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COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

- COMMISSIONER FRED ALI
- COMMISSIONER DAVID HYUN
- COMMISSIONER ELISSA BARRETT
- COMMISSIONER MARIA BRENES
- COMMISSIONER ROCKY DELGADILLO
- COMMISSIONER RICHARD KATZ
- COMMISSIONER NAM LE
- COMMISSIONER MIGUEL MARTINEZ
- COMMISSIONER MICHELE PRICHARD
- COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH SALDIVAR

1 Monday, July 12, 2021; Los Angeles, California

2 6:04 p.m.

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4 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you. Good evening.

5 Welcome everybody to this public hearing of the Los
6 Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission. My name is
7 Fred Ali and I'm honored to serve as the chair of the
8 commission.

9 Tonight is one of 19 public hearings that the
10 commission will be conducting through September. We will
11 hold hearings in each City Council District as well as
12 four regional hearings, including one in Spanish, to
13 ensure the residents of Los Angeles can have their voices
14 heard during this important process.

15 Tonight's hearing will focus on Council District
16 11. We look forward to hearing from residents of Council
17 District 11 as well as residents of other districts who
18 might be attending tonight's hearing.

19 As Commissioner Prichard Michele Prichard will
20 explain in a minute, we want to hear about your community,
21 your special needs, and recommendations you might have for
22 fair and inclusive political representation. This, after
23 all, is what democracy is all about.

24 I want to thank the neighborhood councils who
25 supported our outreach effort for tonight's meeting as

1 well as the staff of City Council Member Mike Bonin's
2 office. I also want to thank the efforts of many
3 community-based organizations who assisted with spreading
4 the word about tonight's hearing.

5 So today is July 12, 2021, and the time is 6:07
6 p.m.

7 Betty, would you please take the roll.

8 MS. BUTLER: Yes, chair.

9 Chair Ali?

10 COMMISSIONER ALI: Present.

11 MS. BUTLER: Vice Chair Hyun?

12 COMMISSIONER HYUN: Present.

13 MS. BUTLER: Vice Chair Diaz? Commissioner
14 Anderson? Commissioner Barrett?

15 COMMISSIONER BARRETT: Present.

16 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Bremond? Commissioner
17 Brenes?

18 COMMISSIONER BRENES: Present.

19 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Cagna? Commissioner
20 Delgadillo?

21 COMMISSIONER DELGADILLO: Here.

22 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Garsten? Commissioner
23 Katz?

24 COMMISSIONER KATZ: Present.

25 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Le?

1 COMMISSIONER LE: Present.

2 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Martinez? Commissioner
3 Moreno? Commissioner Polanco? Commissioner Prichard?

4 COMMISSIONER PRICHARD: Here.

5 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Saldivar?

6 COMMISSIONER SALDIVAR: Here.

7 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Shaw? Commissioner
8 Suh?

9 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Betty.

10 MS. BUTLER: Excuse me, Chair.

11 May I please call Commissioner Martinez?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ: Commissioner Martinez
13 here.

14 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Betty.

15 So now I'm going to ask commission members to
16 disclose ex parte communications that may have occurred
17 since our last meeting. For members of the public, ex
18 parte communications means a communication between any
19 member of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting
20 Commission and any elected city officer or member of any
21 elected city officer's staff regarding a matter pending
22 before the commission.

23 Los Angeles Redistricting Commission members are
24 required to disclose these communications, and our
25 commission takes these disclosures very, very seriously.

1 A log of all ex parte communications can be found on our
2 website.

3 And I also want to mention to members of the
4 public that, at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, I
5 will once again ask our commission members to disclose any
6 communications that they may have had that fits this
7 definition during tonight's meeting.

8 So tonight, I'm going to -- at this point, I'm
9 going to ask for these disclosures, and I'm going to start
10 out with a disclosure of my own.

11 This -- this morning, July 12th, approximately
12 10:00 a.m., I sent an e-mail to the staff of Commissioner
13 Bonin's office thanking them for their participation in
14 helping to turn out residents of CD11 for tonight's
15 hearing.

16 Are there any other disclosures? Betty, maybe
17 can you help me with the screen here?

18 Commissioner Barrett?

19 COMMISSIONER BARRETT: Thank you. Yes.

20 On Thursday, July 8th, at around 11:30 a.m., I
21 sent an e-mail to Najeeba Syeed, chief of staff for Nithya
22 Raman, whose district I live in, just letting them know if
23 I could encourage them to get -- make outreach to their
24 constituents to participate in the process, and that I
25 would be attending their public hearing on August 4th.

1 And I've also been involved with ongoing efforts
2 to reach different communities of faith and encourage
3 their participation, including the Jewish and the Muslim
4 communities in LA.

5 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank --

6 COMMISSIONER BARRETT: Separate from District 4.

7 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Commissioner
8 Barrett.

9 Are there any other disclosures? And, Betty, if
10 you see something I don't -- okay. Seeing no other
11 disclosures, Betty, can you read the first, and for
12 tonight the only, agenda item into our record?

13 MS. BUTLER: Item Number 1, discussion of public
14 hearing format, rules of conduct, and summary of
15 redistricting and Communities of Interest, public hearing
16 to gather testimony on Communities of Interest, closing
17 remarks.

18 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Betty, very, very
19 much. Now we're going to get to our public hearing.

20 It's my pleasure to introduce Frank Cardenas, the
21 Executive Director of the commission. As some of you may
22 know, this is Frank's second tour of duty in
23 redistricting. In 2002, Frank was the Executive Director
24 of the first City Redistricting Commission, and did what
25 was considered a very outstanding job. And we're

1 benefiting greatly from his experience and deep commitment
2 to this important process.

3 So, Frank, welcome, and I'll turn it over to you.

4 MR. CARDENAS: Thank you, Commissioner, very
5 much.

6 (Speaking Spanish.)

7 Mr. Chair, thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Frank, very, very
9 much.

10 And now it's my pleasure to introduce
11 Commissioner Michele Prichard. Commissioner Prichard was
12 appointed to our redistricting commission by Council
13 Member Mike Bonin.

14 Michele, thank you for being here, of course,
15 tonight, and for your service. And now I'm going to turn
16 it over to you.

17 MS. PRICHARD: Thank you, Chair Ali.

18 Well, good evening, everyone, and I too would
19 like to welcome all of you to what is the third public
20 hearing of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting
21 Commission.

22 My name is Michele Prichard. And as you just
23 heard, I have the honor of serving as the commissioner
24 representing Council District 11. And to continue, just
25 to say the purpose of tonight's public meeting is to hear

1 from you and how you describe your community. We want to
2 know what makes your community unique, what you and your
3 neighbors share in common, and what are the special needs
4 of your community. This is vital in redistricting and in
5 the creation of new district boundaries and maps for the
6 City of Los Angeles.

7 People who have common interests and needs often
8 benefit from being grouped together into a single
9 district; so we truly value your time and participation in
10 the redistricting process and thank you for showing up
11 tonight.

12 So a little bit about who we are here. The Los
13 Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission is an
14 appointed 21-member body charged by the Los Angeles City
15 Charter with the responsibility of designing new
16 recommended boundaries for the City's 15 Council
17 Districts.

18 The commission's adopted core purpose is to
19 independently draw proposed Los Angeles City Council
20 District boundaries based on the Census data and
21 applicable law that will allocate constituents
22 proportionately while also accounting for the unique
23 histories, experiences, and interests of the communities
24 such that those interests will have the highest
25 probability of being served by their elected

1 representatives and the City of Los Angeles.

2 The commission has further adopted the following
3 vision and core values to inform and drive its fulfillment
4 of its legal responsibilities and core purpose.

5 So as you see here, our mission is to strengthen
6 the governance of the City of Los Angeles by empowering
7 the communities to have their diverse needs served through
8 fair and inclusive representation. Our core values
9 include equity, integrity, transparency, respect,
10 compassion, dignity, data-driven, solution-oriented, and
11 interdependence.

