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FIRST EIGHT COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING

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Isra Ahmad (Remote attendance)

Neal Fornaciari

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Antonio Le Mons (Remote attendance)

Sara Sadhwani (Remote attendance)

Derric H. Taylor (Remote attendance)

STAFF:

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Shauna Pellman, Secretary (Remote attendance)

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Jim Glover, Resident of Eureka, California

Kimberly Coles, Professor

Rob Quan, Unrig LA

Byrd Lochtie, Northern California Resident

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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:31 a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Secretary, please call roll.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Present.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?

VICE CHAIR TURNER: Here.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Oh, just for the public who's also coming in, at the time we have two Commissioners in the room in Sacramento, with our counsel, myself, and Commissioner Fornaciari, as well as the IT people. And our remaining six, six of our first eight

1 Commissioners are on the Zoom call.

2           So, if Commissioner Fornaciari and myself look  
3 side to side, it's because the screen that we see everyone  
4 else on is to our right.

5           Now, with that I'd like to move to Item Number 2  
6 on the agenda.

7           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair? Just to note we have a  
8 quorum.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes, I'm sorry. Yes, we  
10 have a quorum.

11           And so, Number 2 on the agenda is approval of the  
12 minutes. And so, now, I'm going to turn to counsel.

13           MS. SAXTON: We just need a motion to approve the  
14 minutes.

15           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: The Chair recognizes  
17 Commissioner Kennedy.

18           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. There is an  
19 error. Under the attendance on July 23rd, I'm listed as  
20 participating by Zoom and Commissioner Turner is listed as  
21 participating in person. Those are backwards.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: So noted. Can we amend the  
23 minutes?

24           MS. SAXTON: That change will be made.

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any other

1 corrections to the minutes? Seeing no corrections, the  
2 minutes are approved. Actually --

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, we need a motion,  
4 right.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, sorry. Sorry. Seeing that  
6 there are no other corrections, do I have a motion to  
7 approve the minutes?

8 VICE CHAIR TURNER: I move that motion.

9 MS. SAXTON: As amended.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As amended

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: As amended.

12 MS. SAXTON: As amended.

13 VICE CHAIR TURNER: I move that the minutes are  
14 accepted as amended.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Seconded.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We have a motion by  
17 Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner --

18 MS. PELLMAN: I'm sorry, who seconded?

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Le Mons.

20 MS. PELLMAN: Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Having the approval of the  
22 minutes, we shall move on to Item Number 3 on the agenda,  
23 of the announcements, which will go to -- I'm again looking  
24 to counsel.

25 MS. SAXTON: You need to vote for the approval of

1 the minutes' motion.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Sorry, yeah.

3 MS. SAXTON: It's okay.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: You'll have to bear with me I  
5 lost my brother over the weekend.

6 MS. SAXTON: Would you like the secretary to call  
7 the roll for the approval of the minutes, Chair?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please. Thank you.

9 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Ahmad?

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Aye.

11 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Aye.

13 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Aye.

15 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Aye.

17 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Aye.

19 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Aye.

21 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aye.

23 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?

24 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Aye.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The ayes have it. So, the

1 minutes are approved.

2 MS. SAXTON: As amended, Chair.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: As amended. I'm sorry, as  
4 amended.

5 So, moving on to Item Number 3 on the agenda,  
6 time for announcements.

7 MS. SAXTON: I do not believe there are any  
8 general announcements at this time.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Seeing no indication from any of  
10 the other Commissioners, we'll move on to Item Number 4 on  
11 the agenda, which is report of counsel. I'll turn it over  
12 to Ms. Saxton.

13 MS. SAXTON: Thank you. Good morning and welcome  
14 to the second meeting of the first eight Commissioners for  
15 the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. Now, that  
16 you've received the required training in your first  
17 meeting, the purpose of this meeting is for you to select  
18 the final six Commissioners for the Citizens Redistricting  
19 Commission. At this time, this is your sole duty. And as  
20 you're aware, the first eight have no authority to take any  
21 other action regarding the redistricting process until  
22 you've adopted the final slate of six Commissioners.

23 By law, selection must be completed on or before  
24 Saturday, August 15, 2020. We've set your agenda to  
25 provide you with the maximum amount of flexibility to use

1 this time. If you find you must use the entire amount of  
2 time for selection, you have the next 12 days. Or, if  
3 you're able to complete the selection process in a much  
4 shorter period of time, you may do so.

5           You may have noticed Agenda Item Number 6, the  
6 introduction to temporary Commission staff. And we're  
7 happy to announce that we've made arrangements to introduce  
8 you to two of your temporary 2020 Commission staff members  
9 during this meeting, including Raul Villanueva, who will  
10 serve as your temporary administrator, and Marian Johnston  
11 who will serve as temporary counsel until the Commission's  
12 able to hire permanent staff and counsel of its choosing.

13           Mr. Villanueva and Ms. Johnston are both retired  
14 annuitants with the state who worked with the 2010  
15 Commission and are preparing to provide you with brief  
16 introductions and information relating to your transition  
17 to a full operation. They're available to participate on  
18 Friday, August 7th.

19           Breaks. Breaks during the meetings, as you know,  
20 must be taken every 90 minutes for the benefit of our  
21 interpreters and others. So, please be mindful of their  
22 need for regular breaks and know that we will remind you as  
23 needed. This puts our first required 90-minute break at  
24 11:00 o'clock. Additional breaks and time to stand down  
25 may of course be taken at the pleasure of the first eight

1 Commissioners.

2           Public comment. As you know, the Bagley-Keene  
3 Open Meeting Act requires that the public be given an  
4 opportunity to comment before or during the first eight  
5 Commissioners' discussion or consideration of an agenda  
6 item. You may, of course, invite additional discretionary  
7 public comment as deemed appropriate during the selection  
8 proceedings.

9           You may want to consider in advance whether there  
10 are any specific points in the selection process when you  
11 will regularly want to take discretionary public comment.  
12 For instance, when certain milestones are reached when  
13 building a slate of six. If there are, I can help remind  
14 when it's time to take that break so we can ensure  
15 consistency.

16           In addition to any specific public comment  
17 periods the first eight may wish to establish, if it seems  
18 appropriate I will interject to ask if the first eight  
19 might like to take public comment. Unless public comment's  
20 required, which I will so state, my query is intended  
21 simply as a suggestion for consideration.

22           Prior to taking public comment I'll read the  
23 instructions for those members of the public who wish to  
24 participate. I note that the two-minute time limit for  
25 each speaker is in place based on the instructions for the

1 public comment period during the last meeting. Unless the  
2 first eight Commissioners instruct otherwise, again the  
3 two-minute time limit continues in place. Time starts  
4 after the speaker states and spells his or her name. And  
5 as you know, and for the public, the speaker does not have  
6 to provide their real name.

7           As a courtesy for the speaker, the Chair and the  
8 first eight Commissioners, staff will provide a time check  
9 when 15 seconds remain on the speaker's allotted time. And  
10 staff will announce time when two minutes are up.

11           So, I'm going to move to the legal criteria for  
12 selection. And since you've all received training on the  
13 legal criteria that applies to the selection of the next  
14 six Commissioners under the Voters FIRST Act, and the  
15 implementing regulations, I will just briefly go over it  
16 again here.

17           Selection of the final six Commissioners requires  
18 you to balance three considerations. First, selections are  
19 to be made to ensure that the final full Commission  
20 reflects the state's diversity. Diversity is defined in  
21 the law as racial, ethnic, geographic, economic, and gender  
22 characteristics of the population of California.

23           However, what the law does not intend is for the  
24 first eight to apply formulas or specific ratios in order  
25 to achieve this. So, for instance, it would be improper to

1 design or modify a slate of six applicants for  
2 consideration by using formulas or specific ratios. Again,  
3 it's an emphasis on balance.

4 Building slates. During the meeting our staff  
5 will provide the administrative support necessary for you  
6 to build, track and vote on the slates of six. These tasks  
7 must be done accurately and completely. There is little to  
8 no room for error when recording the names on that slate.

9 On top of this, most of you are appearing  
10 remotely. And despite the amazing technology we have, it's  
11 not the same as if you were here in person.

12 Because of this and for those listening and  
13 watching throughout the state, and for each other I ask  
14 that each of you speak slowly, and clearly, and try to  
15 avoid speaking over the top of each other.

16 You may also find that even if you name or number  
17 your slates for convenience, motions or the names of those  
18 applicants that comprise a specific slate may be read or  
19 restated multiple times. This redundancy is by design for  
20 the purpose of accuracy.

21 Lastly, if I interrupt while one of the first  
22 eight Commissioners is speaking, asking for clarification,  
23 please know it is not out of rudeness, but rather  
24 necessity.

25 Before I conclude let's go over building and

1 approving slates again, although I bet most of you could  
2 recite this from memory at this point. The final six  
3 Commissioners must be selected as one group of six or  
4 slate. To recap from your training, a slate's comprised of  
5 two Democrats, two Republicans and two affiliated with  
6 neither Democrats nor Republicans.

7           Any Commissioner may propose a slate.  
8 Commissioners may build a slate cooperatively for a  
9 proposal by one. Multiple slates may be considered, but  
10 only one slate per Commissioner may be considered at a  
11 given time. A slate may only be modified by the  
12 Commissioner who proposed it.

13           The first slate approved by five votes is the one  
14 adopted. That vote must be comprised of at least two  
15 Democrats, two Republicans, and one Commissioner not  
16 affiliated with either.

17           Remember, again, at no point in your selection  
18 process may you use formulas or specific ratios. Your  
19 focus in selecting your colleagues should be on creating a  
20 diverse panel of Commissioners who possess the requisite  
21 ability to be impartial, relevant analytic skills, and  
22 represent California's rich diversity.

23           Oh, one last thing. Late yesterday afternoon we  
24 received a Commissioner request asking that we provide a  
25 list of the first eight Commissioners and the remaining 27

1 applicants sorted by region, and then county north to  
2 south. I have asked staff to create that document, that  
3 we'll provide the information. Pulling the date from our  
4 records and sorting it as requested should be fairly  
5 straight forward. But before it can be disseminated to you  
6 and put up on the website, I will need to review it and it  
7 has to be formatted for posting. And we're all working at  
8 the meeting today. So, I anticipate that information  
9 should be ready for you tomorrow.

10 And that concludes my report of counsel. Does  
11 anyone have any questions before we move to Agenda Item 5,  
12 which is discussion, deliberation and action to select the  
13 final six members of the Commission. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Seeing no comment, at this time  
15 since that is an agenda item do we want to invite public  
16 comment?

17 MS. SAXTON: At the pleasure of the Chair and  
18 Commissioners.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioners?

20 All right, I make a motion that we request public  
21 comment at this time.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Second.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, Secretary, could you call  
24 the vote?

25 MS. PELLMAN: Yes. Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

2 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Andersen?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Aye.

4 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Aye.

6 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Aye.

8 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Le Mons?

9 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Aye.

10 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Aye.

12 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Taylor?

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aye.

14 MS. PELLMAN: Commissioner Turner?

15 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Aye.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The ayes have it. I believe

17 we'll request public comment at this time.

18 MS. SAXTON: Chairman, can you repeat the motion

19 that was on the floor that was just voted upon, please?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm terribly sorry.

21 MS. SAXTON: Yeah.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The motion was shall we request

23 public comment at this time, of Item Number 4, report of

24 counsel.

25 MS. SAXTON: And the motion carried.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The motion carried.

2 MS. SAXTON: Okay. At this time, then I will  
3 read the instructions for those members of the public who  
4 wish to provide public comment on the report of counsel.

