but it seems like you could keep the integrity of Fullerton in that area and still have a compact area. Just something for consideration for the mappers.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward. Oh, excuse me. We have Commissioner Blanco and then Dia and then Mr. Ward.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Following on Mr. Brown's comments, I think what would be the -- the -- I guess the request to Q2 would be, one, to -- to look at that Santa Ana-based district to see, one, whether you can bring it up, but also for this to be one of the districts with -- if we

have 45 percent and we know we have the reliability issue with C.V.A.P. whether -- I would instruct that this be one of the places where we apply the earlier discussion from this morning about looking at ways to look at the actual C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Did I hear are you say there's ways of looking at the actual C.V.A.P.?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I believe that's just what Mr. Brown -- those were his words, so I'm just --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I want to make sure I heard that same thing.

MR. BROWN: As a shorthand way of there's other evidence about what C.V.A.P. might be, and there's at least two other sources that the mappers can look at that would provide a slightly -- additional information about what C.V.A.P. might be, like voter registration data matched with surnames in that area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So I was curious, and maybe I just can't see it very well,

but what are the actual boundaries of the city of Orange, since you -- you said took part of the city of Orange.

And then the other question I had is you also mentioned you used a part of the city of Garden Grove, and I just wanted to make that wasn't running into the Vietnamese C.O.I. that we heard testimony about.

MS. MACDONALD: Just one second. We're putting the city boundary on.

COMMISSIONER DAI: It looks like one of those funky cities, huh?

MS. MACDONALD: So that's the city boundary of Orange.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. I guess we don't necessarily want to follow city boundaries in this case.

And then in the -- in the Garden Grove, you said you took part of the city of Garden Grove. I just wanted to see where that was and whether the Vietnamese C.O.I. was in a separate district, then.

Okay, also kind of weird.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward and then Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Back to the -- we were talking about adding Fullerton back in with Anaheim, and again, I know we've taken testimony that Fullerton -- in trying to keep the Fullerton, Brea, Placentia, Yorba Linda kind of area together, and that was based off of, again, shared fire departments, new contracts with police departments and things like that, so there's shared service agreements that link those cities.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkin -- is that it, Commissioner Ward?

COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, I concur, there were -- we did receive some written public comments regarding the combined nature of the Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda area, and just the way that the traffic flows, there's major thoroughfares, the street of La Palma is a major traffic thoroughfare from Yorba Linda all the way through, actually all the way over to the 5, frankly, but other -- that you can avoid the 91.

But I wanted to go back and look

at -- just real quick so we can provide additional direction to Q2 on that area in Garden Grove, because it may depend -- there -- there's another main thoroughfare. Westminster Avenue goes straight through Little Saigon. I know you didn't include Little Saigon here, because that's further, but I can't see the streets either.

Or if you can highlight which district you're -- that you used in the visualization.

And if you can confirm for me the furthest street north and -- I'm sorry.

Can you just pan out for a minute so I can just see what this visualization was, what it combined with?

I'm worried about south of the 22. That's where the --

MS. MACDONALD: You can't get one street. You get them all.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: No, I understand. And -- but what I'm trying to do is see the one where we can focus, because this is the Santa Ana district that you added in with parts of Garden Grove; correct?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, that's

correct.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. So you see the little square part where it says Garden Grove right there, if you can just focus in right there south of the 22, I just want to see where that boundary was.

Because there is -- the -- as I recall the C.O.I. testimony also for the Asian interest and business interest included south -- excuse me, included -- yes, southwest Santa Ana. And when you look at the boundary of Santa Ana, it has a little, kind of like a hole in it that that's where the -- the high concentration was that it goes over into that area.

Correct.

So anyway, the general direction would be is to take a look at some of the actual boundaries that we got from the Santa Ana input hearing on the C.O.I. testimony, because you have substantial business interests that run basically from a little bit north on the 22 freeway, south of the 22 freeway at Westminster.

And they also gave you -- it does run further to the west from Bolsa, but it also goes substantially into this round area, which is

considered the -- like the southwest portion of -- of Santa Ana just -- so we're making sure that we're respecting some of the C.O.I. testimony that we got.

And taking away that population, if you run the concentration, which I can see it underneath here, you're probably not running into a Latino concentration except for in that one little area right there. Correct.

So if we needed to consider looking at that to respect the C.O.I. testimony. Sorry it was a little more detailed but -- than we needed.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That was a really good general statement, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Hey, you let me go. You let me go.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'll remember that.

All right. Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ms. MacDonald, you feel we're okay on --

MS. WOODS: So Commissioner Ward, I know you were saying to -- referring to the testimony with Fullerton and Placentia, Yorba

Linda, La Habra area, the north area. So for the Anaheim district, where would you look to go to have the population meet -- meet the requirements?

COMMISSIONER WARD: Can we highlight the district, please.

MS. WOODS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

MS. WOODS: Well, if we don't want to include Fullerton as part of this and we also don't want to include the area of Anaheim north of the 91, where -- where else would you look to?

COMMISSIONER WARD: I think we can include the area -- the parts of Anaheim north of 91. I mean, we should keep -- I mean, in my opinion, Anaheim, you know, as whole as -- as possible minus the hills.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: What I -- what I was thinking, and -- and again, just going off of the C.O.I. -- some of the C.O.I. testimony we have as well as what we're permitted to do as obviously understanding this area since I work right there, almost in the center of the map, what I -- my recommendation would be in response to your question is to cut it west of the 57 freeway.

You probably can create a district that is contiguous and confirmation through probably additional testimony we'll get from Fullerton, which would be Yorba Linda, Placentia and Fullerton, which is consistent with some of the public comments that we received via e-mail.

The additional population that you would get would be south of your present district running to the 22 freeway. The -- the district -- or the neighborhoods that run just north of the 22 from -- like Garden Grove, Stanton, Los Alamitos, you run straight through there on Katella Avenue, and you don't know which city you're going through from one to the other, including like Los Alamitos.

So if you needed additional population, you're still -- we didn't get a lot of testimony through there, and most of the -- the Asian -- there might be a little bit of Asian north of the 22 up through Magnolia, but you're going to be able to take a look and respecting that C.O.I. testimony south of the 22, so you can balance the border in respecting the C.O.I. testimony that we have from the Vietnamese and Little Saigon area and still respect Fullerton,

Placentia and Yorba Linda, and cutting off Anaheim at the 57.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Commissioner Webber, so that would currently loss everything west, you're saying, the whole tail?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay. And that would put it in with -- without Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Correct.

COMMISSIONER WARD: -- district?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I mean, wouldn't you agree --

COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, it sounds -- it sounds --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I mean, all of the homes --

COMMISSIONER WARD: Perfect.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- the socioeconomic, the -- the types of communities that are right there in Placentia and run along the freeway -- actually the riverbed is right there, you see the river on the far west. The

river runs mostly through there.

But that's all -- most of those are -- some of those are newer homes, but there's a higher socioeconomic base there.

And in recognizing Commissioner Ward's concern previously, we would be talking about, obviously, splitting Anaheim. But looking at how long it is, I don't know that it's that much of a concern and looking how bad Orange was, too.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Do you get the general direction that we would suggest you go?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll look into that. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other comments on this section of districts?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Want to move on.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. We'll move to the next one. Just a second.

Would you like names for any of these? Please let us know if you do, Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Anaheim.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Anaheim plus.

(Inaudible.)

MS. MACDONALD: So this is the Pomona Valley district. It has the cities of --

MS. WOODS: Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, and part of the -- the unincorporated area next to Fontana. And there are no city splits.

MS. MACDONALD: You have a 50.59 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 9.61 percent black C.V.A.P., and as soon as the pink is gone I'll tell you what the Asian C.V.A.P. is. It's 6.66 percent Asian C.V.A.P. in this -- in this particular visualization.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What is the area off to the right?

MS. WOODS: It's the unincorporated area next to Fontana.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. WOODS: And -- and I picked that up for population.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the question would be: Is there other areas above or

below that might apply that would look less --

MS. WOODS: I --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Go ahead.

MS. WOODS: I believe we received testimony about Rancho Cucamonga being C.O.I. with the Pomona Valley, but that would requiring splitting the city of Rancho Cucamonga.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Thank you.

Any other comments on this -- yes, Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I suspect that you took the unincorporated part of Fontana for population and additional Latinos for this area?

MS. WOODS: To avoid splitting a city.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: To avoid splitting what?

MS. WOODS: Rancho Cucamonga or one of the other neighboring cities.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, because there was some particular testimony about that area north of the 10, east of the 15 in relation to the African-American group that did a

presentation and -- because there really isn't any difference between that unincorporated area in Fontana.

And that's a little troubling just because of the potential -- I mean, the -- the -- the nature of that area and the interest of the African-American population for San Bernardino included that unincorporated. But I certainly understand but -- that you didn't want to necessarily split cities.

But if there isn't a high concentration of Latinos there, I'd rather respect the testimony that we got from the African-American presentation and that testimony to preserve that area of the unincorporated Fontana, because we're allowed to consider splitting some cities if we're looking at a compact district for Section 2.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: What about the -- the white area that's south of Ontario here, right -- is that unincorporated area? That white area, exactly, that area and below, are those unincorporated areas of population?

MS. WOODS: I -- I believe that's going to be part of the Rupa Valley once it's incorporated.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. Got you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Yeah, in one of the plans that was submitted, it looks like they, minus the Fontana annex there, went up and grabbed what I believe to be Rancho Cucamonga. Do the population numbers work out for that or do we have a visualization that shows that.

MS. WOODS: I -- I don't, but I can look into that.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Malloy.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Are you able to tell me what -- and maybe I missed it -- the actual number of population up in that unincorporated area of Fontana to the northeast of this district?

MS. MACDONALD: If I may, some of -- while she's figuring this out. I think some

of your general direction may be to get rid of, you know, if at all possible, of areas like that so we don't have to spend too much time on trying to find surrounding areas that have --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And we may -- and if we looked at it a little bit further, and I'll just -- we may be able to preserve the -- the Latino V.A.P. or C.V.A.P., whatever that is, by looking at San Dimas and La Verne possibly, even though I --

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we have the total for this now, which is.