12 There's a few housekeeping tips. Our hearing is
13 being broadcasted live on video and being recorded.
14 Closed captioning is also being provided during the
15 hearing. Translation services have been made available to
16 those requesting them. And we do have Spanish translation
17 happening simultaneously during the hearing.

18 Now, if you feel you have any technical
19 difficulties during the hearing, please contact us via
20 e-mail at the address here,
21 redistricting.LACity@LACity.org or you can also phone us
22 at 213-263-5765. Our commission staff will be standing by
23 to assist you.

24 Now, if you have a statement that you would like
25 to submit to the commission -- and we certainly encourage

1 that -- please do so via e-mail at
2 redistricting.LACity@LACity.org. And for tonight we have
3 many people who want to testify, and we want to
4 accommodate this as efficiently and effectively as
5 possible. So one important suggestion, if you hear
6 someone make the point you want to make, rather than
7 repeating the testimony, note your agreement and then
8 allow someone else the opportunity to speak.

9 In closing, I too want to thank City Council
10 Member Bonin and the CD11 staff as well as the volunteers
11 with the RAC and Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
12 who helped us in getting the word out and conducting
13 community outreach and support for promoting the hearing
14 tonight.

15 Now I'd like to introduce, again, our Executive
16 Director of the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting
17 Commission, Frank Cardenas, who will give us the brief
18 summary of redistricting.

19 MR. CARDENAS: Commissioner Prichard, thank you
20 so much.

21 So what is redistricting? Every person in the
22 City of Los Angeles lives in a City Council District which
23 is defined by certain streets and neighborhoods. We have
24 the opportunity to elect a City Council Member based on
25 what district we live in. For example, Boyle Heights,

1 Pacoima, Venice, South LA are each in different council
2 districts, and residents in those communities vote for
3 different people to represent them.

4 Every ten years, the entire country goes through
5 a process called redistricting to redraw the maps that
6 determine each district. Now, as communities get smaller
7 or bigger and people move in and out, it is important that
8 the districts are defined fairly and equally.

9 According to the US Constitution, all electoral
10 districts within a given redistricting map must contain
11 approximately the same number of people. The maps drawn
12 will determine the allocation of political power and
13 representation at every level of government -- city,
14 county, state, and federal -- across the nation for the
15 next ten years.

16 Why does redistricting matter? Where district
17 lines are drawn may determine where residents can vote,
18 who they can vote for, and even how responsive elected
19 officials are to your requests.

20 Redistricting should never result in a denial of
21 a person's right to vote based on race, color, or language
22 minority status. The Voting Rights Act ensures minority
23 voters an opportunity to elect representatives of their
24 own choice.

25 Representation is power. Who represents you in

1 city hall can mean more or less affordable housing,
2 cleaner streets, better parks. And making sure that your
3 district is drawn in a way that gives you fair
4 representation can make a big difference for you and your
5 family.

6 Now, how does redistricting work? Well, here in
7 LA, the City Council have appointed an advisory
8 commissioner -- your Redistricting Commissioner -- to
9 advise them on how to draw new districts that reflect the
10 interests of the hundreds of communities in Los Angeles
11 that make us unique.

12 This 21-member commission is made up of diverse
13 citizens from every part of the city. This commission is
14 committed to making sure that everyone has equal and fair
15 representation in city hall.

16 Before the lines are redrawn, this commission
17 will conduct a series of 19-public hearings and
18 communities meetings. Tonight is the third. There will
19 be one for every Council District plus four regional
20 meetings, one of which will be held exclusively in
21 Spanish.

22 At these hearings, we want people to tell us
23 about shared interests and concerns that should be
24 considered when drawing the lines for your Council
25 District.

1 In August, the federal government will release
2 the latest Census data. Once the commission has completed
3 the public hearings, it will gather a wide array of
4 information, particularly the information that you provide
5 and data from the federal government to draw new maps.

6 Now, as we know, because of the four-month delay
7 in the release of 2020 population data by the Census
8 Bureau, we've got to begin the redistricting process this
9 time in the absence of that data. This delay is certainly
10 unfortunate, but we're all in this together.

11 Now, as important as that data is, it's only half
12 the equation because it's the public's Community of
13 Interest testimony that is the other critical factor in
14 redistricting. And that part of the process is what we're
15 engaging in tonight.

16 For the commission to do its work, it's got to
17 listen to the voices of Angelenos as you provide your
18 Community of Interest testimony. Your testimony and the
19 Census population data when released next month is what
20 the commission will rely upon to draw new City Council
21 maps.

22 A set of maps will be drafted and presented to
23 the community online and via public hearings to ensure
24 that the commission gets your feedback. We will then
25 revise the maps and send them to the City Council for its

1 consideration. Now, you will also have an opportunity to
2 draw your own map and submit your map to the commission
3 for its consideration. More information on how to do this
4 will be available on our commission website in the near
5 future -- within the next week.

6 To help our commissioners to actually draw
7 district boundaries based on Census data and your
8 Community of Interest testimony, I'm proud to let you know
9 that we've engaged one of the premiere firms in the nation
10 in this area, a firm called Redistricting Partners.
11 Joining us tonight in our Zoom hearing is the firm's
12 president, Paul Mitchell, and one of his expert
13 demographers, Chris Chaffee.

14 It's now my pleasure to introduce to you your
15 commission's Deputy Director, Arianna Bankler-Jukes.

16 Arianna?

17 MS. BANKLER-JUKES: Thank you, Frank.

18 So what helps decide district maps and what are
19 the rules and criteria? So there are four major areas
20 that the commission must comply with when designing the
21 maps. The first being that each council district must be
22 substantial equal in population size. This is where
23 Census data comes in.

24 Then we have to make sure that the district is --
25 can be connected geographically, and we don't split

1 neighborhoods as much as possible.

2 Finally, we want to ensure that the council
3 district lines comply with the Voting Rights Act. This is
4 the law that ensures that minority voters -- be it Latinx,
5 Black, Asian American -- have equal access to political
6 representation.

7 Now, how can I participate to make sure my voice
8 is heard? One of the main ways is what you're doing right
9 now, attending a public hearing. And we have about 19 of
10 them, and they're going to be taking place until September
11 25th. And they'll be happening through communities all
12 throughout Los Angeles.

13 Another method of participation is what Frank had
14 alluded to which is the creation of your own map. This
15 will be a program on our website called Maptitudes that
16 allows community members to design their own map for the
17 commission to review.

18 And finally, another major way to participate is
19 through written testimony. Now, this is really important
20 for those who maybe don't feel comfortable speaking in
21 front of the 104 participants we have here today or if by
22 chance you don't have time to wait towards the end of the
23 speakers list to give feedback.

24 So what we recommend for folks to do is to go to
25 this link -- and I'll repeat it out loud for those who are

1 on the phone, but it's bit.ly/LAcitycoi. And that's b-i-t
2 dot l-y forward slash LA c-i-t-y c-o-i. And what that
3 does is that takes you to a form that's our Community of
4 Interest form.

5 Now, don't get distracted too much with the --
6 the terminology. Community of Interest just means tell us
7 about your community. So you can fill out this form. We
8 log this data and present it the commissioners when
9 they're developing their maps.

10 Now, whether you're giving written testimony or
11 spoken testimony, there are three main areas we would like
12 to hear from you about. The first being tell us about
13 your communities. Tell us about the characteristics, what
14 makes it unique. Tell us the geographical location of
15 your community. And also let us know in what ways your
16 community is impacted by City Council policy decisions.

17 So an example of this for CD11 could be I'm a
18 freelance worker. I live over Centinela and Venice. I
19 spend my days at Alana's Cafe on Venice. And I go
20 shopping at Mitsua. And then I, at nighttime, bring my
21 friends to the taco stand on Centinela and Venice.

22 And, you know, every time I'm walking at night, I
23 wish you had more streetlights. As a woman, I don't feel
24 safe. So something like that can be an example of COI.

25 Regardless of what it is, we want to hear from

1 you. This is the commission's role -- is to take your
2 feedback into consideration. So tell us about the
3 schools, the places of worship, the parks you go to, and
4 the places you shop at. And tell us what makes your
5 community unique.