5 If you'd like to make public comment regarding  
6 Agenda Item 4, report of counsel, please call in now by  
7 dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few moments we'll begin  
8 taking public comment. And again that number is 844-291-  
9 5495. After dialing that number you will speak to an  
10 operator. You'll be asked to provide either the access  
11 code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the  
12 meeting which is CRC selection meeting. After providing  
13 this information, the operator will ask you to provide your  
14 name. Please note that you're not required to provide your  
15 actual name. When the operator asks for your name, you may  
16 provide a name other than your own. When it's your turn to  
17 make public comment, the operator will introduce you by the  
18 name you provided.

19 Please be assured our office is not maintaining  
20 any list of callers by name. We ask to provide some name  
21 to enable the operator to manage multiple calls  
22 simultaneously and let you know when it's your turn to  
23 speak.

24 After speaking with the operator, you will be  
25 placed in a listening room. In this room you will be able

1 to listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your  
2 computer audio because the online video and audio will be  
3 delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may  
4 occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment.  
5 Also, please do not use a speaker phone and speak directly  
6 into your phone.

7           When you decide that you want to make a comment  
8 about this item, please press 1 0 and you'll be placed in  
9 the queue to make public comment. After joining the queue  
10 to make comment, you should hear an automatic recording  
11 informing you that you've been placed in the queue. When  
12 it's your turn, the operator will introduce you. At that  
13 time please state and spell your name for the  
14 transcriptionist, then state your comment clearly and  
15 concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You  
16 will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time  
17 remains. After you've finished making your comment we will  
18 move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up  
19 your phone.

20           If you would like to comment on another agenda  
21 item or during another public comment period at a later  
22 time, please call back when we open for public comment on  
23 that item and repeat this process.

24           If you are disconnected for any reason, please  
25 call back and explain the issue to the operator, then

1 repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
2 pressing 1 0.

3           These instructions can also be found on our  
4 website.

5           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

6           AT&T Operator, do we have any public comment at  
7 this time?

8           AT&T OPERATOR: If you would like to make a  
9 public comment at this time, we do remind you that you will  
10 want to press 1, then 0 on your phone.

11           And we do have a public comment in queue. It  
12 comes from the line of Raul Perez. Please go ahead.

13           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Hello, are you there?

14           AT&T OPERATOR: It appears that that comment is  
15 no longer in queue.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.

17           MS. SAXTON: Chair, we may want to stand down for  
18 two minutes or so.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

20           MS. SAXTON: As we've done in the past to allow  
21 callers time to navigate the process and enter the  
22 listening room, et cetera.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yeah, we'd like to recess.  
24 The reason I sort of brought this up is to get our public  
25 comments in the whole process. I'd like to give the public

1 time to understand that before we move into Item 5, which  
2 is of course, we'll get more comments on.

3 So, at this time we'll recess for two minutes.

4 (Off the record at 9:50 a.m.)

5 (On the record at 9:52 a.m.)

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, is that correct? Not quite.  
7 We could go ahead with the public comment at this time,  
8 AT&T Operator.

9 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. We'll go back to the  
10 line of Raul Perez. Your line is open. You may share your  
11 comment.

12 MR. PEREZ: Thank you. Good morning  
13 Commissioners and congratulations on being selected as  
14 Commissioners in a rigorous process.

15 Although I appreciate that the initial eight  
16 Commissioners were randomly selected, it is still  
17 disappointing and disconcerting that not a single Latino or  
18 Latina was selected in the initial phase. Every ethnic  
19 group appears to be well represented --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me.

21 MR. PEREZ: -- reflecting the diversity of the  
22 state, but not a single Latino --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Mr. Perez, we really appreciate  
24 that comment. However, right now the public comment is  
25 only about the report of counsel. You may certainly call

1 back in when we move to our next agenda item, which is a  
2 discussion of adding the next six. And you can certainly  
3 call back at that time. However, right now --

4 MR. PEREZ: Okay, sorry, I misunderstood.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, that's quite all right.

6 Thank you very much. We appreciate your comments. And  
7 just to make the meeting move forward, right now we're only  
8 taking public comment on the report of counsel. So, thank  
9 you.

10 AT&T Operator --

11 AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. And we have no  
12 further comments in queue. Please continue, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. As there are no  
14 other additional comments, I'd like to move ahead with Item  
15 Number 5 on the agenda. Discussion, deliberation and  
16 action to select the final six members of the Commission,  
17 which is legal guidance from counsel regarding the  
18 selection of the final six Commissioners.

19 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Counsel.

21 MS. SAXTON: At any time I am ready to provide  
22 that advice. I think, however, that that's intended simply  
23 to be one of many options you have at this time. It's not  
24 necessarily needing to be sequential.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, okay.

1 MS. SAXTON: Sorry if that wasn't clear.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, thank you very much. In  
3 which case, do I have a motion from the Commissioners on a  
4 -- since it's sort of Item A, B -- actually, Counsel, am I  
5 clear on Items A through E then are to be organized at the  
6 Commission's discretion?

7 MS. SAXTON: Yes, Chair.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. With that in mind, I'm  
9 looking for a motion from one of the Commissioners in terms  
10 of how we should proceed next, under which particular item,  
11 or if we'd like to rearrange that.

12 MS. SAXTON: Chair? If you would of course like  
13 to go forward with a motion, you may. But I believe at  
14 this time if you'd like to just open up --

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: For discussion?

16 MS. SAXTON: -- discussion, that that would be a  
17 fine thing to do.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful, thank you. I wasn't  
19 sure if the formal -- informal rules would allow that.

20 So, at that point, yes, it is discussion and  
21 deliberation. So, it's certainly open for any discussion.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Madam Chair? Commissioner  
23 Ahmad.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, Commissioner Ahmad, the  
25 Chair recognizes.

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was looking at the list of  
2 A through E. I would suggest or recommend that we, as a  
3 group, start by discussing how we want to present the  
4 slates, either individually or one person present one slate  
5 and we work collaboratively off of that one slate. So, I'd  
6 just like to open that up for discussion amongst the group  
7 to see how we would want to start the process.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.  
9 Any other comments, ideas? Commissioner Sadhwani?

10           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. And good  
11 morning to everyone. I'm glad to see us all here again  
12 today and I look forward to our discussions today. I'm  
13 sure they will be very productive.

14           I agree with Commissioner Ahmad and I wanted to  
15 just point out I liked Item 6, discussion and deliberation  
16 regarding the qualities that the first eight Commissioners  
17 are seeking in the final six.

18           I think that might be kind of a helpful place, a  
19 helpful starting point. If it's possible, if we feel  
20 comfortable to just share a little bit, and hear a little  
21 bit from everyone about, obviously, over the last couple of  
22 weeks we've had the time to review all of the applicants  
23 remaining in the pool. I know from my process I was, you  
24 know, very glad to see everyone in the pool has a number of  
25 phenomenal qualities that I think that they could bring,

1 you know, bring to the Commission.

2 But it might be helpful just to spend a little  
3 bit of time, before we start throwing out names, just to  
4 hear a little bit from each person about what their thought  
5 process was, what kinds of potentially skills, or diversity  
6 considerations, you know, are kind of rising to the top for  
7 each of the Commissioners. And I don't know if others, you  
8 know, agree with that or not, but for me I think it would  
9 be helpful to hear a little bit about what people's thought  
10 process has been over the last couple of weeks. Because,  
11 of course, we haven't been in any communication. So, that  
12 might be a helpful starting point, at least from my  
13 perspective.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you,  
15 Commissioner Sadhwani. That is certainly -- in my mind  
16 that would also be a very good starting point in terms of  
17 Items 5. You know, they've sort of listed, kind of  
18 summarizing what we sort of need to do. And I would  
19 certainly think, in my mind I would agree with that Item C  
20 being kind of first and foremost.

21 But other Commissioners? Would we like to  
22 discuss other items in terms of how we'd like to proceed?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The Chair recognizes  
25 Commissioner Kennedy.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just more of a technical  
2 question at this point. If and when we have something to  
3 share with the other Commissioners, and counsel, and the  
4 public is that entirely -- is that done entirely verbally  
5 or does the staff want us to send an email to them with  
6 what we plan to present verbally, so that we have it in  
7 both formats?

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just a clarification question on  
9 that one, Commissioner Kennedy, does that mean -- are you  
10 actually talking about like a proposed slate or are you  
11 talking about everything you would be talking about?

12           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, in terms of a slate.

13           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. That's an excellent  
14 question. I'm thinking of visually, since we're sort of  
15 not all in the same room, are you thinking if counsel gets  
16 that, they could maybe put it up on the screen or something  
17 or --

18           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That is my question, yes.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, that's a very good  
20 question. Discussion on that one or particularly --

21           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, one thing about that  
22 that intuitively it seems as though putting that up on the  
23 screen would be helpful. We've done some testing. We've  
24 had some complaints. People are having a very hard time  
25 seeing and viewing that from the public on.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

2 MS. SAXTON: And so, I would not recommend that  
3 if at all possible because of those reasons. It hasn't  
4 proven to be as useful as one would think.

5 Additionally, any written materials that staff  
6 should receive that are intended to be disseminated to the  
7 first eight Commissioners there is going to be a somewhat  
8 not insignificant time lag between when those come in, when  
9 they can be disseminated. They have to be prepared for  
10 posting on the website to share with the public.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

12 MS. SAXTON: It may be, for instance, if  
13 something came in this morning it may not be ready to  
14 really be utilized in the fashion intended until noon.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

16 MS. SAXTON: So, I think that, and I know people  
17 are visual learners, obviously most folks are. But to the  
18 extent that you can have discussions and we can record that  
19 information for you, and have it ready to read back. For  
20 instance, if you have a slate that you want to propose and  
21 you say it's got this applicant, this applicant, et cetera,  
22 we'll have that. We can remind people who those applicants  
23 were, et cetera.

24 I am, of course, working right now in a vacuum of  
25 what exactly we're talking about in terms of what would

1 people intend to be disseminated. But those are some  
2 caveats. I think it's probably best for folks to build  
3 their slates by naming the applicants they would like on  
4 those slates name by name, and we will capture them and  
5 give that slate the name either that the Commissioners  
6 want, or some other protocol to name the slates, and we  
7 will have those for you to refer to by name, when you want  
8 to call upon us.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, with that caveat,  
10 Commissioner Kennedy, I believe that says, you know, if we  
11 would like as a group, say potentially as we get closer to  
12 really, actually trying to go between, say, one particular  
13 slate or another particular slate, and say we'd maybe  
14 possibly want to consider an overnight think about it, then  
15 we could possibly do something like that. Would that allow  
16 us time for the public to also consider?

17           MS. SAXTON: I believe so. And I think that this  
18 is going to be somewhat of an organic process. If we have  
19 two slates in play that's one thing. If all of the sudden  
20 there are multiple plates in -- slates in play, excuse me,  
21 it's perfectly fine to slow down, discuss amongst  
22 yourselves is this unwieldy? Is there a way to do this  
23 that would be better?

24           I, myself am a planner. But I think that this  
25 might be, since everyone's doing this for the first time,

1 one of those times where it's important, I would submit,  
2 for each Commissioner to interject when they need something  
3 to make the process easier.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel. Yes, I  
5 don't see -- would anyone -- any other comments about  
6 procedures here or that we'd like to sort of nail down at  
7 this particular time or do we want to --

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. The Chair recognizes  
10 Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
12 Just for clarification, I believe I heard earlier that we  
13 can only have one slate under consideration at a time. And  
14 now, I'm hearing that we might have two being considered at  
15 the same time. So, I just want to make sure we're all  
16 clear on that.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, yes, I do have a  
18 clarification. Is that being considered or actually just  
19 being voted on? I know we can only be actually -- I  
20 believe, is there a discrepancy between, sort of like the  
21 game of Clue, is there a difference between I'm proposing a  
22 slate versus I'm discussing a slate? That's sort of a  
23 technical legal question here, which I think gets to the  
24 heart of our matter.