MS. WOODS: 24,389.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: So if it's possible and the other commissioners are in agreement, I'd like you to try and preserve that Ebony Triangle area, which was referenced by the Inland Empire African-American Redistricting Coalition or Collaborative.

MS. WOODS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And you might be able to look to the -- to the west in picking up that population in San Dimas and La Verne, which might just bump up the -- the Latino a little bit there where we might be more

comfortable when we look at the C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Aguirre.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, the -- the C.A.P.A.F.R. map for that district shows almost exactly the same design, except for the Fontana area. Instead of having that kind of grab up -- up in that area, they extend that little panhandle to the right straight across.

So it might be a way of resolving that issue. I'm not sure where that African-American C.O.I. interest lies exactly in that area, but perhaps that could be determined.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so would you like us to look at the C.A.P.A.F.R. submission, then, and -- and --

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: -- and see how they -- how they resolved that issue?

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes.

MS. WOODS: I actually just pulled that up, so if you want to look -- so this is Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, and it includes this southwestern portion, I guess, of Fontana.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes, that's

it.

MS. WOODS: So it splits Fontana.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: It looks like a little -- well, it looks like what's immediately south of the 10 and a little bit north of the 10 as -- as indicated in that map, yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Starting to look like Texas.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: In term of grabbing population, I think going east is prefer as compared to going west towards San Dimas and La Verne, because those are completely different communities compared to -- to what Pomona expressed themself as being.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio and then Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm just curious. What is this again? Is this one of your visualizations?

MS. MACDONALD: No, this is a C.A.P.A.F.R. line.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay, yeah, because I'm just noticing that area we were talking about before, the Ebony Triangle split

three times. Just -- just as a reference.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, so -- so again, I mean, we were trying to, you know, stick to the Proposition 11 criteria, and we try not to split cities, so if there's an unincorporated area, that helps us, you know, get to the total and meet our goal, and that's what we've done.

And that may just not look very compact. You can make it more compact if you split something. So this is, you know, the trade-off.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Raya.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I -- I'm sorry, I'm still trying to get back to where -- is the Ebony trial -- triangle the unincorporated -- the whole unincorporated area.

MS. WOODS: Roughly, without having the map in front of me, it's the -- the triangle is.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Oh, that's the triangle.

MS. WOODS: -- bordered by the three freeways there, so the 10 to the south, the 215 to the east, and then -- what is that, the 15

to the west?

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. So -- so then we're suggesting that those maps kind of do some significant damage over here.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai and then Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER DAI: So I think the alternative is just to take some of the bottom of Rancho Cucamonga, which I know you were trying to avoid slitting, but we're saying okay.

MS. WOODS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Do you have the population number for that triangle that was -- that was just identified?

MS. MACDONALD: It will take a second. She'll calculate it.

And it's not going to be necessarily accurate, because we're doing a tract calculation right now and the -- the freeway actually goes across the tracts, but we'll give you --

COMMISSIONER YAO: My gut feel is that that triangle has to be combined with somebody in order to come up with that district, yeah.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: My -- my suggestion was not that it try and stand alone, but whatever district that the Ebony Triangle ends up in, that it remains integrated whole within that district.

MS. MACDONALD: We have a visualization with that triangle in it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Rather than count that, why don't we just go to the visualization.

MS. MACDONALD: Well, now we have it, we might as well just give you the total for it. That is roughly 122,582 people.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay so now -- should we -- are we done with this particular visualization, then, and we will move on to the next one?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So she's going to pull up the shading here, so this is the

shape of the district. We call this the San Bernardino Metro District. It has 465,561 people in it, 52.46 percent Latino C.V.A.P., 16.3 percent black C.V.A.P., and 4.7 percent Asian C.V.A.P. It has the cities -- just go through the cities.

MS. WOODS: So it's the city of Fontana, the city of Rialto, Bloomington, Colton, Grand Terrace, and it splits the city of San Bernardino.

MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to see the Latino tract theme?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any questions, comments?

Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you just move the box out of the district for a second?

Thank you.

Did Mr. Brown have any comment on the compactness of the minority population?

MR. BROWN: Not particularly. I thought that it's -- the district itself seems compact. I don't know if you have a different view on that.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, the minority population, the Latino population might be a little spread, but -- so, you know. The minority population has to be compact within the district, too, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner -- you want to respond, Mr. Brown? To Commissioner Ancheta?

MR. BROWN: No. It's worth continuing to look at. I would also comment on these last two that these should go on the list of ones where we want to gather R.P.V. data.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: YES. Commissions Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I think that goes back to what is the definition of compact. These three communities are very closely related and that 10 corridor is a major transportation corridor for all of those communities.

It's not easily accessible from the 15 or the 215 because of mountains and some distance. They did build the 210 through there, but -- and you have a few areas off the 30, but most of the population density and travel up the

10, so that's why I'm wondering what is compact, because I look at this and due to my familiarity with that area, that -- what I would say this is compact actually for that population.

The only question I have is Muscoy, and we didn't get any testimony there, but if we have a C.V.A.P. number, I would even consider that might be part of that compact nature of this district, which looks good and is consistent with -- with the C.O.I. testimony that we have, even though we don't have much from Muscoy.

And it might help the C.V.A.P. numbers here as well given that this is the Latino density.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: If I remember correctly, Muscoy was specifically included in the Ebony Triangle area in the C.O.I. testimony.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And it's not here. Right, ladies? Muscoy is not in there?

MS. MACDONALD: Sorry, Muscoy is not in there.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, I was a little worried about the numbers when you

add Muscoy and Fontana, the unincorporated Fontana is not in that number either right now; correct?

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So you're going to be adding to -- a lot of -- well, you're adding what, that four thousand people in the unincorporated Fontana area.

MS. MACDONALD: 20 -- 24.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Oh, it was 24 thousand.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ms. MacDonald, are these census tract lines, then?

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: For the rest of the -- this is a pretty good indication that this is not a densely populated. When you see census tracts of that size, it's usually an indication of a -- not a highly dense population.

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments on this one?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So the direction of this one would be to include Muscoy and we probably would have to take it out of

someplace else, then.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And to reference the --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And make sure we reference the -- the Ebony Triangle.

Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: One other suggestion since we're going to have to diminish population when we add in those other distinct neighborhoods is to consider going -- pulling the -- we're already splitting San Bernardino on the one -- on the western -- or, excuse me, eastern side of the 215.

If we need to consider cutting population if we're not doing anything significant, maybe you can consider moving it to on the border of the 215 depending on that number of population there.

Because you're already going to split San Bernardino as it is, you might be able to pull it in and then have that area respected.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, that area would affect the C.V.A.P.; right?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I -- not -- I mean, I can see the density there --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, according to those charts.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- but the C.V.A.P. right now does not include the unincorporated Fontana, which is all red. So actually, the balance, I think it's going to help because that number -- the Latino number is going to go up and then we're going to have more reliability when we get the actual C.V.A.P. So trading one for the other isn't going to be like what we saw before.

MS. MACDONALD: Can we move to the next district?

(No audible response.)

MS. MACDONALD: Commissioners, can we move to the next district?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. Please.

MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move down to San Diego.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: While we're moving it, I just want the Commission to know, we got a note regarding our comments about the Miracle Mile area relative to the orthodox Jewish community, we got a comment about that, and we'll

just submit it to the -- I just want you to know the people who are still watching.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And I guess that supports the fact -- I don't recall there being very many orthodox Jews in Compton Carson, which is where I think we combined them. And I don't mean that as a joke, but I mean, that's the reality, that we're now --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That's right.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- we're getting some public testimony respecting an area we hadn't heard from before, and I'm very familiar with that area and there's several Jewish temples along in that area. Famous ones, actually, too.

MS. WOODS: So this district is a district which is San Diego, but it does not go east to Imperial, and it is the south portion of the city of San Diego below Chula Vista. It's Imperial Beach. It does not include Coronado.

And it is the city of Chula Vista whole, and then it is the eastern portion of National City split by the 805, and then it goes -- it goes north into this -- the historic

Barrio area with Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, Shelltown.

But I will note that it does not include Barrio Logan. It could include part of Barrio Logan, but the bridge to Cor -- to Coronado is actually in Barrio Logan, so you -- in order for Coronado to be contiguous, it, you know, needs to be connected either through Barrio Logan or down through here through Imperial Beach.

And so the population for this area is 466,885, deviation is 1,211. The Latino C.V.A.P. is 50.38, the black C.V.A.P. is 7.09, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 12.21 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I think you may have a problem. Where -- where are you thinking of putting Barrio Logan if you're not putting it here? Because that's -- this was something we got testimony about. And, you know, before they built that bridge, you used to go to Coronado through I.B.

So I -- I just know that that's something that has come up a lot. And in terms of being connected to Shelltown, and that really is

one big area. Shelltown, Logan, Barrio Logan, you know, Sherman Heights, all of that's one area really in San Diego.

So I'm -- I'm not sure what the rules are on the -- on the contiguity. But I have seen other maps that have Barrio Logan in with -- with that part of San Diego, so I'm not sure what they did with Coronado, but I have seen maps that put them together.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Can you -- I'm assuming the reason you did this was because you did not want to split Barrio Logan, but can you not -- it seems like I can't see what's going on above there, but you kept Coronado intact with the coastal district.

Can you take the southern part of that and just skirt the edge of the -- the entrance point of the bridge and be able to keep Barrio Logan and move all that down south and keep the very top end of the entrance into Coronado with the northern coastal district?

MS. WOODS: According to the -- I'll zoom in. But -- but this is the neighborhood

boundary layer I have, so I could add these areas of Barrio Logan, but it looks like this is the top border of the -- of Barrio Logan. So I couldn't -- I couldn't split it.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm just wondering -- yeah, if you could split Barrio Logan, that's a census tract there right on -- right below the marina. And then -- and then catch just the tail.

I mean, not -- I'm not trying to make something. I'm just trying to see if there's a way to keep Barrio Logan intact and -- and to the southern part, as Commissioner Blanco was mentioning, but still have an access point for Coronado.

For cont -- for continuous link -- contiguity for a link there. I'm trying to see if there's a way to -- to do both. Because otherwise, the only other option is to -- you'd have to -- I mean, Imperial Beach, but then you'd really have to -- you'd put Coronado with all of the other -- with -- I'm assuming with National City and all that, because in order to have -- if you have an entrance point as -- it's the southern entrance point.