6 So with that, I'm going to introduce Robert
7 Battles, our Associate Director of Community Engagement
8 and Outreach who will be helping lead us in doing this
9 public outreach.

10 Robert?

11 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Arianna.

12 And for members of the public who may have joined
13 us late, if you need to have interpretive --
14 interpretation access, you can identify the interpretation
15 globe at the bottom of the screen and pick the appropriate
16 language that you want to have interpreted.

17 Now, in conformity with the Governor's Executive
18 Order N-29-20 and due to concerns over Covid-19,
19 Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission meetings
20 will be conducted entirely virtually and telephonically,
21 meaning that members of the public who would like to give
22 offer -- who'd like to offer public comment via Zoom with
23 the item listed on the agenda tonight should click on the
24 raise hand function to request to speak.

25 Members of the public who would like to offer

1 comment on the item listed on the agenda over telephone
2 should call telephone number 1-669-254-5252. That is
3 number 1-669-254-5252 and use meeting ID Number
4 1615454787. That's meeting ID Number 1615454787.

5 You'll be prompted to press the pound sign, press
6 it again when prompted for participation ID. Once
7 admitted into the meeting, press star 9 to request to
8 speak.

9 At this moment, I'd like to introduce Harit
10 Trivedi from the City Attorney's office.

11 Harit?

12 MR. TRIVEDI: Thank you, Rob.

13 I'd like to take a few minutes today to explain a
14 few of the ground rules for public comment to ensure that
15 we have a fair and efficient process tonight. Considering
16 the large number of participants tonight and the interest
17 of providing an opportunity for as many people as possible
18 to speak, the chair has determined that the commission
19 shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to
20 address the commission public agenda -- input agenda item
21 for two minutes per speaker plus additional time to
22 translate comments for nonEnglish speakers.

23 The presiding officer may rule that a speaker is
24 out of order if the speaker's comments are not germane to
25 the item under consideration or are overly repetitive. If

1 the speaker remains out of order, the presiding officer
2 may declare the speaker is impeding the orderly conduct of
3 the meeting and rule the remainder of the speaker's time
4 forfeit.

5 To members of the public calling in to provide
6 comment to this commission, when it's your turn to speak,
7 we ask that -- we will announce your number -- the last
8 three digits of your number, or if you're calling in from
9 a blocked phone number, then we'll announce you as Caller
10 Number 1 or Caller Number 2, or the like.

11 When we announce your number or identifying
12 information, then you're live in the meeting, and it's
13 your turn to speak. Please immediately press star 6 to
14 unmute yourself.

15 To members calling in, we understand that you may
16 be listening to the broadcast of the meeting on the
17 Internet or another device. Because there's a time delay
18 between the live meeting and the broadcast, please keep
19 one ear on your phone so that you hear when we announce
20 the last three digits of your phone number or other
21 identifying information so that you can then immediately
22 press star 6. Otherwise, we might think that you are no
23 longer on the line and move on to the next speaker.

24 If you're also listening to the broadcast of the
25 meeting over the Internet or another device, please

1 immediately turn down the volume of the broadcast on that
2 device to avoid feedback and confusion because of the time
3 delay.

4 Finally, I'd like to warn you, commissioners, and
5 members of the public that some members of the public may
6 choose to use modes of expression that are offensive or
7 vulgar, including the use of racial epithets.

8 Unfortunately, some of that content is First
9 Amendment protected speech and there is little that we can
10 do but hear it. Members of the public may choose to turn
11 down the volume of their feed during public comment if
12 they choose not to listen to the racial slurs and
13 vulgarities.

14 And I'll turn it back over to Chair Ali.

15 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Harit, very, very
16 much.

17 So now we are going to -- we're going to open
18 things up for public comment. And before I do, I just
19 want to mention a couple things again.

20 I have chosen to limit speakers to two minutes in
21 an effort to make sure that everyone gets a chance to be
22 heard tonight in a fair and equitable way. The good news
23 is we have a significant number of people who are RSVP'd
24 to this event, and I'm sure want an opportunity to speak.
25 So that's the purpose for limiting people -- limiting the

1 testimony to two minutes so as to not disadvantage people
2 in the back end of the queue.

3 Secondly, I just want to remind people that we
4 had a good example of this at our last hearing. If you
5 hear testimony that -- things you wanted to say during
6 your testimony, if they've already been provided, you can
7 simply -- you have can have your voice heard and simply
8 indicate that you agree with Speaker X's testimony and
9 move on. That will keep things moving as quickly -- as
10 quickly as possible.

11 And, again, we really look forward to hearing
12 about how you think about your community, how you define
13 Communities of Interest within CD11. Really looking
14 forward. And I can't thank you enough for your
15 participation tonight.

16 So with that, I'm going to turn it back to Rob
17 Battles who is going to handle -- facilitate the public
18 testimony.

19 Rob?

20 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Chair Ali. We are now
21 going to begin public comments.

22 Speaker Number 1 is James Murez (phonetic).

23 James, please unmute yourself and tell us which
24 neighborhood you're speaking on.

25 SPEAKER: Hi. James Murez. Venice community.

1 Recently elected as President of the Venice Neighborhood
2 Council, although I have not yet been sworn in. That
3 won't happen for another week and a half. And tonight I'm
4 speaking both on my -- I guess it's for myself, but also
5 as president.

6 As president, I would like tell you, first off,
7 that we will be -- we will be creating a redistricting
8 committee that will allow our constituents within the
9 Venice Neighborhood Council region to participate in
10 trying to gather thoughts and spread the word to as much
11 of the community as possible.

12 Now, on a personal note, I'd just like to comment
13 that Venice is a very unique community. It was actually a
14 California city in 1904 before it became incorporated into
15 the City of Los Angeles.

16 I'm very aware of traffic impacts that we have
17 that are naturally bound by the 405 Freeway on the east,
18 but the traffic impacts that we have are particularly well
19 noticed by the tremendous out-build of residential housing
20 in Marina del Rey, Playa Vista in the South Bay area, and
21 the jobs that are located to the north of us in Santa
22 Monica, where they built over a hundred thousand jobs in
23 the last ten years that weren't there before.

24 And on that, I will just mention one other point,
25 that our lot sizes are only two-thirds the size of the

1 rest of City of Los Angeles, though we're held to a much
2 higher standard when it comes to visitor access that is
3 mandated by the State under the Coastal Commission, which
4 is also under federal guidelines.

5 Thank you very much look forward to --

6 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Thank you very much, Speaker
7 number 1.

8 Speaker Number 2. Mark Ryback (phonetic).
9 Please unmute yourself and you have two minutes for public
10 comment.

11 SPEAKER: I'm speaking as the President of the
12 Stakeholders' Association, and still for another week or
13 so a member of the Venice Neighborhood Council. But also
14 as a founding director of America Oceans campaign, which
15 later became Oceana, and which -- a group I was involved
16 with in coastal protection for about 15 years.

17 And I'd like you to imagine that you are flying
18 over LA's coast, and you will recognize rather quickly
19 that CD11 has almost all of LA's coast in it. I want you
20 to consider the fact that maybe it would be appropriate to
21 put all of LA's coast -- and by that I mean adding San
22 Pedro to it. And I'll give you the reasons why.

23 First, it would put all of LA's coast -- which is
24 in many areas under the jurisdiction of the Coastal
25 Commission, as Jim pointed out, in one district. And also

1 note that the commonality of interests are we're all
2 concerned about water quality, the leadership to cleanup
3 our beaches, beach water. It came from this district,
4 Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Bay Keeper and American Oceans
5 Campaign. We have all the beach parks except for the few
6 that are in San Pedro, and it would be useful, I believe,
7 to put them all into the same district.

8 We also have a tremendous burden, including San
9 Pedro, from tourism. And we are an important economic
10 foundation for the City. And we have a role to play
11 collectively in supporting the tourist industry.

12 And I'll also point out that we were the leaders
13 altogether in banning oil drilling both on shore and
14 offshore, and it would be good that the districts would
15 speak with one voice.

16 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Caller. All right.
17 That was two minutes for Speaker Number 2.