25 MS. SAXTON: Just one moment, if I might.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

2 MS. SAXTON: Under the law, the first eight may  
3 consider multiple slates at a time, but only one slate per  
4 Commissioner can be considered at a time.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

6 MS. SAXTON: Does that answer the question?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It does, thank you.

8 MS. SAXTON: Of course.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. That does bring up one  
10 concern I have, which I think Commissioner Kennedy  
11 certainly spoke exactly on, I am a little concerned if it's  
12 five votes and your slate is that's it, that we do be  
13 careful about not proposing a slate unless we fully intend  
14 that that will basically, could indeed be it. That would  
15 be there's no more discussion, or only about that one.  
16 Because if we vote a little early, we could risk, you know,  
17 oh, we've got six people, and not two where a little more  
18 deliberation we could have come up with a consensus.

19 So, I'd like that if we sort of try to stay to  
20 discussion purposes. But that's a concern I have, which  
21 I'm certainly wondering if other Commissioners would like  
22 to discuss that. I believe that would be under Item D.  
23 So, I'm sort of looking in my mind here, just getting A, B,  
24 C and D. I might, since we're not sort of -- I'd like to  
25 get us discussing a bit. Should we do maybe, say Item C,

1 then B, and then D? Or, any additional comments?

2 Commissioner Kennedy -- ah, Commissioner  
3 Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. No, I think  
5 that's a good approach to go. I like the suggestion about  
6 all of us sharing, you know, going around and sharing our  
7 thoughts about the process and what we're looking for.

8 I think one of the pieces for me that's missing  
9 is a deeper understanding of the skill sets that we have in  
10 the group right now. And I haven't -- specifically haven't  
11 put a slate together, yet, because I lack that information  
12 that would help inform me building a slate.

13 You know, I went through everybody's -- all of  
14 our applications and, you know, made some notes about what  
15 I thought everyone was bringing to the table. But, you  
16 know, it's just brief, and not deep, and I'd personally  
17 like to see us go a little bit deeper sharing what each of  
18 us thinks we're bringing to the table.

19 And in addition to that what are the sets of  
20 skills that we need as a Commission as a whole, so we can  
21 identify maybe where the gaps are.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's certainly -- other  
23 comments from the Commissioners?

24 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is Commissioner Le  
25 Mons.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Chair recognizes Commissioner Le  
2 Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'm certainly open and  
4 interested in any discussions about our process and how we  
5 want to move forward. I think that we are working with the  
6 same information that the previous assessment group had  
7 that was all provided to us. And I think that rather than  
8 spending a lot of time trying -- because even if we go into  
9 what our -- what we're bringing to the table, we don't have  
10 any more information on the final 27, than the same  
11 information that's had on us.

12 So, I personally don't see how we're going to  
13 really be able to distinguish that beyond what we have  
14 available to us. I personally reviewed all my fellow  
15 Commissioners' packets, as well as the remaining 27, and  
16 have that informed, you know, my thinking.

17 I think our charge is to achieve the diversity  
18 piece. That's really it in my mind. And so, we have some  
19 pretty straight forward framework in how to do that and I  
20 think if we can get on a process page that allows us to go  
21 down that process together, collaboratively, I think we  
22 could get to -- get this task handled.

23 So, I personally don't want to depart off into a  
24 lot of discussion about the things that I think has already  
25 been made available to us. So, that's just my thought

1 about it.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.  
3 Other Commissioners?

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Taylor?

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, I sort of agree with  
7 Commissioner Le Mons. I think this is a matter of process  
8 and we need to agree about what process we want to go about  
9 selecting our slate and final six.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
11 Taylor.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
15 also believe that at this point, given the thorough vetting  
16 that all 35 candidates went through, you know, people are  
17 qualified. We have an amazing talent pool to draw from. I  
18 think the diversity really is the most important issue  
19 before us at this point. No matter how well balanced the  
20 skills are if in the end people do not see the Commission  
21 as reflecting the diversity of the state, we're going to  
22 have problems. So, you know, that is where my thinking is.  
23 It's where my thinking has been for some time. I don't  
24 want to rush discussions but, you know, I've been able to  
25 spend a good bit of time on this and am prepared at any

1 point to put a proposal on the table. I just don't want to  
2 cut short discussion that any of the other Commissioners  
3 would like to have.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

5 I think we probably, on this point we should hear  
6 from all of the Commissioners because it seems like --  
7 well, no, I was just going to say now that I read Item C,  
8 it seems like you're going to say that we really don't need  
9 to do that. Or, maybe I -- I want to make sure what the  
10 entire Commission is feeling that the skills sets are, I  
11 guess, in Item C. I think we are sort of talking about  
12 Item C.

13 Commissioner Le Mons?

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I don't want my  
15 comments to suggest that I want to limit anyone, either. I  
16 think that maybe what I'm maybe objecting to is the  
17 structure of the comments and feedback. I think if we're  
18 going to have a discussion -- so, say for example, if  
19 Commissioner Sadhwani wants whatever she wants to share, and  
20 inquire among other Commissioners about to feel free to do  
21 that. Likewise, I will do the same and I would hope all  
22 Commissioners will.

23 But I think to have sort of a locked step like  
24 this is how we have to talk about it, this is what ever  
25 eight of us have to share, that's more what I'm objecting

1 to. Because I think we probably come at it from different  
2 perspectives. And I think an organic discussion hopefully  
3 will get every -- all of the eight Commissioners' needs met  
4 in this discussion process as we move into it. So, that's  
5 where I'm coming from, if there needed to be any clarity as  
6 to what I was suggesting.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons,  
8 for that clarification. I think that probably did help.

9 At this point, because we do need to move forward  
10 in terms of actually discussing, and I would say looking at  
11 items sort of, you know, C, B and D, I don't know if we  
12 want to lump those together or sort of do them one at a  
13 time. I'm sort of looking for a proposal on actually  
14 order, possibly. Or, if you believe those items are such  
15 that you cannot distinguish one from the other. A little  
16 discussion on that.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair?

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So, I'm looking at those  
20 items and again, if we're talking about organic  
21 conversation some of these items will sort of come through  
22 as we discuss the slates, or the proposals.

23 So, maybe let me start this as it relates to  
24 methodology, which might help us to go a bit and maybe we  
25 can work on that. What about the thought of just maybe

1 having one round where every Commissioner would present for  
2 discussion, not for proposal, their slate of six. And  
3 after that goes around, we sort of would see some of the  
4 through process or some of where our fellow Commissioners  
5 are thinking, since we're unable to discuss this outside of  
6 our setting.

7           And then, we can come back and we can choose  
8 maybe a Commissioner's slate for further discussion after  
9 we see what every Commissioner sort of put out. And then,  
10 from that Commissioner's slate that we choose to discuss,  
11 we can begin to collaboratively build upon a slate that we  
12 like.

13           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.  
14 Any comments on that one?

15           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes?

17           MS. SAXTON: I don't want to interrupt  
18 Commissioner Taylor's momentum. But I just want to point  
19 out that this item, Number 5, is really giving you as much  
20 freedom as you need to do any of the things that are  
21 authorized, which are all the things you're talking about.  
22 All of those things for selecting the next six.

23           The subdivisions that you see are not discrete  
24 items that you have to tick off or any of that. Those are,  
25 it says including, and that means including but not limited

1 to. These are some of the things the public should know  
2 you're talking about. So, in general, everything that I am  
3 hearing, from a legal point of view, from all of the  
4 Commissioners about what they want to do, what they want to  
5 talk about are all perfectly within this agenda item and  
6 shouldn't be a concern. Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel. I think  
8 that -- with that in mind, I agree with the Commissioner Le  
9 Mons. If we say each one of us is sort of required to do a  
10 certain, particular thing that does put us a bit formulaic.  
11 And I think that would -- I know we all want to get to  
12 slates. I, at this point, feel I'm not quite ready because  
13 I would like to hear what other Commissioners are  
14 considering in terms of qualities. And even their approach  
15 for, you know, our diversity we all know is crucial and  
16 absolutely number one, but there are many elements of it.

17 Are we, you know, considering at looking at how  
18 it all fits together geographically within the parties?  
19 Again, the idea being we want the Commission to represent  
20 the state and for the state to -- the state being the  
21 entire public. Actually feel that, oh, you know, we're  
22 trying to build trust.

23 So, there are many items to consider. And I  
24 thought actually looking in terms of -- I actually was  
25 thinking that, you know, in terms of qualities that I'm

1 looking for and how the procedure -- how you actually  
2 happened to put together people that would be, say, top of  
3 your list. And I know this is very difficult because it's  
4 a team. You really -- this is very different, I found,  
5 from the Application Review Panel. There, they're looking  
6 at individual people and, boy, they're qualified. And we  
7 know, looking at these people everybody here is qualified,  
8 but in a different manner.

9           And I'm concerned that if we just sort of go,  
10 well, here we go, you know, there are many people on there  
11 that have very similar characteristics, very similar  
12 talents and what they would bring to the table. So,  
13 there's a skill set as part of diversity, as well, that I  
14 see. It's not just what we actually look like.

15           Because as you know, I mean I come back to both  
16 candidates for president here, Trump and Biden, are older  
17 white men and they bring very, very different perspectives  
18 to the group.

19           So, in terms of -- and, you know, different parts  
20 of the country. You know, I'd like us to sort of talk  
21 about -- have each Commissioner basically open to what  
22 they'd like to talk about and then possibly come down to,  
23 you know, our next -- you know, okay, these who are my  
24 proposal, sort of. So, that's my two cents.

25           Commissioner Ahmad?

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, just based off of the  
2 conversation and in the spirit of keeping the discussion  
3 moving forward, I can share what my general thought process  
4 was going into reviewing all of the applicants.

5           So, first and foremost every single applicant was  
6 stellar. When reading through their application, watching  
7 their video I was blown away by their vast variety in  
8 experiences, life experiences, and just appreciation for  
9 California.

10           So, when looking through all of the applications  
11 I was specifically looking for the balance in diversity and  
12 what that would mean in complement to the eight of us. And  
13 so, not focusing heavily on one side or another in the  
14 definition of diversity by the Voters FIRST Act, but  
15 actually looking for equity of all of the different  
16 components within the definition of diversity for the  
17 purposes of selecting the slate. So, that's where I  
18 started.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

20           VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, Commissioner Turner?

22           VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes, thank you. I appreciate  
23 all of the comments that's being shared. I appreciate all  
24 of the comments that's being shared and I think where I'm  
25 ready to move is to just be able to hear all of the

1 Commissioners thoughts and with discussion perspective of  
2 who they're looking at to be able to balance out the  
3 Commission. And I think through this sharing we will still  
4 have opportunity for further discussion to either clarify  
5 -- maybe not clarify, but to elaborate on choices, or what  
6 have you. And I think some of that will allow you to see  
7 some of the thinking that we have, the background of what  
8 we're looking for. And I think we'll have a lot of  
9 opportunity to continue the discussion after that. But to  
10 get names out on the table and to know, we'll be able to  
11 see how either close or far we are going into this process.  
12 And so, I'm ready to list out names of those that I was  
13 able to do the review of. They're all stellar, as was  
14 said, candidates. I appreciate the work that's already  
15 been done, the material that we've had access to and I'm  
16 ready to list out some of the names.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

18 Well, with that in mind as a -- any other  
19 Commissioner want to continue or next?

20 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair, if you desire, I  
21 can start with names that I have available.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I think Commissioner  
23 Turner.

24 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Sure.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, if you could sort of

1 -- oh, sorry, one minute. Commissioner Le Mons?