I think Coronado would have more in common with the coastal district than the south part of San Diego.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Is that Chicano Park that's outside of Barrio Logan up there?

MS. WOODS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I don't think that can happen.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'm seeing a -- I'm not -- no, I'm saying keep -- I'm just saying the very south part -- the -- I'm sorry, western, southwestern part.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I'm just saying that --

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: The one on top by the -- by the 5; right? That's what you're talking about?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, up there --

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Or down at the bottom?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: -- on the

other side of the bridge, that's Chicano Park and --

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah, yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's make sure we pause in between comments here, so we can record them properly.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I wasn't saying -- I was wondering if we could get the bottom part of that. It looks like there's a census tract below that --

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: That's -- that's the shipyards right there.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No. Okay, below the marina, there's still a yellow part on north part. Up. Up. The -- up -- north. I'm sorry. Up a little higher north, north, coastal, keep going, keep going, keep going.

Okay, so that census tract, can you -- can I -- that with the -- with -- with the entrance point down there, so Chicano Park stays northeast, so then you connect Coronado through that little loop right there, that census tract.

So then you stay out of Chicano -- that's what I'm saying is I know it's just a little, like -- it's the -- it's one of those

slivers which we try to avoid and it's not -- but I think if it's a way to keep the integrity of Barrio Logan and Chicano Park and then allowing Coronado to be part of the coastal, it seems like it's -- it's a very thin strand, but it would be -- is that acceptable, Commissioner Blanco?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I'm not entirely sure if that's -- that meets contiguity rules, because unless there's a bridge entrance there, it's not connectable with the other part of San Diego.

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I don't -- I have no idea, though, if there is one. If there one, I think it works. If there -- if there's no entrance, then we have a --

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Is there one up further north on the 5, so that you could get onto the 5 through a northern part and come down?

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: There's only -- there's only one entrance, and that's off

of the 5 onto -- on-ramp to the bridge. It's right there.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But -- but if you were on the 5 through -- if you got on the 5 through the -- this is just a logistical question.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got to really be careful on how we keep interjecting because it's hard for the recorder to know who's speaking.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: If you were to get on an entrance from the 5 north and then you were able to take that -- take the bridge across, are you contiguous if you're entering the 5 through -- I'm -- East Village, I'm note sure if that's -- if you were to scoot that line over on the top a little so you could enter the 5 and then you could cross over the bridge, does that count? I --

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have no idea.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I'll let them work on it. It's not that big a deal. Let's not waste that much time. That was just the idea to try and get everybody -- make everybody happy.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Let me go back -- back to that map. That -- no, no. Back again to the previous map. Yeah. That yellow section, that's just south of Logan Heights, Logan Street. It's hard to tell. Hold on a second. Whoops.

All right. Where is -- all right. Now I can't find the street.

All right. Logan Heights is really a community by itself and it ends on a northern section, or just about here it is, Logan Street. Is that Logan Street right there?

Can you blow that up?

Okay, let's -- let's stop about here. Barrio Logan is a community that is emerging by itself with a lot of development happening, and that northern boundary of Logan Heights is Logan Street, so I'm looking for that. And it's down, down further. It's south of 5 going -- you're getting closer. Keep going down.

Some more. Step back a little bit. Maybe that might be better.

Yeah. Okay. Well, I'm trying to

find Logan Avenue and I just keep missing it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Maybe we can get a general statement of what you would like.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Once you found it and then we can move on.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: Yeah, if you can -- if the mappers can find where Logan Heights -- Logan Avenue is and then somewhat work your way down, that would define that Logan Heights community, which is an emerging Latino community.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Any other comments on this district? And if -- Commissioner Yao. Oh.

Ms. MacDonald, how many more areas do we have to cover?

MS. MACDONALD: For -- for San Diego or for Alex's area?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: For Alex's area.

MS. MACDONALD: Six total, maybe, six or seven total for all the districts.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We have to pick it up, then. So let keep moving on.

MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move on to the next visualization?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. WOODS: So this is the eastern Coachella Valley with Imperial County, and it's the entire county of Imperial intact, and it includes eastern portions of the Coachella Valley, including Desert Hot Springs, Thousand Palms, Cathedral City, Indio, Coachella, Thermal, Mecca.

The population of this area is 467,035. The deviation is 1,361. The Latino C.V.A.P. is 50.25 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 5.27 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 2.08 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Comments?

MR. BROWN: Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, yes, Mr. Brown first.

MR. BROWN: I think one thing we're going to want to consider is whether there's a compactness issue the way this is -- just the way the population pattern is in -- in this area.

So if there is -- that doesn't mean you can't draw the district, but -- but it may not be a Section 2 district.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

Commission Forbes.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, just two comments. One is I think again that divides the Coachella Valley. We heard a whole bunch of testimony about -- and I also would also like to see what is -- what the cusp of Coachella Valley is associated with here. What -- what are we doing in that district? Are we going over the mountain with it?

I mean, I -- I don't know what else you'd do with it, but I don't -- I don't think this is consistent with most of the testimony that we heard..

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I agree. I -- in looking at this, we do have a distinct compactness issue, and my recommendation would be to consider the testimony that we had in San Diego for the border district and preserving county lines before we consider crossing.

It's that same instruction that we had given before if you're trying to pick a population, but this doesn't look like, as

Mr. Brown had just said, whether -- because there's no compact -- you don't meet the first Gingles.

It looks like you're searching for population, but since it's not there, it doesn't look like this is going to be a Section 2 concern. So if that's the case, we'd respect the -- the county boundaries even though I know there are some other issues in this area and some other C.O.I. testimony in that regard.

But I have real problem with putting Desert Hot Springs with Brawley.

MS. WOODS: So I also have visualizations for the Coachella Valley and then the border district as well.

MS. MACDONALD: Should we move to that one?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, please.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Question: Just in terms of underlying assumption, were you starting with the possibility of a Section 2 district?

MS. WOODS: So -- so what I was just basically looking at waif, you know, it was possible to find -- or to -- if this area was --

you know, we did get some testimony with Coachella Valley with Imperial, so I -- I looked into that, and, you know, in this instance in South San Diego and with Imperial and Coachella Valley being separated, there's -- there -- both of those areas were over 50 percent C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So when you tried the border configuration and if you started with Imperial County and were trying to create a Section 2 district, was this the only way you could really get the number above 50 percent, or was there a possibility of going along the border?

MS. WOODS: You can go along the border, and I can show that one next or I can just show Coachella Valley. It's your preference.

MS. MACDONALD: So the trade-off is you can draw -- draw these two districts or you can draw one 50 percent plus. So -- so there -- there are some geographically compact areas, and basically -- also, these districts are just very large because this is a pretty sparsely populated area, you know, and you have to go -- I mean, these are big districts.

So essentially she just tried out some variations and looked what the outcome of

that was. So the outcome of it was that if you go north, and there's some testimony about it, then you have X outcome. If you go south along the border, you have Y outcome.

And it effects basically how many -- how many districts you have that are above 50 percent C.V.A.P. That's essentially what you're looking at here.

MS. WOODS: So this border district includes the entire county of Imperial and then in -- in San Diego County it includes Jacumba, Boulevard, Campo, Potrero, and then the southern -- again, the southern part of the city of San Diego, Imperial Beach, and part of Chula Vista.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Can you put the concen- -- population concentration for Latinos?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio, while we're waiting.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just out of curiosity, on the western edge with this visualization --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Wait. If

it's going to -- while they're working, that might be a hard one for them to hear you, if you're asking of them.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let them get the other map up, then.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just didn't know how it affected that city.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got to kind of pause here.

MS. MACDONALD: So this is the Latino C.V.A.P. Would you like us to zoom out so can you see both -- both counties?

UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: Uh-huh.

MS. WOODS: So this area has a population of 466,232 with a deviation of 558. Latino C.V.A.P. of 55.27 percent, black C.V.A.P. of 5.56 percent, Asian C.V.A.P. of 7.3 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio, did that address your question?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had a question as to how if this visualization impacted what you had done prior with National City, so you -- if you do this, you can't do the National City. Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: Correct.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: This is for Mr. Brown. Did -- did you have the similar compactness concerns about this one that goes from the ocean to the desert?

MR. BROWN: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: If I may, well how -- how old you like to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio and then Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I guess I'm -- I'm interested to see what other people think as well.

But I think there was some legitimate testimony about the southern part of -- I don't know if we want to split Imperial County, but I think there's some legitimate testimony that the southern part of Imperial County really links with -- kind of runs along the border, San Diego, or maybe some of the northern part could legitimately go to Coachella Valley.

But, you know, I think at some

point we have to -- either way, because, again, as they said, this is such a large area with very little population, they're going to be not very compact, so we have to make a decision.

And I think part of that, in mind also, is the result of what happens -- if we do this, what happens with Coachella Valley, and if we have two options that looks semi-good or one that looks strong but the other one's really weak -- this isn't just an isolation for me. I'd like to see all of the other options.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai and then Commissioner Forbes.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I was wondering if you can throw up the -- I assume you have one that shows Coachella Valley whole?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's it right there.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, I see. It goes all the way over there. But it -- it doesn't include the -- the Salton Sea part?

MS. WOODS: No.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: As I recall, there was not much population in the Imperial Valley part of the Salton City.

COMMISSIONER DAI: About 20,000 people.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah.

MS. WOODS: So -- so this area goes west to Cabazon but does not cross over into Banning, Beaumont, and includes Idyllwild and the cities south.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER FORBES: I -- i think this -- this configuration there's much less violence to the Coachella Valley. And also, I mean, I -- I can think of at least four ways where the C.O.I. talked about the connection between San Diego and the southern Imperial County.

If they go to the hospital, they don't go to Coachella Valley, they go to San Diego, they go down Interstate 10. They've got -- the emergency system was out there. All the C.O.I., you know, connecter testimony really was through San Diego.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: East west.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: And -- and I would -- I would say the same thing. There was a lot of C.O.I. testimony connecting the San Diego portion, the lower part of San Diego County and Imperial County with a lot of social needs, health needs, educational institutions. There was really a lot of C.O.I. testimony to that.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: I've been thinking about this area of the state a lot, and I think there's -- there's two different ways it breaks down in my mind. One is from an environmental perspective.