18 Speaker Number 3, David Karr (phonetic). Please
19 unmute yourself and tell us which neighborhood you want to
20 speak to.

21 SPEAKER: Hi. I'm David Karr. I'm the chair of
22 the Pacific Palisades Community Council. And I wanted to
23 state that we have formed a committee of our council in
24 Pacific Palisades to deal with this redistricting. We are
25 very closely associated with the Brentwood community. We

1 share the same community plan, and we share a charter
2 school complex of LAUSD Schools, including several
3 elementaries, and Paul Revere Charter Middle School and
4 Palisades Charter High School.

5 We also share an affinity with the Santa Monica
6 Mountains and with other beach cities such as Venice and
7 Del Ray and others associated with the beach. So we are
8 both a beach town and a mountain town in that sense.

9 We -- our current boundaries -- let me just go
10 back. And with Brentwood, we associate socially as well.
11 We shop at the same places, we go to the same places for
12 recreation and for pleasure, and we will are closely tied
13 socially with Brentwood and some of the other beach
14 communities as well.

15 Our current boundaries are the ones we like.
16 We're pretty happy with the boundaries -- current
17 boundaries of CD11. We want to be south of the Santa
18 Monica Mountains -- ridge -- top ridge. We want to be
19 west of the 405 in general. We want to be associated with
20 Venice, Del Rey, and other beach cities, and other West LA
21 cities that are currently associated with the West Side.

22 We do not particularly -- although we love them,
23 and my brother lives there -- we do not particularly want
24 our boundary to jump the Santa Monica mountains and go
25 into the San Fernando Valley. That happened once long

1 ago.

2 And --

3 MR. BATTLES: That's two minutes, Speaker.

4 SPEAKER: Thank you.

5 MR. BATTLES: Thank you caller -- Speaker Number
6 3. Appreciate that.

7 Speaker Number 4, you are identified by your last
8 three numbers of 024. Please press star 6 and unmute
9 yourself and tell us which neighborhood you're speaking
10 about this evening.

11 SPEAKER: Yes. Can you hear me?

12 MR. BATTLES: Yes, loud and clear.

13 SPEAKER: Great. I'm a faggot from CD14 and
14 Kevin de Leon has been doing a very terrible job in
15 cleaning our communities. We have so much programmatic
16 denial of access with all these homeless niggers sleeping
17 on our sidewalks and then camping near -- near our bus
18 stops. That needs to stop. You know why? Because Eric
19 Garcetti failed, and I'm glad that Eric Garcetti is going
20 with dumb-dumb Biden to shove his big brown nose in
21 someone's else bullshit business.

22 And besides, before 1983, I remember I used to go
23 to City Hall. Now that fat crook Macrode (phonetic)
24 doesn't let me go there to participate. Nury Martinez --
25 and she wants to be the mayor? Is she fucking kidding?

1 Who's fucking kidding me, man? You bro. You
2 bro. You guys deny us access to fucking City Hall to go
3 to the museum and see another --

4 MR. BATTLES: 30 seconds.

5 SPEAKER: I know my time, mother fucker. Don't
6 interrupt me. I know my mother fucking time. I'm a black
7 mother fucker from the hood. I know what's up, nigger.
8 I know what's up. Fuck LAPD. Fuck the DA. And better,
9 fuck you. Eric Garcetti you dumb mother fucker, I'm glad
10 you're gone. I'm really glad to see your ass gone. I
11 hope they ship your ass to Guantanamo Bay and throw you in
12 a cell, mother fucker. Fuck Eric Garcetti. Fuck the fat
13 president of the City of Los Angeles. And fuck all those
14 councilmen who deny us the right of access, especially
15 you, Kevin diddly lion. Kevin diddly lion's an asshole.
16 No place like home? Yeah. Fuck you Kevin de Leon.
17 Somebody tell him that for me for the record.

18 And, by the way, stop fucking interrupting the
19 speakers, asshole. (Noise.)

20 You get it? Stop fucking our communities. You
21 don't want them to look better. You want them better for
22 --

23 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 4.

24 Speaker Number 5, Daffodil Tomesky (phonetic).
25 Please unmute yourself and tell us what neighborhood

1 you're speaking about tonight.

2 SPEAKER: Hi there. I'm speaking on behalf of
3 Venice. Currently member of the Venice Planning Committee
4 and will be the incoming vice president.

5 I just wanted to emphasize what some of the other
6 folks said about the need to retain the integrity of the
7 coastline and keeping Venice with its coordinate coastline
8 neighborhoods. There're such unique issues that we face,
9 and there are many city departments that we interface with
10 through CD11 that I think splitting across the coast would
11 become bureaucratically very difficult.

12 For example, you people mentioned coastal before
13 as a state agency, but we have unique issues with respect
14 to Mello, with respect to housing, and -- and just a
15 number of other issues that particularly affect the
16 coastal communities.

17 In terms of impact as well with tourism, that's
18 something that the beach has a pretty unique experience
19 with. And as Jim mentioned earlier, the transportation
20 issues related to that which we expect to be exacerbated
21 over the coming years with the Olympics coming -- and I
22 think will largely impact the West Side. We just feel as
23 a community that we really need to stay together with the
24 Palisades.

25 One last point is that a number of children in

1 Venice actually go to school in the Palisades and in other
2 parts of the CD11. And so to the extent that in any way
3 impacts what the decision is, it would be great to keep
4 that together. A lot of school kids here in Venice do
5 after-school programs and things sponsored by the City
6 over in the Palisades, which are I believe also
7 coordinated in CD11. Thank you.

8 MR. BATTLES: All right. Next speaker is Speaker
9 Number 6. Mike Keely (phonetic).

10 Mike Keely, unmute yourself and tell us what
11 neighborhood you're speaking about tonight.

12 SPEAKER: Good evening. I also -- I live in
13 Marina Peninsula. I've lived in CD11 since 2012. I
14 endorse the prior comments that the current boundaries are
15 pretty good for our community, and we hope they don't get
16 messed up.

17 But those of us who've been around for a while
18 remember the (unintelligible) got moved to the far -- the
19 far corners of another district. And we just know that in
20 the political process, that is a possibility.

21 I thought it might be helpful to share with the
22 group -- with the commissioners this story of
23 redistricting. I'm sure Commissioner Delgadillo remembers
24 this. In 2017, we needed to have a redistricting
25 commission, and state law said you have 15 people elected

1 at large. And we knew that in the City of Los Angeles an
2 at-large election would disempower various -- the
3 minorities that are supposed to be protected under the
4 Voting Rights Act.

5 So we went to federal court. Interestingly, the
6 court held that -- in our favor, and as a result we
7 elected 15 redistricting commission -- I'm sorry. Charter
8 reform commissioners from each of the City Council
9 Districts.

10 But what was interesting is that the Court
11 declined to find there was prejudice against African
12 Americans in Los Angeles because we had elected an African
13 American mayor in the form of Tom Bradley. Since 1997,
14 we've elected a brown mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa. So I
15 wonder -- I just would -- I've heard there is some
16 pressure to create another Latino district. I understand
17 that is a political process. I hope that the commission
18 doesn't get confused by some voting rights malarky.

19 In Los Angeles, we have demonstrated our capacity
20 to elect voters -- mayors of any color. And I hope that
21 will be taken into consideration as you discuss the
22 possibility of creating an additional Latino district.

23 Current boundaries are just fine. Thank you very
24 much.

25 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 6.

1 Speaker Number 7, Tracy Park (phonetic). Please
2 unmute yourself, and let us know which neighborhood you're
3 calling about.

4 SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening. My name is Tracy
5 Park. I'm a resident of Venice and candidate for LA City
6 Council in CD11. The communities that make up CD11 are a
7 contiguous community of interests already. From PCH in
8 the Pacific Palisades all the way down to LAX, our
9 community is connected by one of the most iconic slices of
10 California coastline.