2           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Hi. Commissioner Turner,  
3 thank you, I like that. But I just am kind of an observer  
4 of people and I might be off on this, but I don't know I  
5 feel like Dr. Sadhwani wanted to hear some things, I don't  
6 know if she's heard it, before we jump into that. And  
7 also, I'm interesting in hearing, you know, what she wanted  
8 to share. So, you know, if it's appropriate now, great.  
9 I'm not trying to put you on the spot, Commissioner  
10 Sadhwani. But I did want us not to brush over. You know,  
11 I want -- yeah, I just really want to support people being  
12 able to share and be a part of the process to where they're  
13 comfortable. And I think that we'll suffer if we don't do  
14 that, if we get too far along and people feel like they  
15 weren't able to get something out, or we go off in a  
16 different direction and I just don't want that to happen.

17           So, again, I could be off on that, but I felt  
18 compelled to say it.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.  
20 I did notice Commissioner Sadhwani's hand, but I'd already  
21 sort of mentioned Commissioner Turner, so I apologize for  
22 that. Commissioner Sadhwani.

23           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, no problem. Thank  
24 you so much, Commissioner Le Mons, I appreciate that. No,  
25 by no means -- I'm actually prepared to share my slate as

1 well. I think that everything that folks have said already  
2 applies to everything I was thinking. I do believe the  
3 legitimacy of this, the legitimacy of the Commission will  
4 hinge on our ability to ensure diversity at some level.  
5 That being said, a 14-member Commission will never  
6 completely reflect the vast diversity of California. The  
7 applicant pool itself does not reflect the vast diversity  
8 of California.

9           You know, as I had mentioned in the first meeting  
10 that we had, that we had had, you know, I particularly  
11 think that there are some racial and ethnic groups that are  
12 not represented. That is extraordinarily important. I  
13 think that there are regions that are not yet represented  
14 on the Commission.

15           And I also think, given the trainings that we had  
16 in our last session, particularly around the Voting Rights  
17 Act, I also -- to Commissioner Fornaciari's point around  
18 just sharing what's everyone's skills, and I also spent  
19 that time to take a look at everyone here, I don't believe,  
20 and please correct me if I'm wrong, I don't believe any of  
21 us were trained as attorneys. And please correct me if I'm  
22 wrong. I think it would actually be very helpful to ensure  
23 when we're thinking kind of broadly about this process that  
24 we're also thinking about that legal aspect as well. Of  
25 course we're going to hire legal counsel for the

1 Commission, but it might be extraordinarily helpful in tis  
2 broader landscape if we're also thinking about people that  
3 have legal training. But that was kind of the only thing I  
4 was thinking about in terms of sharing our thoughts. And I  
5 appreciate, I appreciate you all.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
7 Sadhwani.

8 I'd like to go to, and not to put someone on the  
9 spot, but Commissioner Kennedy you also had some particular  
10 --

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, yeah. Golly, I'm  
13 doing that again.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: He was sitting here  
15 last time so --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I apologize, Commissioner. When  
17 I turned to my left the last meeting almost every single  
18 time it was Commissioner Kennedy. So, Commissioner  
19 Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. What's the  
21 question, I'm sorry.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, back to the question. So,  
23 you also were talking about skills and, you know, again as  
24 Commissioner Le Mons pointed out there is a concern if we  
25 jump in to sort of naming names that we might sort of skip

1 over some of that. Not necessarily, but you were talking  
2 about some skills that you were looking at or wondering  
3 what do we have versus what you're looking for.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. So, you know,  
5 when I looked at diversity and when I talk about the folks  
6 that are, you know, near at the top of my list, you know,  
7 it's the list of diversity that we were given. You know,  
8 racial, ethnic, geographic, economic, and gender, plus  
9 skill set diversity. And so, that's the approach I took.

10 I tried to -- you know, I evaluated all the  
11 candidates in that light. You know, not just on this list,  
12 but also skill sets that I thought we needed, including  
13 attorneys. There's some other skills in here that I think  
14 would be helpful, too.

15 You know, but I think, you know based on, you  
16 know, the proposal that, you know, if we start listing our  
17 folks, and the reasons why we chose those folks I mean  
18 we'll get there. You know, people will include all of the  
19 diversity characteristics that they looked at and I think  
20 we'll uncover, you know, what I was looking for in my  
21 previous comment.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner  
23 Fornaciari.

24 Anyone then wanting to kind of --

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Chair recognizes Commissioner  
2 Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
4 I'll go into what I see as the most important requirement  
5 for us at this point, without going into the presentation  
6 part. So, to me, you know, we have the language reasonably  
7 representative of California's diversity.

8 I think second of all we have to be mindful, or  
9 at least for me the next most important issue or perhaps  
10 even the most important is capable of achieving the  
11 objective. So, I looked very much at people that I thought  
12 would work together well with us as a group of 14. Now,  
13 the objective is crafting districts that reflect and are  
14 accepted by the people of California. The accepted by is  
15 going to, you know tie in very much with the  
16 representativeness of the group of 14. I think people need  
17 and -- and finally, you know, from the random draw itself,  
18 the limited size of the Commission, and the obligation to  
19 draw two from those remaining in each of the three pools.

20 I mean I think it would be, you know, we might  
21 have an easier time if we relaxed the last one or if we  
22 could, you know, come up with a total of a Commission of  
23 20. We don't have that freedom. We have these constraints  
24 that we had to operate within.

25 So, that's kind of where I was going in my

1 thinking on how we put this together.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
3 We lost you a little bit there. You kind of went in and  
4 out. I think we caught most of what you were saying,  
5 though.

6 So, if we sort of stop you every now and then to  
7 say could you repeat that, it's certainly a technical  
8 issue, not anything else that you're saying.

9 Well, with that in mind I also had -- you know, I  
10 agree with that. I had a tough time thinking we have these  
11 eight, now, you know, boy, can we -- yeah, they're  
12 qualified. But, oh, I can only have, say there can only be  
13 two Democrats, there can be only two Republicans, only two  
14 non-party. And then, so I'd have to reassess, and  
15 reassess, and reassess.

16 I actually never quite came -- which I thought  
17 I'd easily come to a slate of six. I didn't actually get  
18 there because I also led with geography and then that sort  
19 of locks you in a little bit. Or, you're going, oh, okay  
20 to represent that area you only -- they're all one party.  
21 And it was trying to get this very bipartisan and sort of  
22 skills, and also the parties I found was very difficult.

23 So, you know, I'll be the first to say I didn't  
24 -- I came up with like a slate of, you know, 12 or  
25 something. I really had a harder time thinking because

1 like, oh, boy I really like -- no, no, no. You know, if we  
2 could move one of those categories like, you know, and we  
3 could have more people on I'd have a great slate. So, that  
4 was sort of some of my thinking.

5 I did lead with geography which I sort of thought  
6 helped. I think there are certain -- like we did all sort  
7 of list -- I think there would be a couple of areas where  
8 you go, okay, we have to have a geographical representation  
9 as well as, you know, I also used a skill set as diversity  
10 because I feel it's extremely important in getting the job  
11 done. And also, on that one I looked back at comments from  
12 the 2010 Commission, some of the areas where they thought  
13 they had it covered and realized, ooh, we don't.

14 Because I, like Commissioner Sadhwani, I  
15 understand we'll be getting experts that we'll be hiring,  
16 but you need to have the expertise on the Commission as  
17 well to understand and, you know, basically to be using  
18 them as experts, but not as Commissioners. So, I think  
19 there's a subtle difference there. You know, it's sort of  
20 like you're checking on these are people who are being  
21 hired to help the Commission, but the Commission -- they're  
22 not the ones who we have to listen to. And I did notice in  
23 particular the Voting Rights Act. You know, right now we  
24 don't have any attorneys in our group.

25 And mapping, you know, we're all good with data.

1 There are some more qualified in mapping in the application  
2 pool that are not one of us, and I think they would augment  
3 us. So, as well as, you know, people who have really great  
4 connections. These are all things I was looking at.

5 So, I cannot be the first person to say, well,  
6 these are my six. So, if anyone else would like to lead  
7 with these are people I was really considering, chances are  
8 those are the same people I'm considering.

9 So, with that in mind I might see, you know, is  
10 there anyone else who wants to kind of dip their toe in the  
11 water first?

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair?

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay, we have both  
15 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Taylor.

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Go ahead, Commissioner  
17 Turner.

18 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay, thank you. Madam  
19 Chair, I'd like to give it a shot on the names that I'm  
20 looking on.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIR TURNER: That looked as well at  
23 geography and some of the other areas. To start with, I  
24 was looking at Eddie Morgan from Humboldt, I think  
25 representing the North Coastal. Eddie Morgan.

1 I'm looking at Linda Akutagawa, both out of the  
2 neither party.

3 The other names I'm looking at is Richard  
4 Gallegos, and Alicia Fernandez from Republicans.  
5 Particularly Alicia in the North Central Valley and  
6 mountain, Yolo County.

7 And then, I'm looking at Michael Gennaco and  
8 Patricia Sinay, representing San Diego.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner, can  
10 you repeat your Republican?

11 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Richard Gallegos, North  
12 Central Valley. And I'm sorry yeah I have Richard  
13 Gallegos, and then Alicia Fernandez from the North Central  
14 Valley.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I can just interject  
16 to just acknowledge and I really appreciate this,  
17 Commissioner Turner, that this also -- one of the things we  
18 have not mentioned is also gender, and that one of the  
19 things I like about this is gender balance is considered  
20 here as well. So, thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.  
22 Commissioner Taylor, you were -- I'm giving  
23 everyone a chance to sort of write these down and sort of  
24 contemplate. And then, I might call on the -- Commissioner  
25 Taylor, did you sort of want to step in next or do we want

1 to discuss a little bit here about qualities or --

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I sort of was, as we were  
3 talking about our rationale for our choices, I agree we  
4 have to be representative of California's diversity. Also,  
5 but I specifically was looking for that skill set to both  
6 be able to corroborate and challenge the experts. Although  
7 we do have those experts, it would be nice to be able to  
8 have that in-house expertise with us, so that we can be  
9 able to question, challenge, be critical and self-aware of  
10 the information that we receive, and be able to validate  
11 that information.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, those are very good  
13 points. Well, I shouldn't say very good points. Well, in  
14 my opinion they're very good points because I also was  
15 concerned about, so skill sets and not having sort of --  
16 spread the skill set around. And there are few people that  
17 I go, oh, they're qualified, but we already have someone  
18 who's virtually the same -- you know, the same skill set.  
19 And so, I had a couple of different people that I was sort  
20 of looking a little stronger at, you know a little slightly  
21 stronger, or different candidates. Because they're all, as  
22 I said, all strong candidates.

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And if it's okay,  
24 Commissioner Turner, I have a comment on your Democratic  
25 selections. I think it's of special interest to note that

1 Michael Gennaco, he has experience with the Voting Rights  
2 Act.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And he has a law  
5 background. So, again, I think that's one place that will  
6 be able to help us as a Commission, and us be able to  
7 challenge some of the information that we receive.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum. Thank you, Commissioner  
9 Taylor. I agree with that, as well.

10 Anyone else want to -- any other comments or do  
11 you want to talk about, you know, people that you thought  
12 or -- don't all jump in at once.

13 Commissioner Le Mons.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Hi. Surprisingly, my  
15 slate, I did a slate plus.

16 (Laughter)

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's my --

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Kind of similar to you,  
19 Madam Chair. Not quite as big a plus as you, but a slate  
20 plus. And surprisingly, Commissioner Turner's slate lines  
21 up pretty nicely with what I was thinking, with the  
22 exception of maybe one or two people. So, I guess that as  
23 just kind of nice, some of the same thinking. Like the  
24 Republican -- excuse me, the Democratic category was right  
25 in line directly, with a variation on each of the other two

1 categories.