And from an environmental perspective, I think the previous alternative makes more sense, but given that our job is about connecting people and voters and it's more about, you know, social issues, economic issues, et cetera, I think this is a compromise between the two.

I feel like based on the C.O.I. testimony we have to date, that -- that this makes the most sense to me.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I just had

one question. I know it's not a significant population, but we did hear some about the northern part of Salton Sea, the northern part of Imperial County and its link for some of those individuals who do seem like they go to Coachella Valley for services.

Again, it's maybe a small percentage, but should we consider maybe taking some of those people and putting them in Coachella Valley? I don't know if that makes other implications, but I -- I don't know. I'm just -- I am -- similar to Commissioner Galambos-Malloy, I'm trying to see if there's a way to marry both of those -- those things a little bit, but I --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm sorry, I didn't understand what Commissioner DiGuilio was saying, because where -- if you look, right now we do have the Latino numbers there, and so I don't know what individuals in Imperial County you're saying are connected with Coachella other than maybe one or two people we had in Palm Springs that came from Brawley.

But as I had forecasted and what we

saw in San Diego was all the Brawley people that talked about the eight. So what area are you talking about?

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: No, I -- I wouldn't go down that far to Brawley. I'm talking about the very small number of -- there's a little yellow patch there just --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That yellow patch is Salton Sea -- I mean Salton City.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: But there were -- yeah, there are --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And there's no agriculture in Salton City right there, so if you're trying to connect Coachella Valley, I would just maybe ask Bonnie or somebody to go back and look at testimony, but I don't think anybody came from Salton City right there, because there's no agriculture in the yellow part right there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio and then Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: I don't believe I was basing it on agriculture. I recall some people talking about education, actually, and some other services in terms of their school systems being linked from Coachella Valley down

there, but I would -- I would like to have --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: We need to double-check, because I don't think there's any schools right there in Salton City.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Well, that's why I'm saying they went north for their services.

MS. MACDONALD: She just checked --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We'll check that. In the meanwhile, Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Oh, Bonnie did.

MS. MACDONALD: She just -- she just did it, but I hope I --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh.

MS. MACDONALD: -- asked her to check for the right things.

MS. GLASER: There was a woman who worked with children in Coachella Valley and she said all the way down to El Centro. I think that might have been what you were thinking of. And she considered Imperial Valley to go all the way to the Mexican border as well. So she -- she included Salton, everything in -- in terms of the

servicing that she did.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I just have a question in this visualization about where it curls -- where it goes over -- if we can zoom in on where this picks up in southeast San Diego.

MS. WOODS: So it just splits the city of Chula Vista. I actually made some other visualizations which are more refined that are split at the 805. I can pull those up if you would rather see that.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: No, that's interesting because we -- we did also get the testimony about -- from the Asian community about splitting Chula Vista east 5, so this might actually accomplish that as well. And it also picks up the neighborhoods we were just talking about with Barrio Logan.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Just one minor refinement. At the top of Coachella Valley, weren't there a couple of cities that they identified further north? I know that would cause

splitting a county, but I seem to recall some C.O.I. testimony.

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, there were just a couple of little communities around the top there. Or was it the other way? Did the folks at the top identify with the -- with the Coachella Valley? Do you guys remember?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Are you talking about around the Salton City or --

COMMISSIONER DAI: No.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: This commission --

COMMISSIONER DAI: Morongo, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I thought it was -- this is Commissioner Forbes. I thought it was Big Bear and Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City, because they're up in the mountains and they would come down to Coachella Valley. I thought that's what they said.

COMMISSIONER DAI: No. I remember specifically about Twentynine Palms, that whole area. But I -- I can't remember which direction

it went.

Bonnie, do you mind looking that up?

MS. GLASER: No.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I guess the conversation has tend to be Imperial Valley with San Diego, and if there's a question, it's whether you would go in -- in and around the Salton Sea relative to Riverside, but if that --

Mr. Brown.

MR. BROWN: I just wanted to point out that with respect to this border district, this is an example where if we're not going to meet the first Gingles precondition, then you need to look to make sure you've got reliable community of interest testimony to support the --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We got a lot of that.

MR. BROWN: -- district.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is that the general consensus that would be the direction we would go?

(No audible response.)

MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, we're just looking for Twentynine Palms and we haven't

been able to lo -- locate it in -- in the database, but we'll do further searching.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think we've kind of moved towards Imperial County to San Diego.

MS. MACDONALD: That sounds good.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move to the senate districts?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. Why don't we take a break now and then we can -- let's take a five-minute break and then we'll come right back.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:09 p.m. to 4:18 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. I've been informed by Q2 that if we move along, we might be out of here by 5:30, so -- not that I want to motivate you or anything, but.

Christian, are we about ready?

CHRISTIAN: We're ready.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let it roll.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we're moving on to the next -- to -- where are we going? I'm going to pass this on to the mapper. As long

as we're still in California, we're good.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We have a quick -- whoa. Whoa. One conversation at a time.

Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: While you're pulling that up, I did have a question for Mr. Brown. As Mr. -- or Commissioner Ancheta and I are trying to highlight areas of concern for potential Section 2, out of the last ones that we have seen this afternoon, like Coachella Valley, the way we've designated them, Coachella Valley, then we had Imperial and South San Diego.

Are there ones that you've highlighted -- I had one note for potential R.P.V. in the San Bernardino metro area, but have you highlighted any of them that Commissioner Ancheta and I need to -- to highlight for ourselves as potential Section 2 out of last few ones we went through?

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Just to add, I have -- well, let me start with the -- the metro you just mentioned.

So I have San Bernardino Metro, and we were advised to include Muscoy, South San Diego, Coachella Valley/Imperial County as one

variant. The other variant is South San Diego/Imperial County, essentially a border district, and I didn't know if that was sort of a district that keeps Coachella Valley whole, but the percentage is only about 29 percent. And maybe that's -- I just noted this.

MR. BROWN: I'll just tell you what I have now, but then let's try to follow up over the next couple of days.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Yeah.

MR. BROWN: So I have Pomona Valley.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Oh, I have more than that, but I started with the ones you referenced.

MR. BROWN: I have the San Bernardino Metro, the South San Diego that was in the city of San Diego, plus I guess National City and Chula Vista.

But the border district I'm not treating as a Section 2 district because you're going to rely on community of interest testimony for that.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

MR. BROWN: And you, I believe,

implicitly rejected the Coachella Valley with Imperial Valley.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes.

MR. BROWN: So nothing to do there. And the -- the one that's keeping Coachella Valley whole is not a Section 2 area, at least as currently drawn. Okay. So no -- no R.P.V. to gather there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Ms. MacDonald.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes. Yes, I am back. So we're now moving on to some senate district visualizations for Alex's area, and she's going to walk you through.

MS. WOODS: So these are -- I nested basically to the assembly districts we just looked at, so this is the Pomona Valley assembly district with the San Bernardino area, so it's the cities of Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace and that portion of San Bernardino.

And it does not include Muscoy because I had previously made this visualization.

The population of this area is 930,695. And the Latino C.V.A.P. is 51.47

percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 12.61 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 5.74 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: This is a simple nesting; right? You didn't make any adjustments outside of tying up two assembly districts?

MS. MACDONALD: No, she has not -- she has not made any adjustments, so basically it's just nesting and seeing what happened with the numbers.

COMMISSIONER YAO: It seemed to work.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. Okay. Move on. Oh, excuse me.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It's a senate district?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's a senate district, yes.

MS. MACDONALD: So the only other nested -- the only other senate district she has actually are nested senate districts as well that were built off of some of the visualizations that we have now significantly changed.

So again, as in Nicole's areas, we

would like to work on the assembly plan first and then see what the possibility for nesting is and, you know, how that would contribute to our V.R.A. concerns, run that -- you know, talk to Gibson Dunn about those and look at city splits and -- and all that, see if something could be avoided by nesting, share the pain, spread the pain kind of principle and -- and then see -- see what happens.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: One comment I would have now that I see what you've done in that this is a senate district, going back as far as Claremont meeting before we even held any input hearings, San Bernardino did have quite a number of speakers, and there's a possibility you're going to draw another assembly district over in the area that says Highland, Redlands.

And in respecting some of the testimony, we might wish to consider that you look at the possibility of nesting the Ebony Triangle with the Highland district that you're probably going to draw to the -- to the east, and that might be one senate district that would be supported by quite a number of residents that came

from the San Bernardino area.

So if we're looking at that -- again, I don't know if we have a Section 2 issue, because we haven't drawn an assembly over in the Highlands/Redlands area, but it's something to keep in mind as an option.

Because in this way San Bernardino County -- or at least the metro, main portion of San Bernardino County there could be two assembly districts nested within one senate district and would be highly supported probably by all of the residents we've heard from that area and some of the presenters from the other day.

MS. MACDONALD: May I ask a general question?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Sure.

MS. MACDONALD: When we're looking at some nesting options to show you next week, is it okay to actually nest across counties? I mean, we're going to probably have to do this in -- in some -- you know, in some instances anyway, but I just wanted to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think in the --

MS. MACDONALD: -- first of all

point out that that is something that will happen, and if you have some preferences or if you'd like to give us some guidance on that. And again, I'm not saying that you can nest everything, right.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes. I think an example that Commissioner Webber just identified, this would be -- when you think -- if you have another direction over in San Bernardino, it would be better to nest the two assembly districts in San Bernardino together rather than go over county.

But we understand that from time to time you'll have to go over a county.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: By making this nesting decision of the Pomona, Montclair, along with San Bernardino and so on, basically indirectly we're forcing Rancho and Upland to be nested with the -- with the Los Angeles County.

And -- and I suspect that there's probably opposition to that decision as well, so we -- we basically listened to the Pomona speakers and -- and made the decision to allow Pomona to -- to be part of the San Bernardino County in coming up with the assembly.