11 The communities of CD11 share an economy driven
12 in large part by tourism and hospitality. Our
13 neighborhoods are uniquely tied together by both geography
14 and history. We also share a lifestyle, culture, public
15 resources, and recreation, regional planning, and other
16 policy concerns. And our Neighborhood Council system
17 works together to serve the interests of the stake holders
18 in our district.

19 We also share a common set of problems and an
20 interest in solving them together. So on behalf of the
21 residents and stake holders of the West Side of
22 Los Angeles, I would respectfully request that the
23 commission respect the common social and economic
24 interests of CD11 and keep our district whole.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Thank you, Speaker Number 7.
2 Speaker Number 8, Robert Tibideaux (phonetic),
3 please unmute yourself and tell us which neighborhood
4 you're speaking about. Robert Tibideaux, go ahead.

5 SPEAKER: Sorry. Took me a second to find the
6 unmute.

7 My name is Robert Tibideaux, and I want to echo
8 the -- so I'm speaking about CD11 like everybody else. I
9 want to agree with the previous speakers that maybe less
10 radical change is good.

11 And I want to put it in a -- I think one of the
12 reasons that you're getting this is because somebody's
13 been passing around maps showing sort of Venice plucked
14 out of CD11 and then put into, you know, the -- the
15 district of Central LA. Which would seem to be a bit of
16 an unusual move given the fact that, sort of, it was -- at
17 least in the maps that have been circulated on the
18 Internet -- that it's taken by itself. And then the rest
19 of CD11 is fairly contiguous the way it is now.

20 Currently, our interests seem to be more shared
21 and complementary -- I'm going to say complementary with
22 the other coastal communities, whereas Venice is probably
23 the most artistic and, you know -- has a little bit more
24 entertainment and art driven than some of our coastal
25 neighbors, no offense. I think it works very well with

1 the surrounding communities as is, and sort of a radical
2 change would -- would maybe be unwarranted. Got a lot of
3 friends there. But, you know, this is the coast and let's
4 keep it together.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. BATTLES: All right. Thank you very much,
7 Speaker Number 8.

8 Speaker Number 9, Marsha Hanscomb (phonetic),
9 please unmute yourself and tell us what neighborhood
10 you're speaking of.

11 SPEAKER: Thank you, Honorable Commissioners.
12 Marsha Hanscomb. I'm speaking from the Playa del Rey
13 portion of the Los Angeles coast.

14 I thought it was interesting earlier someone
15 spoke about adding San Pedro onto the coastal areas of
16 Los Angeles, which it is part of our coast. But no one is
17 -- we've sort of forgotten Wilmington. And, in fact,
18 Wilmington is always forgotten. That's a big
19 environmental justice issue.

20 So I'm going to suggest that I think it's better
21 if we maybe go back to having three different parts of
22 areas in the coast like we had before -- before Sandy
23 Miskowski (phonetic) was our council member, where the
24 Palisades and Brentwood maybe might go eastward and maybe
25 Venice and Playa del Rey -- because we do share lagoons

1 and wetlands that were part of the historic Ballona
2 Wetlands.

3 But also going inland, I think someone from the
4 Palisades said Del Rey several times about the coast.
5 Well, Del Rey isn't on the coast. Playa del Rey is, but
6 Del Rey is very important if we go upstream -- up the
7 creek, it's part of the water shed. And maybe we want to
8 think about being part of the water shed, having our water
9 shed be what -- what tells us who we are.

10 Maybe past Culver City -- which obviously isn't
11 in the City of LA, continuing up toward the mountains.
12 Maybe even to Laurel Canyon. I'm not sure where the --
13 where the numbers of the population would go. But we do
14 have a pretty big water shed, and that has been helpful to
15 us because our neighborhood council doesn't even have an
16 environmental committee. Yet if we go eastward a little
17 bit to Del Rey, we're able to get people who understand we
18 have an important environmental issue here on the coast.

19 So that's my thinking is maybe consider the water
20 shed.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 9.

23 Speaker Number 10, David Ewing (phonetic), please
24 unmute yourself and tell us what you neighborhood you're
25 speaking about tonight.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. Hi. This is David Ewing. Hold
2 on. I have to shut off my phone. I'm going to -- can you
3 hear me?

4 MR. BATTLES: Loud and clear.

5 SPEAKER: Okay. Great.

6 Yes. I'm calling about Venice. A couple of
7 things. I have to question the logic of some of the
8 previous callers about keeping all of the coastal zones in
9 one district. That means fewer voices in City Council and
10 fewer council offices with any knowledge of Coastal Act
11 and coastal issues.

12 I -- I'm not saying that I'm against it, but I
13 think that has to be taken into account, because the
14 problem that we always have in City Council is most of the
15 council members don't really know much about coastal
16 issues and don't really care. And it's tough to get
17 anything through City Council regarding coastal issues.
18 Or the Mello Act, for instance, which is language from the
19 City Council.

20 I want to ask you how can you -- this is a
21 separate question. How can you demonstrate that this
22 project isn't rigged like the one was with
23 (unintelligible). Is there anything that you can do to
24 clear the air on that? Because that was not a good
25 experience.

1 And, also, I would ask that no matter what -- how
2 you do this, please avoid really extreme gerrymandering
3 stretching districts out to join, you know, disparate
4 places that don't really have much to do with each other
5 geographically.

6 That's all. Thank you very much for taking my
7 comments.

8 MR. BATTLES: No problem. Thank you so much for
9 our first set of speakers.

10 We're going to take a quick pause and just remind
11 members of the public who may have joined our meeting a
12 little late, if you would like to give public comment and
13 you're in the Zoom -- using the Zoom app, you can raise
14 your hand and we will put you in line for public comment.

15 If you are calling in over the phone, please dial
16 Phone Number 1-669-254-5252. 1-669-254-5252 and use
17 Meeting ID Number 1615454787. Once again, Meeting ID
18 Number 1615454787. Press pound and press pound again when
19 prompted for your participant ID. Please press star 9 to
20 request to speak.

21 Moving on to our next caller, is speaker Number
22 11. Lisa Redmond (phonetic), please unmute yourself and
23 tell us what neighborhood you're speaking about.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah. Hi. Good evening. I am -- I'm
25 a resident of Venice, but I'm going to speak in general

1 about the redistricting for all of CD11.

2 On one hand, it completely makes sense to keep
3 all the coastal areas together, because we do have unique
4 needs with traffic patterns and the Coastal Commission.
5 And as Mr. Ewing suggested, you know, Mello -- all of
6 that. And each neighborhood, based on geography, does
7 have their own unique specifications and needs and
8 uniqueness like the Valley is very different than the
9 coast.

10 But on the other hand, I would say that our
11 greatest resource is our residents and the people that
12 make up the City of Los Angeles. And by keeping
13 everything together just in coast -- in this coastal area,
14 we have -- right now, it is a very homogenized, white,
15 nondiversified residency. And we need diversity to
16 represent all voices and all incomes and all colors.

17 And I would, you know, consider and ask you as a
18 redistricting committee and commission -- because you're
19 much smarter at this than me, what about taking, like, pie
20 wedges and going from the coast eastward so that everyone
21 gets a little bit of the coast. But we can also pick up
22 some lower income areas, some areas of color; so we do
23 have diversity and greater representation of voices other
24 than just what we have right now along the coast of
25 nondiversity.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Speaker Number
3 11.

4 Our next speaker -- bear with me. It's an e-mail
5 address. It's Llux@vchcorp.org.

6 Please unmute yourself and tell us what
7 neighborhood you're speaking about.

8 SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. My
9 name is Linda Luxe (phonetic) and I'm speaking as an
10 individual, though I work with Venice Community Housing.

11 I kind of like what Lisa just said about the lack
12 of diversity in coastal area. We do have the Coastal
13 Commission, which is very committed to social justice,
14 guaranteeing access to all, even when communities don't
15 particularly approve projects that require economic
16 diversity and low income housing.

17 Years ago when Delandres (phonetic) was a council
18 member, we included the areas of Ladera Heights, Baldwin
19 Hills, Leimert Park -- and -- which brought the district
20 much more diversity than it has now. I mean, I like the
21 fact the coastal areas are together, but I like David
22 Ewing's remarks that the rest of the city doesn't know of
23 the coastal issues; so I think mixing it up is not a bad
24 idea for a lot of reasons relating to social justice and
25 equity and to keeping the district not all overwhelmingly

1 white with very little diversity.