2 But also, the individuals that Commissioner  
3 Turner put forward were in my plus category. So, I'll just  
4 say I'm comfortable and could go in that direction. While  
5 it wasn't a direct mirror, it certainly was among the  
6 people that I had considered. So, I just wanted to share  
7 that.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.  
9 Commissioner Fornaciari, do you want to name, or  
10 you don't necessarily have to name a people of six, but any  
11 comments about particular people or strong candidates you  
12 were considering or --

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Well, okay, I'll  
14 throw my names out there. I ranked everybody one to N on  
15 my list. So, I got -- so, half of Commissioner Turner's  
16 list and my list are the same.

17 Commissioner Sinay, I ranked her as my top  
18 Democrat. You know, she brings diversity to the group.  
19 She's from San Diego. I think, you know, we need  
20 representation in San Diego. I think that's important. I  
21 really like her. She's got a set of facilitation skills  
22 that I think will help the group. She's experienced  
23 hosting meetings. She's hosted meetings with translators,  
24 which might be something important that we want to include.  
25 She also has a great Rolodex that I think we can take

1 advantage of with a lot of experience with community  
2 groups. And I believe she -- you know, she's in San Diego,  
3 but I believe she's done some work -- she said she did some  
4 work in Orange County, which I think spent a lot of time up  
5 there which gives -- you know, she's got, so a little bit  
6 more of diversity of understanding of interests in  
7 different areas, besides areas she lives in.

8 Gennaco, you know, again diversity, attorney with  
9 Voting Rights Act experience. Although, it's a bit dated.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: His direct experience  
12 but, I mean I think he'd just be a phenomenal addition to  
13 the team.

14 My Republican list, so I had Alicia Fernandez on  
15 my list. North Central Valley, Yolo County, which is a  
16 rural area. She's from Clarksburg, which is a small town  
17 just right across the river from Sacramento. But she's on  
18 the school board of that county and that county goes, you  
19 know, from a little bit south of Sacramento all the way up  
20 to Davis and Woodland, and is -- the county does, but her  
21 school board is in the south end of the county and goes  
22 actually into another county south. But it's all very  
23 rural, so a rural perspective. She speaks Spanish, which I  
24 think is an addition. I don't know what languages the team  
25 speaks at this point but, you know, it's good to have a

1 Spanish-speaking person on the team.

2 My other Republican I chose was Karla Van Meter.  
3 I think just beyond incredible capabilities with statistics  
4 and mapping. And, you know, the level of detail that she  
5 understands the statistics. And, you know, she brought up  
6 this issue of differential privacy a number of times that  
7 no one else had brought up, that I'd never heard of.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But it's huge.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But it's an important  
10 issue --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I did note that.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- that we all need to  
13 understand because of the way -- so, differential privacy  
14 is a way of masking the data so you can't identify an  
15 individual. And they may do that by changing race or  
16 changing some other characteristic that we would care  
17 about. So, we need to understand in detail what the Census  
18 has done with regard to differential privacy and how to  
19 manage it. And then, you know, not just data, but also  
20 mapping that data and, you know, hands on detail of doing  
21 that.

22 She's also from Petaluma, which is in Sonoma  
23 County. Technically, that's a Bay Area county but  
24 Petaluma's further north. I mean, you know, when I go to  
25 Petaluma I don't consider that the Bay Area. I consider

1 that more of the northern part of the state. But, you  
2 know, I mean that's just me personally.

3 So, because of, you know, that level of diversity  
4 and capability, and skill set is the reason that I had her  
5 at the top of my list.

6 Then, my two nonaffiliated folks would be -- I  
7 can barely read my printing here. His last name is  
8 Gurinder.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Aujla. So, I picked  
11 him for a couple of reasons. He's from Fresno, Fresno  
12 County, Fresno itself. I felt like we needed somebody in  
13 the middle. You know, if you look at the map of where  
14 we're from, we're clustered around the Bay Area. We're  
15 clustered in L.A. with one of us in the Inland Empire.  
16 Although two of us are in the Central Valley, but if you  
17 look at it on our map they kind of all squish together  
18 there.

19 And so, what does he bring to the table, right,  
20 besides being from Fresno? He's an immigrant. He gives us  
21 economic diversity. He's in the 35 to 75K a year category.  
22 He's got legal knowledge and he speaks seven languages.  
23 He's an interpreter for -- a judicial interpreter.

24 Then my next person I liked was Tam Tran. She's  
25 Vietnamese. She lives in Oakland now, but she's from San

1 Francisco. She just moved to Oakland recently. She's got  
2 -- she's an urban planner. She seems like a good team  
3 player. She understands how to gather and manage, and use  
4 public input. And so, you know, I had her as my second.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. In the non -- no party?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: In the nonaffiliated.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I'm sorry, did I miss  
8 your Democrats or did you say them?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Gennaco and Sinay.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, you also said Gennaco and  
11 Sinay, okay. I did miss that, sorry.

12 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

14 MS. SAXTON: If at any time you would like our  
15 staff to read back the list of names for a particular  
16 Commissioner that have been brought up for clarity, let us  
17 know, or any other Commissioner.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you. Okay. I really  
19 appreciate the Commissioners going through their people,  
20 you know, and the whys, the qualities they bring. Because,  
21 you know, it helps I think in sort of comparing, you know,  
22 who you've been looking at and who other people have been  
23 looking at, and just sort of the different perspective on  
24 them. So, you know, at this point in the discussion I  
25 think this is the time to really definitely bring up

1 matters. This is not the time to be brief. This is the  
2 time to actually add those comments in.

3 Any other?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I will go ahead and  
7 share where I am on this. First of all, I believe this  
8 slate to be reasonably representative of the state's  
9 diversity within the constraints that I previously  
10 highlighted. The state would maintain our current 50/50  
11 gender balance. The slate will maintain our current 50/50  
12 north/south balance. The slate would ensure diversity in  
13 ages by including members ranging from their 30s to their  
14 60s, if I've estimated people's ages correctly.

15 It would not only broadly reflect the diversity  
16 of the state, but would also include representation from  
17 the four largest population groupings in each of the four  
18 -- sorry, in each of the three partisan cohorts, which I  
19 think is an important feature of this.

20 And I believe it would, as Commissioner Taylor  
21 phrased it in his interview, inspire participation in our  
22 input sessions, and as Commissioner Turner phrased it in  
23 her application this is a group that would definitely lift  
24 up the missing.

25 I believe that the full Commission resulting from

1 this slate would be more than capable of working together  
2 to achieve our common goal within the time constraints. I  
3 mentioned previously that that was perhaps my overarching  
4 concern in doing this.

5 So, you'd like to know the names. Patricia Sinay  
6 from San Diego. Angela Vazquez from Los Angeles. Peter  
7 Garcia Blando from West Sacramento. Alicia Fernandez from  
8 Clarksburg. Scott McCarty from Ventura. And Petro Toledo  
9 from Petaluma.

10 MS. SAXTON: Commissioner Kennedy, could you  
11 repeat the last two names?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Scott McCarty from  
13 Ventura. And Pedro Toledo from Petaluma.

14 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, five minutes until our  
15 first 90-minute 15-minute break.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel. Well, with  
17 that I might, since we have, you know, five minutes to a  
18 break -- oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'd like to just ask that  
20 those be repeated per party, please, because I missed a  
21 couple of names. So, it's more to repeat it per party.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sure. Two Democrats,  
23 Patricia Sinay from Encinitas and Angela Vazquez from Los  
24 Angeles.

25 The two Republicans, Peter Garcia Blando from

1 West Sacramento and Alicia Fernandez from Clarksburg.

2 And the no party preference, Scott McCarty from  
3 Ventura and Pedro Toledo from Petaluma.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'll just make a couple of  
6 comments on some of these. I noticed that Patricia Sinay  
7 has been mentioned previously. Alicia Fernandez has been  
8 mentioned previously.

9 Angela Vazquez brings a youth focus to this. I  
10 think Peter Garcia Blando has done work, not just in the  
11 immediate area in Yolo County, but has worked, done a good  
12 bit of work farther north in the state as well. He's also  
13 Filipino, so I think an important diversity element there.  
14 Scott McCarty really impressed me with his ability to  
15 communicate. I mean I think we all are good communicators  
16 and I don't think we would have gotten this far if we  
17 weren't. But he just seemed to be an outstanding  
18 communicator to me. And Pedro Toledo from Petaluma, again  
19 has worked not only in Sonoma County, but in farther north  
20 in the state and I think brings an interesting perspective  
21 to things.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you. Thank you,  
23 Commissioner Kennedy.

24 I think, unless there's just a little bit more  
25 right now, I think is it time -- we'll go ahead and take

1 our 15-minute break for the court reporter and also the  
2 American Sign Language, and then we'll come back after  
3 that. So, I have it as right about 11:00 o'clock, so we'll  
4 meet back at 11:15. Call the meeting into recess for now.

5 (Off the record at 10:58 a.m.)

6 (On the record at 11:17 a.m.)

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do we have everyone? Yes, we  
8 do. I'd like to bring the meeting back to order at this  
9 time. And we are -- for the public who is just joining us  
10 or coming in, we're in Item 5 on the agenda. We're  
11 discussing the deliberating action of, you know, picking  
12 the final six. We're sort of -- these numbers A, B, C, and  
13 D are all kind of merged together because they're all sort  
14 of similar.

15 So, with that in mind, I think we'd like to just  
16 sort of pick up where we were. Any thoughts after the  
17 break from any of our Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Hearing none, Madam  
19 Chair, let me jump in. I am happy to share my six, but I  
20 also want to just recognize that, you know, I think we've  
21 already heard from two Democrats, we've only heard from one  
22 Republican. I know Commissioner Le Mons said that your  
23 slate looked a little bit like Commissioner Turner's. But  
24 I just want to -- I'm happy to go but I also, you know,  
25 just want to acknowledge and allow others to go first.

1           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Commissioner  
2 Sadhwani. Yeah, I don't think there's any -- I do  
3 appreciate you paying attention to, you know, okay, that's  
4 -- because as I say, we have to be aware of people are  
5 thinking of being partisan. We do have to be a bit of  
6 aware of how we're going and alternating, that sort of  
7 thing.

8           But with that in mind, I don't think anyone would  
9 mind if you go ahead with what you're thinking. I don't  
10 see any other hands raised at this point. So, if you  
11 wouldn't mind, Commissioner Sadhwani.

12           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So, and bearing in  
13 mind, you know, many of the pieces that we've laid out  
14 already regarding racial, ethnic, gender diversity,  
15 diversity from various places across the state, as well as  
16 diversity of skills and experiences, I've already mentioned  
17 that I think that we do have a need for some legal  
18 background. I think we also have a need for folks with  
19 strong ties to communities. I think that's been mentioned  
20 before.

21           And I just also wanted to just press upon the  
22 diversity beyond just the lack of Latinos, also the lack of  
23 East Asians on the Commission currently, especially given  
24 the historic nature of Asian Americans in California.

25           So, for my list -- I have the wrong page up here.

1 For the Republicans -- and also, I just want to say my list  
2 is actually very similar to some of the others that have  
3 already put out there. So, I think that what I'm hearing  
4 is that we're starting to arrive at some agreement on some  
5 of the individuals in particular.

6 For the Republicans Alicia Fernandez. I know  
7 she's been mentioned several times, a school board member  
8 coming from the North Central Valley. And my second  
9 Republican would be Dr. Russell Yee, coming from the Bay  
10 Area. You know, I think in addition to all of the pieces  
11 that we have discussed, you know, I think we also need to  
12 think about some of the soft skills of Commissioners. And,  
13 you know, the video interview of Dr. Yee really showed him  
14 to be, you know, someone who seems curious and willing to  
15 learn new things, and work with different communities.