But that forces the -- the -- the -- the -- the marriage of the San Bernardino cities with the Los Angeles County, so I -- I don't know whether we want to discuss that trade-off or not, but -- but that's really what we have done.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: I have a question about how this works in term -- is this one -- so is this one of the areas that we're doing the racially polarized voting analysis from -- for? I can't remember. Pomona Valley?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm getting a nod of the head from Mr. Brown.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Yes? Yes? And when -- when we do that, do you it separately for an assembly and then separately for a senate? How does that work?

MR. BROWN: We'll want to consult with the expert that we hired, but my sense is you're going to do it for the geographic area that you're interested in.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So in answer to your question, Ms. MacDonald, I think

once you get all the assembly districts done, to the extent you can stay in a county, stay in a county. If it's absolutely necessary to go across a county, then make that decision and show us, then we'll come back and let you know if you did the right thing.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. Thank you.

So we will move on to congress very quickly. And then we're done with this area and then Tamina will come back and first show us the Section 5 area so that Mr. Brown can make his -- make his flight, and then we can talk about all the other visualizations that she's prepared since yesterday.

And I don't think that will be a very, very long presentation, because it does take a long time to do this stuff. And we were ordered to sleep last night. Even -- even though some of us were pretty defiant of that order.

MS. WOODS: I apologize. Every time I bring up a new map, I have to adjust the length of it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It looks like an architect's map of San Diego.

MS. WOODS: So this is Imperial

County with South San Diego. This is congressional. The population of this area is 702,927 with a deviation of 22. The Latino C.V.A.P. is 51.06, the black C.V.A.P. is 10.59 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 8.71 percent.

And I'll zoom in to San Diego so you can see what areas were included. So it includes Imperial Beach, part of Chula Vista, National City, and again, the -- the areas around Sherman Heights and Logan Heights.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So in this visualization, National City is whole?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Okay. So in the other visualizations, it was split, so this would be an opportunity for them as a city to be whole?

MS. WOODS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Spreading the pain.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And -- and that's part of the -- that's the reason for the San Joaquin finger to be there.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we moved that finger from San Joaquin.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That is spreading the pain. The transplant.

Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So is the -- the assumption, then, is that Coronado goes as a part of coastal, sort of implicit in this configuration?

MS. WOODS: Yeah, so it's the -- basically the same issue that we were just discussing.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. Next.

MS. WOODS: So this is the Pomona Valley area including Rancho Cucamonga, and so it's Pomona -- Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and then part of Fontana.

The population is 705,770 -- 768 with a pretty high deviation, so I would have to tweak that. And the Latino C.V.A.P. is 43.87

percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 9.94 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 7.1 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any comments?

(No audible response.)

MS. WOODS: I -- I made a bunch of iterations of this area, so if there's another -- the other configurations I have is with --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Could you just move the box to the side so I can see the borders?

MS. WOODS: Sure.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So what is that sort of odd loop on the -- I saw that before in Upland. How does that -- is that a noncontiguous, unpopulated --

MS. WOODS: I'm not sure. There -- there might be something interesting with the city borders. Let me check that out.

MS. MACDONALD: That's why we need a day before, you know, we -- we show you the draft maps, to make sure that everything is included, contiguity checks, things like that.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We'll assume that will either be connected or it will go away. Okay?

MS. MACDONALD: Hopefully, yeah, in -- in some fashion, because, you know, there's funky things that happen with -- with cities, as we know.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Since you need to lose population, my only suggestion would be to lose it from Fontana, since -- since again, the Ebony Triangle is there.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Are we splitting Fontana in this particular case?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Northern Rancho Cucamonga is different from the southern Rancho Cucamonga, especially along the foothill area. So I think that may make a -- make a -- make more sense to split it in that manner as compared to splitting it north/south on Fontana.

MS. WOODS: What would -- what would the border --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I was going to say that Route 66 north Foothill Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER YAO: On the 210 --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, when you're coming over here -- go ahead.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, if -- if you were to split Rancho Cucamonga to 210 freeway probably would be a good -- good -- good split. Yeah, right there, to the --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That's the 10. You would have to go further.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Up higher, yeah.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: There is a freeway there.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It's brand new.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's being built. Okay. Did you get that suggestion?

MS. WOODS: So what -- what was the freeway number?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It would be the 10. Or the 210.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: The 210.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: If you are looking for it, it's going to be above that 30 line. So --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That's why I was wondering if you would agree that the foothills of this area, Rancho Cucamonga, do kind of come a little further south of the 30. So if we needed to get additional population, would you have any disagreement of coming a bit further, like down to maybe the 30 or Foothill Boulevard? Foothill Boulevard --

COMMISSIONER YAO: That would take out population in Fontana.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And use the microphone whenever you can.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes, come down -- come down to as low as 30 and then pick up the lost population from the Fontana side of the -- of the boundary.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Any other comments?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Ms. MacDonald, is that sufficient for this area,

then?

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I think we're fine with this area. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Hold it. Ms. Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Did you -- you said that you had some other versions of this.

MS. WOODS: Yeah, I did. So I also looked at including it with Fontana and part of Rialto instead of going up to Rancho Cucamonga, but per your previous discussion, I wanted to show this one first.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, so your other iteration includes Rialto, which we are not inclined to probably agree with, and then did you say you had one more? A third one for this area?

MS. WOODS: I -- I think all of them are just basically going east into -- towards San Bernardino, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So I -- the indication would be when we get together again, we'd like to see both of those. Is that correct? Unless you want to see both of them now and give a

stronger direction.

MS. WOODS: It would probably be better now if --

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. So let's see the other one, then we can decide if we like one more than the other.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I just -- while you're pulling that up, I -- I -- following on Commissioner Dai, what she had said about the Ebony Triangle, and again, going all the way back to Claremont and -- and their history and -- and what they wanted to do in the population in San Bernardino likely justifying a congressional district, I don't recall, you know, getting any specific, again, testimony.

I know we're looking at larger district here that would combine Fontana with Pomona. It kind of runs a little further east. But you needed to take out population from the district you were at anyway. So do you -- I guess we can see the other version.

MS. WOODS: I -- I -- I have -- I have one visualization that includes Pomona and goes east to -- towards San Bernardino and one

that excludes it and just within San Bernardino County, so which is -- would you prefer to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The one within San Bernardino County, I would say.

MS. WOODS: Okay. So this is -- so it does not cross the -- the county border. It includes Montclair and Ontario. It does not include Chino, and it goes east to Fontana and includes Fontana, Bloomington, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, and again, splits the city of San Bernardino.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Six people off, did I read that correctly?

MS. WOODS: Yes. And so, yeah, so the population is 702,911 with a deviation of six. The Latino C.V.A.P. is 52.2 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 13.46 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 4.71 percent.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: I think if you want to honor the county boundary line, you probably should include Upland and Rancho in this district as well, because I think their association with Ontario is -- is fairly strong.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What would that do to C.V.A.P.? I don't -- that would be a question, I would think.

Would the suggestion be that we look at this one and the one that Commissioner Yao suggested next week, then, and see what it does to the C.V.A.P. as well as the population?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, I would -- I would agree. The -- you can see it right here, just -- just transportation corridor, and -- and it really is consistent with the communities.

You see the -- the county line at Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario and Chino bordering the 15 freeway. And then giving the respect back to the Fontana, Rialto, Bloomington, Colton and moving further east.

That's how I kind of picture these congressional districts based on the testimony we received and based on my knowledge of the -- the population when we're looking at these larger districts, giving back to San Bernardino what they had lost before and based on what they -- they've testified to, because I really just don't see Rialto with Montclair.

Even in a larger congressional district, I -- I just don't see it.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Does that -- that make sense, Ms. MacDonald, we can do that district?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: So we'll move on to the next one?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, we're going back to Anaheim.

MS. WOODS: Again, this is a previous visualization I made, so I might need some tweaking with the exclusion of Anaheim Hills area.

The population of this area is 702,710 with a deviation of -- it's missing 195. The Latino C.V.A.P. is the 42.89 percent, the black C.V.A.P. is 3.08 percent, and the Asian C.V.A.P. is 17.43 percent.

This includes the entire city of Santa Ana, and it also includes part of the city of Anaheim, part of the city of Garden Grove and part of the city of Orange.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Forbes.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: One question: Given the high C.V.A.P. of Asian population there, have we little split, like, Little Saigon and the other Asian districts out? Are they divided?

MS. WOODS: It would affect the Little Saigon area.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, okay. I -- I would try and keep that together. I mean, they -- they -- they said they had 350,000 members, so, you know, that gives them clout if they're together.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ontai, then -- Commissioner Ontai and then Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER ONTAI: It's not clear to me. Could you show that Little Saigon, where that area is?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That's what my question is. There are designated borders for that, so I was wondering if you had that in your system, because I don't see that Little Saigon is actually in here.

In -- if it's east of that

borderline near Garden Grove, then it's clear and wouldn't necessarily be included in here from my understanding of Little Saigon. So if you had the borders from that designation.

MS. WOODS: I'm adding them now.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In Westminster, you'll see -- you'll see it there.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes, correct. It is.

MS. MACDONALD: One second. She's going -- she's going to pull the border up.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Can we just give the direction that we would like to see Little Saigon in that district and then they can come back later?

COMMISSIONER FORBES: Actually, can I broaden that slightly to say if there's -- I mean, I don't -- you don't need to put the map up. But if there are significant Asian populations that have been put into the San -- that district, that they ought to be pulled out of that district so we can have a -- a significant Asian population in another district.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, that would

be good.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: That would divide up the Asian population so it shows up reasonably in two districts.

MS. WOODS: So the -- the borders of the Little Saigon area are these blue lines, all of the blue lines are the C.O.I. that -- that you designated at the wrap-up. So -- so it's Fountain Valley, Westminster, Stanton, Garden Grove. And then the brown line is the congress -- the hypothetical congressional district.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, so you -- you just took the -- the testimony of some borders from high concentration of Asian population but didn't compare it to what the actual designated area of Little Saigon is?

MS. WOODS: So this is from the wrap-up. This is what we discussed.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. But I understand, but then there was a designation by Governor Deukmejian of the actual area of Little Saigon, and that's not included in this congressional district.

MS. WOODS: I -- I haven't looked at that designation.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. I just don't want us to get confused. You're calling it Little Saigon district based on the C.O.I. testimony we received in an input hearing. I'm saying that there's a separate legal definition from Governor Deukmejian's designation of that area.