2 It's not good for our City and it's not good for
3 us. So I like the ideas of San Pedro and Wilmington,
4 which are more diverse communities. But I think I'd like
5 going eastward to make the district more diverse.

6 Thank you so much.

7 MR. BATTLES: You're welcome.

8 Our next speaker is Helen Fowling (phonetic),
9 Speaker Number 13. Helen Fowling, please unmute yourself
10 and tell us which community you're speaking about this
11 evening.

12 SPEAKER: Yes. Hi. I'm Helen Fowling. I'm
13 speaking as a Venice resident and also someone who
14 frequents both the Mar Vista and Westchester areas on a
15 regular basis.

16 I want to mention that my children did attend
17 high schools in Brentwood and Westchester and Pacific
18 Palisades, and that comment was made earlier by the
19 speaker that many kids in the area in CD11 are going to
20 schools in various areas; so it would be nice to keep that
21 together.

22 I agree with a lot of the previous speakers, and
23 I want to emphasize that much of CD11 is a largely
24 residential almost suburb of Los Angeles. Forget about
25 that. We have a lot of residential areas in CD11. That

1 would be nice to preserve that. We don't have big -- we
2 don't have that many big commercial areas. Santa Monica
3 has got its big downtown. Venice has, like, little
4 commercial corridors -- streets that have commerce on it.
5 Not big shopping centers, et cetera.

6 And I -- I think the current boundaries work just
7 fine. I think it's -- it makes sense to keep the area
8 together geographically. And I hope that you aren't going
9 to try and do some social engineering that creates a
10 district that has little pieces here and there just to
11 make it look like it, you know, is diverse, because the
12 district is diverse. And I speak as a long-term resident.

13 And it's the diversity of Venice that attracted
14 me. And when I moved in, I was a young -- young person
15 buying my first home, and I stayed there. And there's a
16 lot of us who aren't rich and wealthy. And just because
17 we're white, that doesn't translate to we're super rich.
18 So please don't destroy the boundaries by trying to do
19 social engineering.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 13.

22 Speaker Number 14 Trisha Grace (phonetic).

23 Please unmute yourself and tell us which neighborhood
24 you're speaking about.

25 SPEAKER: Hi. Any name is Patricia. I'm talking

1 about Playa del Rey and Playa Vista.

2 I was looking in the LA City website last week.
3 And I found that there -- there is a few maps that show
4 that Playa Vista is shown to be area D and B that goes
5 down to -- to the beach instead of, say, Playa del Rey,
6 Playa Vista has now traveled all the way west in one of
7 your -- it says "Pacific planned areas." I was since
8 taught that Playa del Rey will be losing the area.

9 I really have -- I'm a little bit concerned. I
10 don't understand, but I do see it in your paperwork when I
11 go to the Los Angeles City website. And I want to try to
12 bring everybody's attention to that, that it looks like
13 the Bollona Creek and all the business areas down in Playa
14 del Rey will be transferred to Playa Vista if someone gets
15 their way.

16 I'm done.

17 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Speaker.

18 Our next speaker, Speaker Number 15, is labeled
19 as "Bonin Sucks". Speaker Number 15, please identify -- I
20 mean, unmute yourself and tell us which community you're
21 speaking for.

22 SPEAKER: That's right. Oh, you mother fucker.
23 Colored from Marina del Rey.

24 MR. BATTLES: Can you turn down your device, sir?
25 There's an echo.

1 SPEAKER: What's that, mother fucker? Yeah. Is
2 that better?

3 So now, we're giving you in Venice your option.
4 You must free my brothers and sisters of Venice and let
5 them vote on whether to leave the City of Los Angeles once
6 and for all, and join Janice Hahn in the Supervisor
7 District 4 -- district, rather than LA City under the
8 thumb of drug addict, alcoholic, homo, idiot Mike Bonin.

9 Look at the beach. Who is cleaning the beach?
10 The LA County Sheriffs. Who caused it to happen? The LA
11 County Sheriff. Who was stopping the cleanup?
12 Mike Bonin. Who was dropped on his head as a baby?
13 Mike Bonin.

14 So let us get away from Bonin and we sure as hell
15 don't want CD8. Because if you join CD8 you're going to
16 be getting the worst thing that happened. Marqueece
17 sleazy, wheezy, 2.0 Marqueece Harris Dawson. And you
18 don't want him as your prime minister.

19 Now, so give Venice a vote. Should it leave the
20 City of LA? Please don't redistrict it into anything LA
21 City. Let them vote on emancipation. It was stolen
22 before by the City by annexation. Free my brothers and
23 sisters and let's get Venice --

24 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 16 -- 15.

25 Speaker Number 16, Kathleen Flannigan (phonetic).

1 Please unmute yourself and tell us what neighborhood
2 you're speaking about tonight.

3 SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you.

4 I am the president of Brentwood Homeowners
5 Association. We are one of 13 HOA's in Brentwood. We are
6 a very active community along with our neighbors. And I'd
7 like to point out two major concerns.

8 And one is the connection we all have from PCH on
9 Sepulveda past the 405. And the concern there is traffic.
10 It's been labeled the worst in the city. On any given
11 day, it can take an hour to go less than a mile.

12 And the other concern is many of the community
13 members are in the hills, and we're in a very severe high
14 fire zone. We have been working together for decades now
15 with the communities in CD5 affected by fire to coordinate
16 with fire department, neighbors, et cetera.

17 I hope you will keep that in mind as you look at
18 the redistricting, and perhaps include east of the 405
19 because I know there have been fires there in the last
20 three years in the hills.

21 My last comment is you said that this decision is
22 data driven, and 50 percent of it depends on the
23 population split, ideally about 2 million. I don't see
24 how we can finalize anything before that data is in your
25 hands. And I hope you will consider that even before you

1 do a draft. Those numbers are important.

2 Thank you very much. And we will be submitting
3 written comments.

4 COMMISSIONER ALI: Rob, if I can interrupt just
5 for a minute. I just want to remind members of the public
6 and commissioners of something that was noted by the City
7 Attorney at the start of tonight's hearing, that
8 unfortunately some members of the public will choose to
9 use modes of expression that are offensive and vulgar,
10 using racial epithets.

11 I know it's very distressing for our
12 commissioners to have to hear this in a public hearing
13 setting. And I can only imagine members of the public
14 feel the same way tonight.

15 But unfortunately, some of that content, as has
16 been pointed out, is First Amendment protected, and
17 there's little we can do but listen to it. You do have an
18 option, however, when this does occur, to turn down the
19 volumes if you do not want to hear this kind of language.
20 So, again, I apologize to the -- for that. There's little
21 we can do. And we can now go on with the hearing.

22 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Chair.

23 Our next speaker, Speaker Number 17, is phone
24 caller ending in 006.

25 Please press star 6 to unmute yourself, and you

1 have two minutes. And tell us which community you're
2 speaking about.

3 SPEAKER: Thank you. Brentwood.

4 (Noise.)

5 Hey, it's me. I order all of you take us outside
6 of the 11 CD in place of the 5th CD, because Mike Bonin is
7 going to prison.

8 (Noise.)

9 And I do not trust him. CD5 is getting a new
10 representative. And it's going to be a good person.
11 Unlike Mike Bonin, who goes and destroys communities so
12 you have to stamp all over the drug needles just to catch
13 the Dash bus to go from the Culver City to the beach.

14 (Noise.)

15 We want to go for my friends from Brentwood down
16 to the ocean and walk in the sand free of tents, free of
17 drug dealers, and free of beggars, car jackers, rapists on
18 parole, and other miscellaneous shoplifters, to go to buy
19 something to eat, sit on the beach, and enjoy our fear.

20 (Noise.)