16 As far as the Democrats, I've heard this from  
17 several of the other Commissioners, Michael Gennaco with a  
18 background as an attorney, specifically with some  
19 background in the VRA. Patricia Sinay from San Diego, with  
20 a strong background in community involvement.

21 And then, for the independents, I think both have  
22 also been mentioned previously, Pedro Toledo, who is also  
23 an attorney. Though his specialty is not the Voting Rights  
24 Act, I still think having that, you know, that legal  
25 training might be extraordinarily helpful for us. And

1 Linda Akutagawa from Orange County, with a strong  
2 background in communities, particularly Asian American  
3 communities. But who also talked about in her interview,  
4 you know, having been born and raised in California, and  
5 yet still feeling a sense of discrimination and how she  
6 would be able to bring that to better understand  
7 communities from across California. And I thought that  
8 would be extraordinarily helpful in addition to her  
9 facilitation skills that, you know, that she has in her  
10 professional background.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you,  
12 Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 Any other Commissioners? So, we have -- now,  
14 okay, I have -- let me make sure I've done this. I have  
15 basically four -- oh, I see, I have four candidates and  
16 then four lists, essentially. And then, Commissioner Le  
17 Mons, you're sort of like me, you have yup, yup, and oh  
18 yup, I've got people from several of them. So, I see that  
19 that's -- and then, we don't actually have -- I mean, I  
20 don't want to put anyone on the spot, but we know who the  
21 other two Commissioners are. Commissioner -- thank you,  
22 Commissioner Ahmad, do you have something to say, or  
23 something to add or --

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes. So, I would like to go  
25 ahead and share my list as well. It's interesting to note

1 that all of the names on my list have already been  
2 mentioned in some combination with the four lists that have  
3 already been discussed.

4 So, for the Democratic Party I have Michael  
5 Gennaco, similar to some of the names that have already  
6 been given, with his law background.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, could you speak up a  
8 little bit, we're --

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can you hear me now?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Democratic Party, Michael  
14 Gennaco, Vonya Quarles.

15 Republican Party, Alicia Fernandez, Richard  
16 Gallegos.

17 And then, independents, Tam Tran and Eddie  
18 Morgan.

19 Just based off of the four, now five lists  
20 presented, it's interesting to note that several names have  
21 been presented across all five lists. So, if we can keep  
22 track of that as we move into discussing further.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you,  
24 Commissioner Ahmad.

25 Well, I have some of these names. I have other

1 names, as well. I mean, Commissioner Taylor did you want  
2 to sort of jump in with what your thoughts are or --

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Sure.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: All right, no problem. For  
6 my Democratic selections I had Angela Vazquez and Michael  
7 Gennaco. And, you know, just as those additional stars,  
8 thought, I also had Vonya Quarles. And William MacPhail  
9 has -- from his interview and his credentials, William  
10 MacPhail has extensive work with GIS data. And that might  
11 be something that might prove useful to us as we go on and  
12 the discussion is still open. And Vonya Quarles has a  
13 background in law, so that's especially of note.

14 For my Republicans I have Alicia Fernandez, Peter  
15 Blando, and star by Karla Van Meter. Her statistical  
16 analysis, of course, and her expertise in that field would  
17 be of benefit.

18 For my no-party preference I have Pedro Toledo  
19 and Tam Tran. And I also have Linda Akutagawa as a star.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I'm sorry, you went a  
21 little fast for me, I was trying to write those down.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm sorry.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you just go over those  
24 again, if you wouldn't mind? Just go ahead and start from  
25 the top, I have --

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So, for Democrat?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, just please. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Angela Vasquez.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And Michael Gennaco. And I  
6 have, if I can hop on the plus I have one, Vonya Quarles  
7 and William MacPhail. And I think it's important to note  
8 that William MacPhail has a history or has a background in  
9 GIS data.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: For the Republicans I have  
12 Alicia Fernandez and Peter Blando. And a star or a plus  
13 one of Karla Van Meter.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: For the nonaffiliated or no  
16 party preference I have Pedro Toledo and Tam Tran, with a  
17 star by Linda Akutagawa -- Akutagawa -- yeah, Linda.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Well, I might go  
19 ahead and lay out some of mine. I have about, you know,  
20 sort of three or four for each one.

21 I also had -- you know, one thing that I'm  
22 looking for, I was looking for legal experience because, as  
23 you know, Voters Rights Act primarily, is right now I kind  
24 of see only two. Michael Gennaco and actually Commissioner  
25 Sadhwani with her dissertation, who are actually kind of

1 current. Then we have a couple of lawyers involved, Pedro  
2 Toledo, and there's another person who had legal  
3 background, but that wasn't their sort of strong suit.

4 But then, I'm also looking at the actual map  
5 drawing. And I notice that there are several people who, I  
6 think Commissioner Sadhwani said, a bit more on the softer,  
7 you know, bringing more activists or overall people skills,  
8 who I sort of got the impression on the mapping they're  
9 going to go, well, we see what they bring to us.

10 Since my business is actually putting out  
11 drawings and the actual detailed nitty-gritty of that, I  
12 was really looking for a few more areas and experts in that  
13 field.

14 So, I also have William MacPhail because he's a  
15 geographer by trade and has done, it's not just GIS which  
16 he has GIS, but he's actually -- you know, he's been  
17 creating maps his entire career and looking at every bit of  
18 all the data in terms of how you put them all together and  
19 overlay.

20 So, also -- and I've got Peter Blando and Karla  
21 Van Meter. Again, both -- what I liked about Peter Blando  
22 is, of course, he's a Filipino. And similar to what  
23 Commissioner Sadhwani was saying, you know, there are so  
24 many areas, you know, groups of people which are so  
25 important to the State of California, and they're -- you

1 know, we want to get them represented. So, you know, how  
2 do they fit. And that's why I was having trouble, if you  
3 can only come up with two and two and two, I'm having a  
4 real problem there. But Peter Blando, certainly his  
5 mapping capabilities and also his entire field of expertise  
6 with the entire UC system all across the state. He has a  
7 lot of experience with different areas of the whole state.

8 Karla Van Meter, her -- as Commissioner Kennedy  
9 said, her strengths are very, very strong.

10 I did also look at both Alicia Fernandez and  
11 Richard Gallegos, which again are strong candidates. But  
12 my concern with those is they're very, very similar. I  
13 mean very similar, almost like, well, you'd have one but  
14 not necessarily the other. I mean you can't really do  
15 that, of course, because they each have specialties,  
16 criminology versus finance, both from small towns. You  
17 know, very similar.

18 And on the non-party side, let's see, I've lost  
19 his name right now. Eddie Morgan. Who is the only person,  
20 really, from up north. And, you know, he has other skills  
21 as well other than, you know, oh, I'm from up north. He  
22 has done -- his military experience, his translating and  
23 cross-cultural work I also thought stood out.

24 So, and then, of course, balancing all things  
25 considered that was hard because I also have Linda

1 Akutagawa and, well, Pedro Toledo. So, he's -- I really  
2 liked him as well. Again, he has a bit of legal  
3 experience. His community work, he actually represents a  
4 small town as well, even though it's -- I mean, you know,  
5 people say that's the Bay Area. Petaluma is really, it's  
6 really more rural in a delightful, wonderful way as all of  
7 rural is.

8           So, I don't know if that necessarily helped. Oh,  
9 I'm sorry, if I didn't say Democrats, Michael Gennaco.  
10 Then I also liked, who I don't think has been mentioned,  
11 yet -- Patricia Sinay, she's from San Diego, has great  
12 connections, has worked in both nonprofit and government.

13           Oh, Margo Morales. Her finance, her managerial  
14 style and working for the cities, and large -- you know, we  
15 do need sort of manager types, which we have a few of. But  
16 I thought she was a strong candidate, too. So, that was  
17 very hard.

18           But Michael Gennaco, he was absolutely solid in  
19 many respects.

20           So, you know, I don't know if that helps any.  
21 And then, Russell Lee -- Yee, he had a lot to offer, too.

22           So, those are sort of my thoughts. I think,  
23 Commissioner Le Mons, if you wanted to -- since we're on  
24 sort of the same page of a large number if that helps, was  
25 that sort of similar to yours or maybe a little --

1           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, I'll commit. I'll  
2 commit to a six, since everyone has given one. Yeah, my  
3 earlier comments were that within my six plus certainly  
4 many of the same names, but I'll give a six for  
5 consideration -- for discussion.

6           So, in the Democratic category it would be  
7 Patricia Sinay. And also, Michael Gennaco. So, those  
8 would be the two individuals under the Democratic.

9           Under the Republican category it would be Peter  
10 Blando and Alicia Fernandez.

11           And then under nonaffiliated it would be Eddie  
12 Morgan and Pedro Toledo.

13           And then, if we're talking about -- I don't know  
14 if we want -- like Commissioner Taylor, I had a couple  
15 people in each category. Ted -- but I think I won't name  
16 those. I'll just put forward the six and then as we have  
17 the discussions in my head I know who that is and it gives  
18 me the latitude to support discussion, as well as other  
19 options for slates.

20           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I appreciate that.

21           Now, is there -- oh, now, I did, and I don't know  
22 if this is going to help anyone, I also, I listed -- and I  
23 think staff's been very nice to me. Well, a Commissioner  
24 brought this forward, but that was actually me. I list  
25 them geographically. I started from the north and went

1 down south. And because I'm also looking at, you know,  
2 political parties north/south. And in doing so I found  
3 it's very interesting, and I think we might be getting that  
4 probably tomorrow, in terms of, you know, areas and what  
5 parties are represented there.

6 And so, you know, with the idea in mind I don't  
7 want to have sort of one area of the state having trouble  
8 and them sort of thinking, well, you know, that group is  
9 ganging up on me. And when you look at it that way it's  
10 kind of like, okay, do we have representatives from all the  
11 state, and how well -- how do they sort of match the  
12 actual, you know, how many -- I was also balancing urban  
13 and rural according to the number. So, you know, obviously  
14 not half and half. But, you know, we need rural people as  
15 well as urban. And that sort of helped me.

16 And that's where, you know, Eddie Morgan popped  
17 out in my non. And so then I was kind of, okay, well, who  
18 other in my none. I loved Pedro Toledo. But I really,  
19 really like Karla Van Meter and those two happen to both  
20 live in Petaluma.

21 And, you know, but I'm going well, they do, but  
22 we have -- when you look at L.A., they have people also all  
23 over in L.A. And they're not the only people from the Bay  
24 Area. Well, again, is Sonoma in the Bay Area or not, don't  
25 know.

1           And then, we also have -- then, of course, oh,  
2 and I'm in the Bay Area. Neal and -- Commissioner  
3 Fornaciari, Commissioner Turner are in the south central.  
4 Oh, Commissioner Ahmad is from Central Coast, she's the  
5 only one from Central Coast. With those two it's  
6 Republican, it's Democrat.

7           VICE CHAIR TURNER: I'm actually in the Central  
8 Coast.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, what?

10          VICE CHAIR TURNER: I'm looking at this map. I'm  
11 actually -- I'm trying to figure out how they have it. I'm  
12 in Stockton. I'm in the Central Coast.

13          CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry Commissioner Turner, I  
14 couldn't quite hear you.

15          VICE CHAIR TURNER: Oh, I was saying I wasn't --  
16 if I misunderstood you, that as saying I'm in San Joaquin  
17 County. I'm in Central Coast, Stockton. And how is this  
18 mapped?