And if we have to get down to nuances in drawing lines, we might want to respect at least the actual legal definition of Little Saigon versus this configuration.

And so we just want to make sure when we're using that terminology, that -- that the Commission understands and that you can understand, when we're talking about Little Saigon, we should probably talk about the actual designation by the State for --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- for respect to the neighborhood anyway.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I recall that we had testimony, a representative from

Little Saigon --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: (Inaudible).

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: -- and it gave us the actual streets that Commissioner Filkins-Webber.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Sure, but that's --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Let's -- let's just leave it to them to get that district and then we can get to the next subject.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: There also was great interest in term of separating the northern Orange County from the rest of Orange County. I don't know whether there is enough population in the northern Orange County to make up an assembly district or not.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We're talking congressional district.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Congressional district or not.

MS. WOODS: So I think this is what we were looking at at the wrap-up and the population of Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, and Yorba Linda is 434,783.

COMMISSIONER YAO: If we go all the way down to Anaheim, does that give us enough population for an assembly district?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A congressional district.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Sorry. Congressional district.

MS. WOODS: I'm just pulling up the population for Anaheim.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Because if it's necessary to split up Orange County, that probably is the most rational way of splitting it as compared to any other method.

MS. WOODS: So the population of Anaheim is 336,265.

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER YAO: Yeah, that would be about 760 something, so more than we need.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Mr. Ward.

COMMISSIONER WARD: Does that total include Anaheim Hills?

MS. WOODS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So is the direction to try to create a congressional district from the north down? Is that --

COMMISSIONER YAO: I would like to see -- I would like to see -- see -- see if that can be done.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Ms. MacDonald, is that something you could -- could address?

MS. WOODS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: Thank you. And I think that's it for congressional.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: We may have some general questions, but we can't really come up with them right now, so you will get them -- you will get them next week, and some of them were probably the same that I had with Nicole, which was the, you know, absolutely no, kind of in the middle, and -- and yes.

So it has to do with, you know, handoffs, where do you go? If you have to go from one area to the other, where do you go. Where would it be possible? And --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I can figure where your next question might be.

MS. MACDONALD: Would you mind

giving me the answer?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Well, I think you're going to get into this issue with Anaheim Hills, because -- but looking at the population, because of the -- the nature of the geography and the nature of the people and the socioeconomic, Anaheim Hills goes with Villa Park and some of the back roads that go in there and parts of Orange.

So when you're looking at getting to that other number and looking at Fullerton, Brea -- I mean, Fullerton, Placentia, Yorba Linda, you might wonder what are you going to do with Anaheim Hills if it's not going to be in the same district with -- with Anaheim if we take a look at the prior instructions.

So I can see that you're going to get into this area, what do you do with Villa Park because we haven't heard anything from Villa Park, but I'm very familiar with that area as well.

So you might have to come back to us with that question, but that might correspond with our prior direction regarding what to do with the assembly district.

MS. WOODS: Yeah, I -- I think

my -- my general questions, like we haven't really discussed where Orange and Villa Park go or -- I'm -- I'm really -- I need to touch base with Nicole and talk to her about this Chino Hills area, because this is not something that we've addressed.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: If you're talking about the area where the hand is --

MS. WOODS: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- you would not be crossing that. There -- there's a mountain range right there with the -- with the dam and there's no way of really -- you can't even -- there's not even houses built on the top of those ridges right there between the border of Yorba Linda.

I mean, there are some back roads through there but that -- that wouldn't be an area where I think that we've heard -- it wouldn't go in that direction.

MS. WOODS: But my question was, I -- I assume you've addressed with Nicole where Chino Hills --

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yes, we actually had on not going over in an assembly

district from Yorba Linda into Chino hills that way.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

MS. WOODS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right. So we can move on the next -- into the next area?

MS. MACDONALD: Yes, we'll swap mappers.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Commissioner, I wanted to --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: -- one issue --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Before we leave the area. Just the Little Saigon question, because Commissioner Filkins-Webber referred to the Deukmejian designation back in 1988, which was an official designation in 1988. I'm not sure if that's the best definition given some test -- Commissioner Parvenu raised a question about other testimony we've gotten, which I -- I think would --

(Inaudible.)

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, would have a larger boundary, but --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, why don't we make sure that we have the congress -- the gubernatorial designation and what they described to us currently and have that available for -- for our observation.

Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: For the purpose of this draft map, why don't we take the largest area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I think we probably need to know what that is and what the implications are.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, satisfy the largest number of people.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: But I think we can make that decision if we saw both.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Right.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: And just before we leave this area, I did find the testimony, as did Bonnie about Twentynine Palms and they did link it south to the Coachella Valley. So it was

Twentynine Palms, Yucca and Joshua Tree was Speaker 32, who was from La Quinta in Palm Springs.

MS. WOODS: Did they also include Morongo Valley?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: It would.

COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't have that in my notes, but those were the three that were mentioned.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: And that's the traffic corridor to get out to Twentynine Palms, so -- and that's at the closest border of Riverside County into, obviously, Casita Morongo, which is on the Riverside County side.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and then the -- and the following speaker talked about the keeping the desert together, transportation from Mecca, Thermal, all the way to La Quinta.

MS. WOODS: So would you recommend going to that area over going east to Idyllwild, Cabazon and south of Idyllwild?

COMMISSIONER DAI: I defer to Commissioner Filkins-Webber on that.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Let's

take a look at both options, because when you're looking at Idyllwild, I -- I'd like to just refresh my memory on those issues with -- because you left out Beaumont and Banning.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes.

MS. WOODS: Correct.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So it's possible you could swap them out, could put the Idyllwild with Beaumont and Banning, but I'd like to see what those visualizations look like when -- if you put a couple of them together.

MS. WOODS: Okay. Yeah. So you would be okay with crossing the county border?

(No audible response.)

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Parvenu, then Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Before we completely leave the area, I just looked this up on -- on the Internet here. It says the main focus of Little Saigon is the Balsa Avenue Center where Asian Garden Mall and Little Saigon Plaza are considered the heart, which runs through Westminster.

And the boundaries are Trask and McFadden to the north -- or the north and south,

and Euclid and Magnolia on east and west.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, it's pretty small, actually.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Based on those boundaries, that's considerably smaller than what we have up here.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Blanco.

COMMISSIONER BLANCO: Didn't we also hear from south -- some south Asian merchants and business people when we were in Santa Ana about that they were also -- that they were also in a neighborhood there? Wasn't that in Santa Ana at the Santa Ana meeting?

It wasn't just the Vietnamese community. I think we had a -- sort of a large that included a south -- Commissioner Filkins-Webber, is that -- that's your community. Do you know where the south Asian community is there?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I can't remember.

MS. WOODS: I -- I think -- I think that was crossing the L.A. border.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: That's Artesia. Yeah.

MS. WOODS: And Artesia.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Yeah, that's where the Little India is up in that area, which crosses the border with La Palma and Cerritos and Artesia.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we're going to have to move on to the next area.

MS. MACDONALD: Leave everything here. Tamina, come on.

MR. BROWN: So I'm going to have to leave, but let me just make a comment about what you're about to look at at Monterey County, and that is that I think you all know what the exercise is now.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MR. BROWN: So you should be able to do it even though I'm not here. And I will check all the data and consult with Karin.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: I'm sorry, I had one question for you, Mr. Brown, before you leave, and I've been holding it since last night. I'm thinking now I should have asked you yesterday.

The -- now I have to remember what it was. The benchmark numbers that were provided to us yesterday by Q2 for the Section 5 counties, did -- and I recall from the information you provided to us in L.A. and some caveats and asterisks provided by Q2 -- does Q2 and Gibson Dunn have consensus on the benchmark numbers for the Section 5 counties?

MR. BROWN: For the time being, it's -- my goal is to rely on Q2 for the evidence of what the numbers are. To the extent we observe some minor differences, like if we go online and check the census website, I'll ask her about it and try to get an explanation.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay, so for clarification of the record --

MR. BROWN: I believe we have -- we're -- we're relying on the same information at this point. But I'm -- my plan is to recheck everything, so.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. So just so we have clarification for the record, the benchmark numbers that we received -- Ms. MacDonald. I'm sorry, if I may have your attention for one moment so I can finish this

question --

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: -- and have your confirmation. The benchmark numbers that we had received for the Section 5 counties were based on the data that you provided to this Commission?

MS. MACDONALD: The benchmark numbers that we've been referring to in the last two days, absolutely, these are data that we provided. There -- there were some -- we have one data discrepancy, which is in the original report that you got from Gibson Dunn.

They were going on the Factfinder. FactFinder has the A.C.S. data on that particular site. There's two FactFinder sites. The FactFinder2 site has the new data on it. The new data are, of course, the one that we're supposed to use, and in fact, we're supposed to use the D.O.J. tabs. So that is again a little bit different.

So the only thing that is different usually with these data sources is exactly which variables you pick and from what particular data set, and that is where discrepancies came in.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BROWN: You should -- we should have a footer on all the information that we provided you that says where we believe we got the information from. And several of the pages say we got it from Q2. And if -- if there's another source, my intent is to rely on Q2's data.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: On that particular point, can we take an action of cor -- correcting the data if it's necessary so that we have one set of data that we can -- we -- we can bank on and not having to recall the fact that we have different numbers based on different sources of information, on and on?

MR. BROWN: So I regard what we've been doing the last few days as preliminary and that you should get a more comprehensive set of data for each of the decision points, so you can actually see what the relative benchmark and new district data show.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay, so the --

MR. BROWN: The answer would be

yes.

COMMISSIONER YAO: -- the new data would obsolete the data that was presented to us previously?

MR. BROWN: I haven't thought through what -- what form it will take, but I -- I believe that before we're done you should be getting more information from us to confirm the discussions we've been having where we sit here verbally and say that it's not retrogressive.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Again, it's not something that we need to do immediately, but before we're all finished, I think it would be really good if we can somehow have -- have a set of data that -- saying this is the set of data that we're using and not --

MR. BROWN: I agree with you.

COMMISSIONER YAO: -- multiple sources.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm sure we can accomplish that.