21 That is why CD5 will allow us to do that. And we
22 all chose to support the annexation, if I may call it
23 that, of Brentwood to CD5. Meanwhile, all of you in
24 Venice, Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista will have
25 to stay in CD11 and wait for the recall of the maniac,

1 lunatic, third-world criminal, Mike Louis Bonin, Jr., who
2 doesn't even live in Venice. He lives in Pacific
3 Palisades. He moved away from you.

4 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Caller 17. Your time
5 has expired.

6 Our next speaker, Speaker 18, is Ryan Anderson
7 (phonetic). Please unmute yourself and tell us which
8 neighborhood you're speaking about.

9 SPEAKER: Hi there. I'm calling in from Venice.
10 In particular, the Oakwood neighborhood.

11 I would like to recommend to the commission that
12 they consider placing Venice in either its own district or
13 in some way increasing political power of Venice within
14 the City Council. As another caller suggested, if coastal
15 concerns predominate the commission's desire to redistrict
16 the City's council boundaries, then, you know, there's no
17 benefit to having thing united under one City Council
18 Member.

19 In fact, our representation could be enhanced by
20 having more than one. A lot of exposure to coastal
21 concerns. And I think that is an admirable goal. We
22 should pursue that.

23 Venice, in particular, feels like the junior
24 partner in CD11. You know, even in emergency situations
25 that occurs with regards to homelessness and the housing

1 crisis or to increasing in crime recently, it takes, you
2 know, basically crisis level situations before we get
3 intervention, be that from the City or County, as we all
4 know most recently.

5 I'd really like to see greater advocacy for
6 Venice. In particular, not only to, you know, save us and
7 make our streets safe, but also to make our streets nicer
8 whether that be through increased trash services, greater
9 amount of public transit -- in which regard, we're
10 basically an afterthought -- or anything else that might
11 be appropriate.

12 You know, CD11 is a very large area and I'm sort
13 of surprised when I drive all the way to Westchester and
14 see that Council Member Bonin still has an office out
15 there. I feel that my needs are not really contiguous or
16 similar to communities further outlying like that.

17 Naturally, we're probably closest fits with Santa
18 Monica, and then certainly Marina del Rey. But the
19 boundaries of the City of LA being what they are, some of
20 that co-representation isn't as possible.

21 So in the end, I'd like to just advocate for
22 greater representation of Venice on the council, and
23 whatever best solution comes through -- breaking it out
24 into its own district or whatever solution commissioners
25 might find appropriate, that's the policy goal I'd like to

1 see for it regardless. Thank you.

2 MR. BATTLES: Speaker Number 19, Diane Share
3 (phonetic). Please unmute yourself and tell us what
4 neighborhood you're speaking about this evening.

5 SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a speaker -- I live in
6 Westchester, and I'm speaking about the neighborhood
7 surrounding LAX airport which has a growing noise problem.
8 And I'm advocating to keep Westchester as whole. And I'd
9 expand that to say Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa
10 Vista should be kept as whole and not divided into
11 separate neighborhood -- City Council districts.

12 If it -- if there is any division of the
13 neighborhood surrounding the airport, that will unfairly
14 advantage that area to expand exponentially.

15 And then I also wanted to say that Westchester is
16 a very diverse area. So yeah. My main point is -- is to
17 keep the community whole.

18 And that's all I have to say. Thank you very
19 much.

20 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker Number 19.

21 Speaker Number 20, Eileen Bryant Arichibald
22 (phonetic), please unmute yourself and tell us what
23 communities you want to speak about.

24 SPEAKER: Thank you for the time to speak.
25 Speaking specific to Venice area and considering South

1 Bay.

2 I'm a third-generation indigenous Angeleno, a
3 stakeholder in Venice and the South Bay. My support is
4 with everything that Lisa Redmond and Linda Luxe said.

5 In addition, I would like us to seriously
6 consider for social equity over racism, inclusion of
7 everything, that the socioeconomic status be considered,
8 including all coastal areas from Venice to the South Bay
9 through to the Centinela/Palms area. And then to suggest
10 that we go further east to include Ladera Heights or the
11 -- going as far as either La Brea or La Cienega area.
12 Then we're going to get a greater representation of the
13 human beings and the needs in this area with -- along with
14 the Coastal Commission's goals, because all the residents
15 in those areas -- at least the ones I know -- utilize our
16 beaches both in Venice and the South Bay going all the way
17 to San Pedro.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Speaker Number 21. Barry
21 Casilly (phonetic). Barry Casilly, please unmute yourself
22 and tell us which neighborhood you're speaking about.

23 Barry, can you hear us?

24 SPEAKER: Yes. Can you hear me?

25 MR. BATTLES: Loud and clear.

1 SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

2 Hi. I'm calling in from Venice. And I just
3 wanted to say that I think it's a real fallacy to expect
4 that splitting up the coastal neighborhoods with
5 neighborhoods that are more inland is going to increase
6 the City Council's attention to coastal concerns. I think
7 it's going to dilute that.

8 And while I think it makes sense to go somewhat
9 east, maybe to Ladera Heights from the coastal area, I
10 think even further inland is actually patently absurd.

11 You start -- it has nothing to do with
12 socio-economics. It has to do with the ways communities
13 function. And you get further inland, there's no daily
14 connection to the coast.

15 And so I think that it's ill serving all
16 communities if you extend the boundary way inland from the
17 coast or if you skip over neighborhoods and do a sort of
18 republican-style gerrymandering to include neighborhoods
19 much further east with neighborhoods that are west.

20 I think that gesture really raises serious
21 questions about the integrity and the intentions of the
22 redistricting.

23 That's all I have to say. Thank you.

24 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Speaker 21.

25 Speaker 22, Julie Ross (phonetic), please unmute

1 yourself and tell us which neighborhood you're going to
2 speak about tonight.

3 SPEAKER: Hi. I'm speaking about Westchester,
4 Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista. I'm Julie Ross. I'm the
5 chair of the Planning and Landings Committee for the
6 Westchester Playa neighborhood council, which encompasses
7 Playa Vista, parts of Ladera, Playa Del Rey, Westchester,
8 the Los Angeles International Airport, the Bollona
9 Wetlands, and two universities -- Otis College of Design
10 and Loyola Marymount.

11 I'm speaking on behalf of myself. This community
12 Westchester has always been part of Playa del Rey and
13 Playa Del Rey has always been a coastal community. And to
14 divide up the coastal communities is a very bad idea.
15 There is little enough knowledge of coastal -- of the
16 Coastal Act and coastal precedence and coastal law and
17 coastal rules in CD11 as it is.

18 To segment out Playa Del Rey or any other part of
19 Westchester from what are our beaches and our community is
20 basically not a good idea. The coastal communities need
21 to stay together because we have to have that to protect
22 your coast.

23 Whether you understand it or not, our coasts are
24 at risk. They're always at risk. And Westchester is a
25 part of our community. And Playa Vista is now part of our

1 community, and they must remain in our district.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. BATTLES: All right. Thank you, Speaker
4 Number 22.

5 Speaker Number 23, Gulf Puppet, please unmute
6 yourself.

7 Hello, Gulf Puppet? Go ahead. Puppet, you have
8 two minutes. Please unmute and tell us what neighborhood
9 you're speaking on.

10 SPEAKER: (Noise.)

11 COMMISSIONER ALI: Speaker, this is the warning
12 to get on topic, please.

13 SPEAKER: All right. I can't hear. (Noise.)

14 MR. TRIVEDI: Chair, the speaker is not on topic.

15 COMMISSIONER ALI: Okay. You've been warned.
16 Please move on to the next speaker.

17 MR. BATTLES: Next speaker, Speaker Number 24.
18 Stacy Shur (phonetic), please unmute yourself and tell us
19 what community you're speaking about this evening.

20 SPEAKER: Thank you. Most people in the
21 community know me as a member of the -- former member of
22 the Mar Vista Community Council. But I am speaking as a
23 landowner in 90045. It is not even showing on your map as
24 part of CD11. It is a part of Westchester that is east of
25 the 405 bounded by La Cienega on the east. It's a little

1 triangle right below Ladera Heights.