19          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, you know, we did get a  
20 map that went out and I think that might help. No, you're  
21 actually -- San Joaquin that is considered -- in the way  
22 our demographics are broken down --

23          VICE CHAIR TURNER: So, it's actually  
24 (indiscernible) --

25          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, it's -- I'm not quite

1 hearing. You're -- San Joaquin, Fresno, Kern, those are  
2 all considered Southern Central Valley and Mountain.

3 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, it's kind of a weird  
4 designation. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. And that's where we  
6 were trying to get. You know, we have Tracy and Stockton.  
7 We are looking at someone, you know, possibly the Clovis,  
8 Fresno area, which the two there have been brought up.  
9 There's also in Kern County, which is more sort of inland.  
10 But the two there have been Gurinder Aujla and Richard  
11 Gallegos.

12 That ends up giving the South Central about, you  
13 know, that would be like four which is -- you know, is that  
14 a question of is that too many sort of for that area?

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Madam Chair?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Ahmad.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner  
19 Ahmad, thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I don't mean to interrupt.  
21 I don't mean to interrupt but --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no, I'm sort of -- I'm  
23 rambling to get other people help say a few words.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, yeah, definitely. So,  
25 I think it's going to be important for us to make sure that

1 in our discussions and our considerations that we don't  
2 prioritize one definition of diversity over another, and  
3 actually look for a full balance across all of the factors  
4 listed out in the law about what diversity is.

5 So, looking at racial/ethnic backgrounds, gender,  
6 economic status, region, as well as party across the whole  
7 14. So, I just wanted to throw that out there.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you. Thank you,  
9 appreciate that. I do have -- if you wouldn't mind, both  
10 Commissioner Ahmad and Commissioner Turner, if you could,  
11 when you're talking get a little bit closer to the  
12 microphone just for -- it might sound fine, but I want to  
13 make sure that the court reporter is able to pick that up.  
14 So, thank you.

15 Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Now that we've all sort of  
17 offered up some names and some thinking behind those names,  
18 do you think that we could maybe try to collaboratively  
19 build a slate? Yeah, I'd like to recommend that, if the  
20 fellow Commissioners are open to that that with the names  
21 we have so far, and I think it can kind of structure a  
22 discussion, and see how far we get.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's a good idea. It's  
24 quarter to 12:00 right now. Would -- again, this is more  
25 sort of a discussion. Would that possibly be a time before

1 we kind of jump -- since we're sort of -- you know, we've  
2 kind of proposed. Before we then sort of start building  
3 would this be a time to possibly invite public comment? Is  
4 there any sort of thoughts on that one? This would be --  
5 you know, then that would kind of maybe dovetail into  
6 having lunch and then sort of proceeding with a consensus  
7 building kind of post lunch. So, would the --

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: This is Commissioner  
9 Taylor. I agree, this is a good time to invite public  
10 comment.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you. Yes, I'm  
12 getting a few nods. I'm seeing a few nods in the group.  
13 So, at this point I might just, in the essence of I think  
14 that's the next step we'll go and this might be a good sort  
15 of in between time.

16 So, at this point we would like to invite public  
17 comment and I would look for our counsel, Ms. Saxton, to go  
18 ahead and read the details of how the public can comment.

19 MS. SAXTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

20 The Commission of the first -- the first eight  
21 Commissioners are going to now open up for public comment.  
22 If you'd like to make public comment regarding Agenda Item  
23 5, please call in now by dialing 844-291-5495. That is  
24 844-291-5495. After dialing the number you will speak to  
25 an operator. You'll be asked to provide either the access

1 code for the meeting, which is 8121803 or the name of the  
2 meeting which is CRC selection meeting.

3           After providing this information the operator  
4 will ask you to provide your name. Please note you're not  
5 required to provide your actual name. When the operator  
6 asks for your name, you may provide a name other than your  
7 own. When it's your turn to make public comment, the  
8 operator will introduce you by the name you provided.  
9 Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of  
10 callers by name. We ask for you to provide some name to  
11 enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously  
12 and let you know when it's your turn to speak.

13           After speaking with the operator you'll be placed  
14 in a listening room. In this room you'll be able to listen  
15 to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your computer  
16 audio because the online video and audio will be delayed by  
17 approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may occur,  
18 making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment. Also,  
19 please do not use a speakerphone and speak directly into  
20 your phone.

21           When you decide that you want to make a comment  
22 about an action item on the agenda, in this case Item 5,  
23 press 1 0 and you'll be placed in the queue to make public  
24 comment about that action item. After joining the queue to  
25 make a public comment, you should hear an automatic

1 recording informing you that you've been placed in the  
2 queue. When it's your turn, the operator will introduce  
3 you. At that time please state and spell your name for the  
4 transcriptionist. Then, state your comment clearly and  
5 concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You  
6 will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time  
7 remains. After you finish making your comment, we'll move  
8 on to the next caller. At that point please hang up your  
9 phone. If you'd like to comment on another agenda item at  
10 a later time, please call back when we open up public  
11 comment for that item and repeat this process.

12           If you're disconnected for any reason, please  
13 call back and explain the issue to the operator, then  
14 repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
15 pressing 1 0. These instructions can also be found on our  
16 website.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel. AT&T  
18 Operator Nick, do we happen to have any people in the queue  
19 for a public comment.

20           AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you, Madam Chair. At this  
21 time there is no one in queue.

22           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. We'll wait a few  
23 minutes. I know this is sort of the topic that we received  
24 a lot of public comment, written public comment on. So, I  
25 think we'll give a couple of minutes here. That way we can

1 get a few callers.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Madam Chair?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry, yes Commissioner  
4 Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Just while  
6 we're waiting, I might just through out there and certainly  
7 our roll right now is not to be thinking about, you know,  
8 the full Commission or anything like that. But I just want  
9 to acknowledge that given the flexibility in our agenda, I  
10 would imagine it's probably challenging for people who may  
11 be interested in the process to know -- to be following  
12 along all day long, and to know exactly when we want to  
13 take public comment because our agenda is so flexible.  
14 Which I think we need, I think we do need that.

15 But just for the future, for moving forward, we  
16 might want to think about whether it's an online portal  
17 where people can leave their comments during our meetings,  
18 or even just acknowledging many of the written comments  
19 during the public meetings. They're obviously all on our  
20 website as well and I'm sure we've all taken the time to  
21 review those.

22 But I can imagine that it would be a challenge,  
23 you know, for people who are interested in this process to  
24 be listening all day long and being available at the time  
25 that we choose to have public comments. So, I just want to

1 put that out there for all of us to think about and  
2 consider for the future.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you, Commissioner  
4 Sadhwani. These meetings are very tailored, which is  
5 unlike, you know, the rest of our -- when the 14 gets  
6 together. We have received actually quite a few comments.  
7 But really, we do need to defer to the full Commission.  
8 And that's certainly one.

9 But I think the full Commission will certainly  
10 lend itself to that because we're mostly looking for public  
11 comment on many, many things. Where these are sort of more  
12 -- the first meeting was all that training. The second  
13 meeting is to get the Commission. So, these are a little  
14 more, where I feel like these we can actually sort of stick  
15 to the time. I totally understand, you know, we have the  
16 ability to be flexible and that does not mean other people  
17 do. And I think those are all good comments for the full  
18 Commission to consider. Which I'm sure actually all of us  
19 will have ideas that we think the full Commission should  
20 consider. But we'll all bring those up when the time  
21 comes. But you're right, as we're waiting here certainly  
22 nothing -- no reason not to mention that.

23 I do want to say, well, for the people who are  
24 calling in, for all those people who are calling in there  
25 have been a lot of different articles, and things, and

1 editorials and things in the paper. And please go to the  
2 website of the Shape California's Future, and it's just a  
3 really short summary but of how this actually has been  
4 happening. Because there have been a lot of  
5 misinterpretations, just sort of the way it's phrased, you  
6 know, that there have been a couple of comments that have  
7 come in. And, unfortunately, the people I felt didn't have  
8 the facts correct and it wasn't through no fault of their  
9 own.

10           So, if I just say, you know, if anyone's  
11 listening, please go to the website, which is the Shape  
12 California's Future at this point, and read through the  
13 process. You know, we're picking -- the Commission has not  
14 been formed yet. The Legislature took the list of 60,  
15 created the list of 35. Eight were drawn at random, now  
16 the remaining six, then the Commission will be put  
17 together. So, just a clarification.

18           MS. SAXTON: One quick thing before I assume  
19 you'll want to check again, with respect to public comment.  
20 The Shape California's Future website does have a link  
21 where at any time comments can be provided in writing. And  
22 those are being marshaled and distributed. So that if  
23 someone doesn't have time to participate directly, they can  
24 participate in that way and their comments will be received  
25 in writing.

1           And additionally, with respect to public comment,  
2 the notion that you'll take it perhaps frequently, or  
3 recommended frequently, and at each stage as you're doing  
4 will hopefully provide the level of public comment to allow  
5 people to essentially hop on to this agenda item, which I  
6 assume is going to be the largest portion of this meeting  
7 in terms of the time you take.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you. Thank you,  
9 Counsel.

10           At this time, AT&T Operator, do we have anyone on  
11 the line?

12           AT&T OPERATOR: Yes, we do have one comment in  
13 queue.

14           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah.

15           AT&T OPERATOR: And that would -- my apologies  
16 that comes from Alejandra Ponce De Leon. Please go ahead.

17           MS. PONCE DE LEON: Hi. Good morning  
18 Commissioners. My name is Alejandra Ponce De Leon, and on  
19 behalf of the Redistricting Alliance we thank you for  
20 upholding your responsibility for ensuring that the  
21 California Citizens Redistricting Commission reflect the  
22 diversity of our state.

23           As you're engaged and continue to engage in this  
24 pivotal decision of determining the final six members, you  
25 know, we continue to respectfully urge you that you

1 prioritize Latinx and Southeast Asian candidates. And  
2 candidates from regions and counties that hold substantial  
3 portions of California's population, especially the Bay  
4 Area, Inland Empire, Los Angeles County, Northern Central  
5 Valley, Orange County and San Diego County.

6 And so, I appreciate for some of the  
7 recommendations of candidates that reflect some of these,  
8 already these gaps. But in addition, because we recognize  
9 that your task of distinguishing between candidates who  
10 will fill the above gaps may be difficult, we encourage you  
11 to also seek those who show strong commitments to both  
12 racial and economic equity, and community engagement.

13 Racial and economic equity should be prioritized  
14 because at every point of our democratic processes, whether  
15 it is voting, engaging elected officials, or even running  
16 for office low-income communities and communities of color  
17 face a multitude of barriers that impede their  
18 participation and diminish their political representation.  
19 Thus, it's imperative that the final six members possess a  
20 racial and economic equity lens to help develop a  
21 redistricting process that identifies and eliminates  
22 barriers to participation for all residents.

23 Lastly, selecting candidates who show strong  
24 community engagement experience would heighten the CRC's  
25 ability to effectively and innovatively engage California's

1 diverse population. Community engagement was a key pillar  
2 for the 2010 CRC and as a result it successfully developed  
3 fair district lines.

4 MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds.

5 MS. PONCE DE LEON: Community engagement should  
6 continue to be a cornerstone of the new CRC, especially in  
7 light of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
8 Thank you for your service and for giving me the time.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 Do we have anyone else in queue?

11 AT&T OPERATOR: There are no other comments in  
12 queue at this time.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Well, considering  
14 it's -- should we wait a couple of minutes and then say go  
15 to lunch, since it's just close -- depending on which clock  
16 we're looking at it's close to 12:00, close to noon.