MR. BROWN: Absolutely.

MS. MACDONALD: We are -- I'm sorry, we are only using one data source and one data set, which is the statewide database. We

just had a miscommunication with Mr. Brown's associates when they were putting that package together.

And this was at the very beginning of this collaboration when, rather than coming to us and asking for what they needed, they did it themselves and went on FactFinder and they grabbed the wrong data set.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. We will make sure this is all clarified.

MS. MACDONALD: Good. Okay. So we could put a Section 5 district on there really quickly while Mr. Brown is still in the room.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You're just going to force him out of the room if you start doing that.

MR. BROWN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Thank you very much.

MS. ALON: Okay, hi, everybody. I'm informed I have like 30 minutes to whip through a lot of material, so just please stop me if you have any questions.

So what you're looking at here are the current assembly districts that are touching

Monterey County, so this is 8027 and 8028. The benchmark figures are over here on the side.

And so this is -- 8027 is the green one, and we're looking at -- this is the deviation and then this is the Latino V.A.P., this is the black V.A.P., and this is the Asian V.A.P. And I have a little legend somewhere that --

MS. MACDONALD: She's going to add cities and county boundary --

(Inaudible.)

MS. MACDONALD: I'm sorry, I'm going to -- and she -- she's going to slow down. And this -- this mapper's name is Tamina Alon.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Would you spell that?

MS. MACDONALD: A-l-a-n -- A-l-o-n. I can't spell anymore. I think it's Tamina Alon.

MS. ALON: Okay, just please tell me if I'm speaking too fast for you.

So what currently this 8027 encompasses, as you can see here, is Santa Clara County -- I mean Santa Cruz County and then comes over here and takes a swath of -- this is the Morgan Hill, Gilroy, San Martin area over here, and then comes down and goes through the western

part of Monterey.

So our benchmark here for Latino C.V.A.P. is 12.49 percent. And so this one really is -- is the lower of the two. When you get over here to this side, we have the rest of Monterey County, including the population along the freeway which we were speaking about before.

And we have the entire San Benito County, and then we come up here and take a bit of Santa Clara, kind of the bottom part. We slice of Gilroy at the end down here and move upward. And this has population deviation of .63 percent, negative .64 percent, so we are pretty close.

But this is 44.25 percent Latino C.V.A.P., so this is our much higher benchmark for this area.

So what I -- I'm going to show you are two different proposals that I have which do not retrogress either side here, because you really have no work with him together. I have done more iterations on them separately, and -- but for -- for time considerations, we can probably skip through those.

And also, Jamie and I, given your direction that you gave to her the other day, are

working on some new ones, too. And so these are not set in stone, but these are two that I have that we can look at quickly.

MS. MACDONALD: And Jamie came in here because, of course Jamie has the area, the San Luis Obispo area, so whatever you do up here necessarily affects anything that is in the southern area.

There's just -- as I've mentioned before, there's some pivot points in the state, and San Luis Obispo is one of those pivot points.

Some of these may not be the prettiest options I was just told because it takes a while to clean them up.

MS. ALON: So this is the first one which uses the Monterey County border as a hard line to the south, and you're looking at -- the benchmark is over here in orange, and then the yellow box is what this new district is going to be.

So from here we're going from 40 -- 44.44 is this new light orange area, which just ups the benchmark, which is 44.25. The corresponding district to this one would have -- has a benchmark here of -- oh, sorry, the

benchmark is on this side where it says benchmark -- of 12.49 and -- I haven't slept much, sorry.

And has -- this particular district has a Latino C.V.A.P. of 14.91, and similarly with the black C.V.A.P., we have -- going from 2.76, we're going down a little bit here to 22.71 and 6.43 we're moving a little bit down to 6.31.

MS. MACDONALD: Would you like to comment on this particular option or --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes, I would.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: In the Santa -- in the -- the coastal region, it -- is that going through Santa Clara County?

MS. ALON: Yes, it does. I can zoom in on that area for you.

So what this did is it took the entire Santa Cruz County intact and then came over and took Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill.

And so the idea behind this area was to reunite these three cities which have expressed that they are a community of interest and we had a lot of testimony on that, and

currently they are split apart.

But those are the only real parts of Santa Clara County which are included.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is Watsonville on that map?

MS. ALON: Sorry, Watsonville is down here. So it is included in the 80 --

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: So that's not all of --

MS. ALON: The next door. I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: -- Santa Cruz County, then.

MS. ALON: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. No, you're absolutely right. It's not.

These -- this little section over here is carved out, Watsonville and Interlaken.

COMMISSIONER FORBES: This is Commissioner Forbes. I -- I think that it's -- i like the configuration. It keeps the -- the bay in one district.

Also, as I recall -- and I don't recall exactly the number, but the leftovers of -- in San Luis Obispo were something that would make another -- when added to the coastal district of

this, in my recollection, would come close to the right number for an assembly district also.

MS. ALON: Yes, and I'll be working with Jamie the entire ride home on making sure that is the -- that is case. But this was developed without her input and so I will be working on those together.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: What I think is nice about this, this fits with what the Sierra Club suggested quite well, I thought.

MS. ALON: Okay, and this is the second -- let me pull this over. This is the second iteration that we have here.

And similarly, we have an east and west -- east and west split, except this time instead of going north out of Monterey, because we -- as you recall, we had two different sets of C.O.I. testimony, one that said we're from Monterey, we want you to go north into Santa Cruz County, and one that said we're from Monterey and we really don't want to be near Santa Cruz County. We want to go south to San Luis Obispo.

And so this was taking into consideration both of these two separate types of testimony. So the western one over here takes

western San -- sorry, western Monterey County, all of San Luis Obispo, and then it actually comes down and takes part of Santa Maria, although it could not take all of it. Santa Maria has about 99 thousand people.

And so it couldn't take it all in, but this was to encompass the C.O.I. testimony which they said that they wanted to go all the way down that far. And so I went as far south as I could.

The benchmark over here, again, we're looking at 12.49 percent, and we are going up to 13.31, 2.76 percent is going up to 3.2, and our Asian C.V.A.P. is dropping from 6.43 to 5.12.

And population-wise, this fits in with the second district over here, which takes eastern Monterey. Again, this is kind of right along the freeway here. Encompasses all of San Benito County and then goes up into east Santa Clara County and just a tiny bit over here of south Santa Cruz.

And I'll zoom in on that one for you.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Is the line dividing Monterey from -- that cuts Monterey on

the north, is that --

MS. ALON: This -- this one right here?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: No, the line --

MS. ALON: This line?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: The top of Monterey.

MS. ALON: The top of Monterey.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Right there, yeah.

MS. ALON: This is a county line right here.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: A county line. Okay. Thank you.

MS. ALON: And so this little piece right here is actually Santa Cruz County. Let's go in there.

So we have the same kind of configuration of cities over here that we saw last time, a few more, Amnesti and Freedom, Watsonville and Interlaken kind of coming in here. And again, we have Gilroy over here, but this -- in this configuration, we do not keep Gilroy with San Martin and Morgan Hill.

And again, that is because if you look at this area, again, we have a much higher benchmark, and the Gilroy -- taking in these two area and taking out some of these other areas dilutes that population to below the benchmark, and so that's the reasoning for that.

We also take in a little bit -- this is the Alum Rock area right up here and -- which has a population that was helpful to the benchmark as well.

And so -- oops. It's way too big.

And so here are just the numbers, and so for this area over here, again our benchmark is 44.25. And so this goes up to 47.95, so there is a little bit of wiggle room here, not a lot, because the numbers tend to be very concentrated.

But there is a little bit if you have comments on this that you want me to try to play it with it some more.

The Asian C.V.A.P. we're going to see a drop here that's -- that's about half, though, and so just know that the black C.V.A.P. drops about .1 percent, but then the Asian C.V.A.P. goes from 12.51 to 6.78.

COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS-MALLOY: So my question actually goes to that point about the Asian C.V.A.P., and -- and I understand we won't be able to always increase everywhere. However, it does seem different going, you know, part of a percent versus cutting in half the C.V.A.P. for a specific population.

So I'm wondering if you could just talk a little bit about the different things you've tried and some of the issues that you're -- you're running into there, because my -- my first inclination would be to provide guidance to try and bring that Asian C.V.A.P. up a little bit, but again, I don't know what constraints you've already faced, whether that is possible.

MS. ALON: Sure. And -- and that's a very good question, actually, and where it comes down to is really here in the city of San Jose, and the way that the population tends to break out in this area is that you have Asian pockets and then you have Latino pockets.

And so if I pick up more Asian numbers, my Latino numbers drop. And so I'm not only taking away from what this area might be of kind of a higher Asian population district and

diluting them by putting them in another district.

MS. MACDONALD: Also, I mean, you have two options basically. So you have one option that is pretty close to the benchmark, which was the first -- the first set of visualizations we saw, and then this particular one.

I mean, another way to look at this is what you generally prefer and then perhaps give us some guidance on whether you want to improve on one or the other.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Raya, Commissioner Yao, Commissioner Aguirre, Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER RAYA: My comment on the San Benito district, that side, is that it seemed to me that a lot of the testimony about bringing Gilroy in there and even Morgan Hill and San Martin was a somewhat whirl or agricultural connection in that area, and it seems to me that in this description you've gone pretty far up into an urban area.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Yao.

COMMISSIONER YAO: Is it possible

to take the -- the 2000 data and reconstruct the benchmark for the Monterey County as compared to having to compare two separate assembly districts in the manner that we've been doing it?

I guess the issue is a Section 5 Monterey County and -- and -- and the question really is can -- can we -- number one is can we -- can we reconstruct the percentage data using the -- the raw population for year 2000 and compare with what we have this time around.

And is -- the second question really is a legal question, is: What are we required to do?

MS. MACDONALD: Well, we -- we could do that, but the way the benchmark is estimated is basically taking the 2001 lines and looking at them with the current census data. So you use the 2001 lines and you put in the -- the 2010 census and that gives you the benchmark.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: If we did it by county, that would be the only place we did it, which might raise a question.

Commissioner Aguirre.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yes. Did you -- did I hear you mention that you were

dipping down into Santa Maria and splitting Santa Maria?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: On this -- on one option, yes; on the other option, no.