2 Our son, at his behalf -- he is a resident of
3 that area. I just wanted that little triangle that you
4 just passed over -- right there. That area is both an
5 equal mix of R-1 as well as multifamily. My son is an
6 owner and resident of a multifamily property there. It is
7 diverse and it is the forgotten corner of CD11.

8 All I would like to state is that it includes
9 many people of lower income. It is an essential part of
10 CD11 but it has been forgotten. I have no recommendation
11 for you other than the request from the tenants of his
12 condominium association --

13 MR. BATTLES: Thank you. Thank you, Speaker 24.

14 Our next speaker, Speaker 25, phone number ending
15 in 246. Please press star 6 to unmute yourself and tell
16 us which neighborhood you are speaking to.

17 Caller ending in number 246?

18 SPEAKER: My son has just gotten nervous and
19 asked me to finish up for his -- on his behalf.

20 For that triangle that's been forgotten, we would
21 just request that any redistricting provides
22 representation for that area that at the moment doesn't
23 have much representation. It's very inclusive. It's an
24 important part of CD11. And please be mindful that that
25 community is not being represented by either CD11 or

1 another CD district and their needs.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MR. BATTLES: All right.

4 Chair Ali, we currently do not have anyone in the
5 queue for public comment.

6 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Rob.

7 MR. BATTLES: Okay. So let's give the public a
8 chance --

9 COMMISSIONER ALI: Exactly.

10 MR. BATTLES: We just had a couple hands go up.
11 So let's give -- Sue Kaplan (phonetic). Sue Kaplan, we're
12 going to give you permission to speak and introduce
13 yourself, unmute yourself, and tell us which neighborhood
14 you're speaking of.

15 SPEAKER: Hi. This is Sue Kaplan, and I'm
16 calling to speak about Venice. And if you look at a map
17 of CD11, you see a wide swath of the City of LA comprising
18 of many different neighborhoods, all having different
19 concerns and needs, and all competing for attention.

20 It would be difficult in any means for any
21 Councilman to manage this district as defined. Venice is
22 recognized as a special coastal community by the Coastal
23 Act. It is a means of protecting diversity of all kinds.
24 All coastal communities are at a disadvantage to get the
25 City Council to understand and make correct decisions

1 under the land-use plan regulations in effect.

2 I don't know the answer about this, but I think
3 breaking up CD11, whether by making the coastal zone a
4 separate district or by another means, should be
5 considered. And I think it would solve the problem of
6 representation for all.

7 Thank you.

8 R. BATTLES: Commissioner Chair Ali, we have no
9 one in line to make comments.

10 COMMISSIONER ALI: Okay. So thank you, Rob,
11 very, very much.

12 And with that, we'll bring an end to public
13 comment on -- public comment.

14 So, again, thank you, Rob, for your work in
15 facilitating discussion. And I also want to especially
16 thank members of the public who turned out for tonight's
17 hearing. You -- your involvement in this process is very,
18 very much appreciated.

19 I have just a few reflections on what I heard
20 tonight. This is something I like to do after each
21 hearing, recognizing that I -- if I missed something that
22 you thought was important, I apologize.

23 But some things that came to mind for me, we
24 heard a significant number of residents today talk about
25 the common social, cultural, and economic interests that

1 you feel in CD11 is an argument for keeping the district
2 together.

3 On the other hand, we heard others suggestions
4 for changing this district's boundaries, for example, in
5 order to add more diversity.

6 So that's the kind of testimony we hear and we
7 will all clearly take into consideration when we get to
8 the map-drawing, trying to balance all of these various
9 interests. Clearly, we had a lot of discussion today
10 about the importance of coastal interests given -- given
11 the geographic areas served by CD11. Some people
12 recommended the possibility of one coastal district,
13 others, of course, thought that that idea would need more
14 attention. Again, really appreciative of that kind of
15 testimony. And, again, our job is to try and balance all
16 -- all these efforts.

17 I also heard early on a couple -- a couple
18 members mention that their -- their organizations had
19 formed redistricting committees to stay involved in this
20 process. And I just want to point out that we really, as
21 a commission welcome that kind of involvement; so I was --
22 I was very interested to hear that as well.

23 And -- and finally, one of the commission members
24 -- one of the members of the public asked a rather
25 provocative question about how can we demonstrate that

1 this process is not rigged. And I appreciate that
2 question. And I just want to say that, once again, this
3 is a commission that is really dedicated to providing as
4 much transparency as possible and to really managing this
5 commission in an open transparent process.

6 And so we do that, for example, with regular
7 disclosure of ex parte communications by -- by providing
8 as much information as we can about the process we're
9 engaged in. But if you see other ways we can make this
10 more open and transparent, please let us know.

11 And as you see on the screen, you can submit
12 public comments -- there is information on the screen that
13 shows you how to do that. And we welcome those comments.
14 Public comments are really important to us as well as the
15 public testimony we see at these hearings.

16 You'll also be receiving in the -- a feedback
17 sheet, and we also welcome your feedback on -- on the work
18 of the commission. It makes us stronger as -- as we move
19 forward.

20 So all the information we heard today and all the
21 information we received through written public comments
22 will be put into a database for purposes of the line
23 drawing we will do later -- later in the summer. While we
24 can't promise so satisfy everyone's interests through this
25 process, we're going to do our best to use both the

1 Community of Interest testimony as well as the Census data
2 and other data we receive to draw lines as fairly as -- as
3 we possible can.

4 As was mentioned earlier, in August, Census data
5 will be released by the federal government. And that will
6 be used, obviously, to contribute to the drawing of the
7 maps. In late September, the commission will release
8 draft maps to the public. And we -- we do this in draft
9 form because, once again, we welcome your input on those
10 maps, and we will have -- we will hold four public
11 hearings so people have -- have an opportunity to respond
12 to the maps that -- that -- that we will put out in draft
13 form.

14 I also want to make a point that to we recognize
15 -- the commission recognizes that there are some maps
16 circulating in the community. And the point I want to
17 make is that none of these maps have been released by this
18 commission since, as I just mentioned, that will come
19 later in the process. Those are not maps that you might
20 see circulating in those communities -- those are not maps
21 that have come from -- from this community.

22 So once the map -- once we have held public
23 hearings on -- on the draft maps, we will finalize those
24 maps and we will forward them to the City Council, and
25 then on to the mayor for a final disposition.

1 So that is, again, how the process works. We
2 welcome you to stay engaged in this process. We want you
3 to stay engaged in this process. Please keep looking at
4 our website for updates and other engagement
5 opportunities. Coming up, we have a public hearing of --
6 with CD3 -- Council District 3 on Thursday, July 15, at
7 6:00 p.m. Another one for Council District 2 on
8 Wednesday, July 21st, at 6:00 p.m. We have another
9 hearing on Thursday July 29th for CD13 at 6:00 p.m. And
10 then another hearing on July 31st at 10:00 a.m. for
11 Council District 6. And the other hearings that are
12 scheduled can be found -- the dates and times can be found
13 on our website.

14 So I want to thank members of the public for your
15 involvement today. Again, this is what democracy is all
16 about. I want to thank the commissioners for their time
17 and their commitment to this process. And, again, I want
18 to thank the staff of the redistricting commission that
19 did such a tremendous amount of work in facilitating these
20 meetings and facilitating our process. And I want to also
21 thank all the members of the City Attorney's office that
22 were present -- present with us tonight.

23 Following tonight's meeting, you will receive a
24 feedback via e-mail if you registered on the Web. And we,
25 again, urge you to fill out that feedback form. That's

1 how we continue to improve our process.

2 So, again, thank you tonight for your
3 participation. And before I close, I want to once again
4 ask the commissioners if there are any ex parte
5 communications that need to be disclosed. And, again,
6 those would be communications that occurred during
7 tonight's meeting.

8 So hearing -- seeing none, do I have a motion to
9 conclude this meeting?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER ALI: And do we have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER KATZ: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER ALI: Second. All those signify by
14 saying aye.

15 COMMISSIONER ALI: So, again, thank you. This
16 meeting has come to an end. Thank you very, very much.

17 (At 7:32 p.m. the meeting was concluded.)

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