COMMISSIONER AGUIRRE: Yeah, I would argue against that simply because Santa Maria is -- is a heart -- an agricultural heartland and primarily Latino farm workers, and I think that -- that when you look at the San Luis Obispo and the type of industries and economies doesn't really fit with Santa Maria unless you're looking for areas south of La Cuesta grain, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner Ancheta.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Were there any configurations where the Latino C.V.A.P. could go over 50 percent? Because under the benchmarks, no -- nobody has the ability to elect under the benchmarks, but if -- if it's possible to configure a majority Latino district, you do get the ability to elect.

But -- I want to know if you looked -- if you generated any of those.

MS. ALON: I tried really hard.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

MS. ALON: The problem is that you have this other one sitting alongside it.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

MS. ALON: And you can do it, but you would severely retrogress the other side.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right.

MS. MACDONALD: And we would have to run that by V.R.A. counsel, because --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah.

MS. MACDONALD: -- under certain circumstances, I understand that that is actually a permissible thing, but --

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. Right.

MS. MACDONALD: -- from a mapping perspective and a political scientist's perspective, I would not touch that without having at least one V.R.A. attorney.

COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Right. That's why I'm asking if you -- whether you've done it, because that is something that counsel should look at, but that has been done in other parts of the country.

MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I understand it has.

MS. ALON: Another option that I looked at was to bring this area out and kind of cut into Fresno, but I was talking to Jamie about that, and she was like, "Absolutely not." So just saying, you know, I was just looking at the numbers, and so that is why that is not what I'm showing you.

MS. MACDONALD: So --

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So just looking -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MS. MACDONALD: I just wanted to say that one of the -- the first option we saw, I understand, has less city splits also, so -- because the only city split here is -- what was it? San Jose. Yeah, which has to be split in any event.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Just my initial thoughts are it seems like this illustration, this visualization seems to do the

least harm.

You know, if add up kind of the pluses and minuses on both sides, you get the benefit of the western district, which keeps the bay intact. You still have to split San Jose somewhere at some point, so this could be a way to do it.

And in the other visualization, it seemed like we had the -- even though -- let me -- sorry. Back up to the other one. The disadvantage was was there was some C.O.I. testimony that linked Monterey to San Luis Obispo.

But I think there is also on the inverse side there was a lot of testimony San Luis Obispo not to go up into Monterey, and I -- I think some of those C.O.I. testimony we could debate the veracity of it, but I think even the military link was weaker between Monterey and San Luis Obispo that was being made.

So I -- I think in totality it appears to me that this option has more benefits and least harm than the other option, which still have benefits and harm, but this is -- to me it seems like -- I'd like to hear from maybe Commissioner Barabba, who's from this area, and

those in the north part as well, too.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would -- I would concur. The -- the other issue with the other one is when you just leave that portion of Santa Cruz County, it then has to go into Santa Clara County and -- or into San Mateo County, and that's not contiguous. There's a giant mountain there.

And this way I think from a point of view the topography, this is much more consistent with the topography of the area with some argument about going over to Morgan Hill, but given the population issue, I don't think you have much of a choice.

Yes, Commissioner Dai.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, and -- and, of course, it's -- Commissioner Barabba also pointed out that it's nice that we were able to keep the Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin area together in that.

I'm wondering if you have any comments on how they would feel about, you know, being linked to Santa Cruz versus other areas, but if we want to keep them together, I think there are going to be some hard choices.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I would just say that this is so much better than the current districts relative to what's going on. I -- there will be some concern about going over Highway 17, but if that's the -- the only way you can do it, I think that would be understood.

Because for Santa Cruz to drop that off, it would have to pick up Watsonville, and then when you pick up Watsonville, every -- all the numbers go kind of bizarre from the point of view of C.V.A.P.

COMMISSIONER DAI: And then I just wanted to make one mention, I also mentioned this to Jamie, and I know you guys will be working closely together.

But there is that little tiny town the cowboy from -- I think it was Parkfield and from Monterey who said that they wanted to go with San Luis Obispo. Just, you know, it's less -- fewer than three hundred people, so remember those guys.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, but it's in Monterey?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It's in Monterey.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER DAI: Monterey, but they said they went south.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It was like -- it was like three hundred people, so --

MS. MACDONALD: But -- but that will count as a county split.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: It would be a county split.

MS. MACDONALD: And a V.R.A. problem.

MS. ALON: We'd still have to not retrogress that area.

COMMISSIONER DAI: Oh, are you kidding? Okay.

MS. MACDONALD: We'll run it by the V.R.A. counsel if you'd like.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Please.

MS. MACDONALD: But -- but it's also -- you -- you have to keep in mind -- I mean, I know some of you are interested in looking at some -- at some of the summary stats in the end just to see how many counties have you split, how many cities have you split, you know, what does

this all mean.

And, you know, this is -- this is something that newspapers really like to report on, because it's so hard to report on restricting, so.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. Is it general consensus that this map is the one we would prefer? Okay.

MS. ALON: Okay, we're going to go to senate now.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, we've got about 15 -- ten to 15 minutes.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay, so we'll go through the senate Section 5 district, the congressional Section 5 district, and then whoever is still here gets to see visualizations from the wrap-up yesterday. And it will be fun. And there will be pineapple.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Not in this room.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. MACDONALD: Not in this room, of course, no.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We would not -- we would not eat in this room, of course. For the record.

MS. ALON: We are going to senate now, and so very quickly, this is just -- and -- and don't get your hopes too high about this, because I'll tell you in a minute why it might be a problem.

But I just wanted to show you if we nested those two that you liked before into a senate district, what the stats would be for that.

So over here are the benchmarks for all of the Monterey County -- the current districts that we're looking at. And so now we're -- we're interested in these two senate districts.

We have Senate District 15 and Senate District 12, which divide Monterey County. Again, we're looking at an east-west split, and so we're really looking at if we're going to kind of put them all together, like we did here, having to deal with a higher benchmark.

And so -- actually, no, don't take my legal word for that. Let's ask V.R.A. attorneys about that. But --

So here are the numbers here. We're going to a 26.93 percent, whereas over here we have a 15.98 percent for -- for S.D. 15 and a

37.64 percent for section -- for S.D. 12. So I just wanted to show you that for you to pick on.

Now, that being said, I understand, because I spoke with Jamie, that S.D. 12 and -- let me pull up my other one right here. I -- we under -- I understand that S.D. 12 you've already spoken with her, and that part is kind of taken care of and put to bed.

And so if that's the case, then we would not be able to nest these two assembly districts into that, but I just want to show it to you anyway so that you -- you know what's going on with that.

So let's look a little bit at what could be going on with S.D. 15.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Commissioner DiGuilio.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: Could you just quickly remind me, what -- what did we put to bet? What was our decision with S.D. 12? Not that it's not on the tip of my brain, but it will help.

MS. ALON: Okay. So -- sorry. These are what the current districts look like. And as you can see, we have S.D. 12 -- these

things like to jump around -- that takes in Merced, which is another one of our Section 5 counties.

And so when you were dealing with this area, I believe you dipped into this area of Monterey as well when you built that, and that's what Jamie has -- we've discussed.

And so this one is actually not a problem for us today. What's a problem for us today is dealing with Senate District 15, which stretches from Santa Clara up here all the way down through part of Santa Barbara County. And so that's what we're going to be looking at, some -- some different numbers of.

And so that's over here, these benchmarks.

MS. MACDONALD: So the benchmark is 15.98 percent for Latino C.V.A.P., 2.55 percent for black C.V.A.P., and 8.33 percent for Asian C.V.A.P.

Okay, so nesting didn't work so she's going to show you another visualization for what -- what might work. And again, this is based on a decision that you've already made for the other Section 5 area.

MS. ALON: And so this -- I'm -- I'm sorry. Ignore this thing that says 12 up here.

But we have this being 30 -- the -- being a 2.64 deviation, so we're a little bit high here, but this is just if you were to balance out according to some C.O.I. testimony what they wanted to see in a -- in a senate district for this area.

And so this encompasses more of Santa Barbara down here, and the Latino C.V.A.P. is 15.98 percent, and what we're looking at, the black C.V.A.P. is 2.55 and Asian C.V.A.P. is 8.33.

Yeah, I know.

And so then we're matching it up against the -- the Latino C.V.A.P. over here, which is 37.64, the black C.V.A.P., which is 4.12, and Asian C.V.A.P., which is 5.27.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: How wide is the line along Monterey Bay there that brings those two sections together?

MS. ALON: I'm sorry?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Of actual land? The line just to the left of the San Benito word.

MS. ALON: Oh, this line?

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

MS. ALON: I'm sorry, they're just other lines. You can just look at the shaded area is what we're looking at.

COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Well, that's my whole point, there's not much land there, is there?

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: But the shaded area is the current S.D. 12; correct?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: 15.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: The numbers are identical, or they were a moment ago, to the numbers that were in this box over here, and it says S.D. 2011 -- or 2001.

MS. ALON: Oh, sorry. I'm sorry. This is -- it must have -- I don't know what box it was pulling up. I'm sorry. Let's look at this one, because it says S.D. 15, so I trust that one more.

15, so this one is 15.91 to the 15.98, and this is just, again, going off the -- the C.O.I. testimony to add in those areas and balance this district.

So this is basically taking the --

the current district that was there and adding population.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: So my question becomes: What happens to the corresponding S.D. 12 and what Section 5 issues do we have? Because as we just saw that we -- we took San Benito from Merced, now we've lost the prior S.D. 12, and do we run into a Section 5 problem, because where are you going to pick up the other 37.64?

MS. ALON: This is another thing that will be on the way home.

COMMISSIONER FILKINS-WEBBER: Are you telling me that -- that is a problem; right?

MS. ALON: Well, it's -- now that we -- we have a decision from you on the S.D. 12 side, we can balance -- I can give you visualizations on the other side, but these ones don't -- don't take into consideration that, the -- the decision that you made.

COMMISSIONER DIGUILIO: So would you change these visualizations knowing what we've decided for S.D. 12, so you -- you don't have a visual -- visualization yet for us based on the fact that we've agreed on S.D. 12? Or whatever --