17 AT&T Operator, do we happen to have anyone else  
18 in the queue?

19 AT&T OPERATOR: No one else in queue at this  
20 time, Madam Chair.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair, just one  
23 quick question.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Sorry, was that --

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Kennedy.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, Commissioner Kennedy. Yes,  
2 Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. If you could just go  
4 over your list again, please?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. So, I was afraid  
6 you'd say that to try to pin me down. I have, similar to  
7 sort of what Commissioner Taylor said, and Commissioner Le  
8 Mons sort of indicated, I have probably three at each  
9 position, or it's like I'm alternating people based on  
10 skill sets as well as geography -- skill sets, geography,  
11 and the total demographic.

12 And so, say for Democrats I do have Michael  
13 Gennaco. Then I have both either Patricia Sinay or William  
14 MacPhail, who are both from San Diego. They both have, you  
15 know, different characteristics, but they both represent  
16 the same area. Actually, I have several other Democrats as  
17 well but, you know, you can only have two.

18 There are some amazing community activities in  
19 that category, so I'd have to -- there's room there in my  
20 pool of people that if not one, then the other.

21 In Republicans I have Karla Van Meter, very, very  
22 strong. And probably number two would be Pedro -- let's  
23 see, where do I have him. I'm sorry, would be Peter  
24 Blando. Peter Blando. Yeah, again, because it's  
25 Sacramento, the Filipino.

1           And then, for the non I'd have Eddie Morgan. And  
2 then, this was tough because Pedro -- Pedro Toledo. Sorry,  
3 got those two sort of mixed up just because of the P, the P  
4 name. But then I also have Linda Akutagawa in, as well for  
5 the non.

6           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So, just to be clear, you  
7 had Morgan, Toledo and Akutagawa?

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Akutagawa.

9           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Linda Akutagawa. And I did have  
11 Tam Tran in there.

12          AT&T OPERATOR: Pardon the interruption. We may  
13 have another comment. I don't know if you had time for  
14 that before lunch?

15          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, certainly. Please go  
16 ahead.

17          AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. If you do have a --  
18 thank you, Madam Chair. Were you finished with your list  
19 before we go on, I'm sorry?

20          CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, that's -- well, I guess in  
21 the -- well, I've already sort of mentioned that the number  
22 of Democrats I have in there. So, go ahead. Go ahead with  
23 the -- the AT&T Operator Nick, if you could go ahead with  
24 the public comment.

25          AT&T OPERATOR: Thank you. David Sander, your

1 line is open.

2 MR. SANDER: Yes, thank you. I am calling from  
3 Northern California and I'm calling from a region where we  
4 have really been divided up in previous redistricting.  
5 There's a city here, Rancho Cordova that at one point in  
6 the process had four different Senators representing a city  
7 population of about 60,000 people.

8 We're really hoping to have better representation  
9 on the Commission this time so that that sort of division  
10 of our community doesn't happen again.

11 And we have a large Filipino population in our  
12 region and it's very diverse, you know, politically. But  
13 Peter Blando is a great representative of that community in  
14 the Sacramento region and we're really hoping that he can  
15 be chosen in your deliberations to represent us and,  
16 hopefully, make up for some of that historic issue we've  
17 had with redistricting.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your comments.

19 Any additional comments in the queue?

20 AT&T OPERATOR: No other comments in queue at  
21 this time.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I think with that and it  
23 now is noon, unless I see -- unless I see a waving hand of  
24 objection, which I do not see, I say we'll take our lunch  
25 recess.

1           So, is it noon actually or is it five after? Can  
2 I have a time check on --

3           MS. SAXTON: It is 12:01.

4           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. Okay, so then we'll  
5 come back at 1:01. Call the meeting in recess.

6           (Off the record at 12:01 p.m.)

7           (On the record at 1:01 p.m.)

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: And as I believe this was just  
9 sort of a recess without a vote, I shall call the meeting  
10 back into order after lunch.

11           And we are continuing -- for those in the public,  
12 we are continuing on with our item discussion, which is  
13 Item Number 5 in its entirety. Discussing our qualities,  
14 and characteristics of people in our group of six.

15           So, with that I throw it back open again to our  
16 discussions. And I think we were with -- Commissioner Le  
17 Mons had actually just sort of said something. While we  
18 seem to have lost him for a minute, I might ask  
19 Commissioner Fornaciari, I evidently was listening a little  
20 more than writing when you actually proposed your six.  
21 Would you mind reviewing that, please?

22           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. I had Mr. A-U-J  
23 --

24           THE REPORTER: Can you get a little closer,  
25 please?

1           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. Mr. A-U-J-L-A,  
2 from Fresno.

3           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And Tam Tran in my  
5 nonaffiliated group.

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I had Van Meter and  
8 Fernandez in my Republican group. And Gennaco and Sinay in  
9 my Democratic group.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, great. Thank you.

11          Okay, so we all talked about our groups.

12          COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think there's a  
13 question.

14          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. You have a  
15 question? Yes, thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

16          COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. You know, not  
17 so a question and just -- just I wanted to acknowledge, you  
18 know, as we went through I was trying my best to keep track  
19 of everyone's -- you know, the selection that everyone had  
20 mentioned. During the break I did try to go through and  
21 tabulate them as best as possible. Certainly, there were a  
22 number of names that kind of kept rising to the top. Of  
23 course, there wasn't perfect agreement on any of the names.  
24 But I would be happy to share that with you all. And if  
25 I've mischaracterized anyone's positions, you know, please

1 let me know of course as well. But would that be helpful  
2 if I share that?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm seeing a couple of yeses.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes, Madam Chair?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't have you on the screen.

7 Was that --

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: This is Commissioner Ahmad.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ahmad.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I agree with Commissioner  
13 Sadhwani proposed and I, too, went and have all the lists.  
14 So, I think a good starting point would just be to look at  
15 the agreement across all of us. I like what she proposed  
16 as a starting point.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we can certainly, you  
18 know, as an area for a discussion and it certainly is as  
19 sort of good as any other proposal. So, yes, I believe  
20 it's sort of go right ahead, Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Would it be  
22 helpful if I share my screen where I have it written down?  
23 Yes?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. So, I'm going to

1 -- I think I can do that from here. Can you all see that?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So, as you can see I  
4 attempted to go through each Commissioner's selections.  
5 Obviously, for some folks, you know -- Madam Chair, you had  
6 multiples in there. So, I tried to whittle that down to  
7 those that kind of rose to the top. So, some folks who  
8 were mentioned perhaps once, or just twice I didn't include  
9 in this list. But that doesn't mean that we can't still  
10 consider them, of course.

11 And again, if I mischaracterized anyone's, please  
12 feel free to correct me or let me know.

13 Amongst the Democrats it looked like there was a  
14 fairly large amount of consensus around Michael Gennaco.  
15 Seven people had mentioned him. As well as with Patricia  
16 Sinay from San Diego. I believe that there were six  
17 mentions for her.

18 Amongst Republicans, in particular those who sort  
19 of rose to the top -- again, others were mentioned that I  
20 didn't put on this list. Karla Van Meter, for example,  
21 Richard Gallegos as well. But the two that kind of rose to  
22 the top here were Alicia Fernandez and Peter Blando.  
23 Alicia Fernandez had about six people mention her. Peter  
24 Blando less, at four.

25 And then amongst independents I think that's

1 where I saw greater variation. Pedro Toledo from Sonoma,  
2 about five mentions. Eddie Morgan had about four. Linda  
3 Akutagawa had somewhere between two to four. I think she  
4 was a couple people's alternates. And then, Tam Tran also  
5 had two to three mentions as well.

6 And again, if this -- you know, I tried to list  
7 everyone here, so if that -- you know, if I  
8 mischaracterized it please, please feel free to jump in.  
9 And I will attempt to stop sharing the screen if I can  
10 figure out how to do that. There we go. Unless folks want  
11 it back up, still.

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Commissioner Sadhwani, can  
13 you put it up for a few more seconds, please?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Absolutely. Absolutely,  
15 yeah.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, someone was --

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, was -- sorry, Commissioner  
19 Kennedy, did you want to say something?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, please.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Go ahead while we're all  
22 sort of writing down a few things from the screen here.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. Yeah, I'm just  
24 noting that I'm missing from the list supporting Alicia  
25 Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, my apologies.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're welcome to leave  
3 that up here.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. No, you can certainly  
5 leave that up for a while. But, you know, are tech person  
6 is saying he can always jump back. The only thing is in  
7 terms of you might have to speak up a little louder. I can  
8 only see -- on the screen, now, I can only see a few faces.  
9 So, you kind of have to announce yourselves if you want to  
10 make a comment.

11 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

13 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I'd just like to say  
14 this is very helpful to see this in this manner.  
15 Commissioner Sadhwani, I just want to really appreciate  
16 that you took the time to do this over lunch.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you.

18 So, any --

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is Commissioner Le  
20 Mons.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, Commissioner Le Mons, go  
22 ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just had a question for  
24 Commissioner Ahmad. Was this -- I know you were also  
25 tracking and I was just curious as to if this was

1 consistent with what you tracked as well?

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes, it is. The list is  
3 missing a few names, but I think Commissioner Sadhwani did  
4 address that, the names that may have only come up once.  
5 For what's listed up there it's pretty -- it's consistent.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Great, thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, just from -- this is  
9 Andersen speaking again. From, you know, my looking at it  
10 yes there were several Democrats named who are not up  
11 there. Mr. Gennaco and Ms. Sinay certainly had all this  
12 backing.

13 The Republicans, I think there were definitely a  
14 few more. Again, you have the top two. My -- the Peter  
15 Blando and Ms. Fernandez was I did mention. Actually,  
16 Karla Van Meter was my actual choice there, with Peter  
17 Blando. I certainly did consider Ms. Fernandez, as I  
18 considered a few other people.

19 Again, on the -- again with me, I think Tam Tran  
20 was actually my second and then Ms. Akutagama [sic]. I  
21 also mentioned Russell Yee, who was also mentioned by, oh,  
22 Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Yes. In those  
24 instances I saw about two people had identified Russell  
25 Yee. Two people I believe had mentioned Karla Van Meter.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, and then I had two people  
2 for William MacPhail.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: William MacPhail. And  
4 then, Richard Gallegos as well I think fall within that had  
5 also been mentioned.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Again, yes.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Partially because I did  
8 this in a PowerPoint so that I could -- and actually, I  
9 should share that in a large screen.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, I appreciate that.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just everyone didn't fit.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right, right. No, I see that.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So, I kept to those with,  
14 you know, more than two. So, yes, by no means is this list  
15 exhaustive of all names mentioned. So, thank you, that's  
16 very important to note.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Le Mons has  
18 his hand up.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. I think this is a  
21 good way for us to organize the information. I'm  
22 wondering, I realize, I understand Commissioner Sadhwani  
23 just said that maybe because it's in a PowerPoint it might  
24 be a little more challenging to have it fit on one screen.  
25 But I think maybe what we could do is add those other names

1 to here, to this, since you've already started a table  
2 going. And then, maybe we could begin the process of  
3 seeing if we can actually build a slate from this through  
4 our discussion. And I think in order to ensure that those  
5 other names that were put out as possibilities stay in the  
6 conversation, it might be important to have them be here  
7 visually as well.

8 I didn't mean to put you to work, Commissioner  
9 Sadhwani.

10 (Laughter)

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I work on data and tables  
12 like this all day long, so it's no problem for me. What I  
13 might just suggest then is I would maybe just move it over  
14 at least to Excel so that we can get everybody in there. I  
15 think once I started it in PowerPoint, I thought PowerPoint  
16 so that it was easier to share the screen, but then it was  
17 challenging just to fit everybody in to that small of a  
18 space.

19 So, if you all don't mind, I'm happy to kind of  
20 move it over to Excel and to include all of those names.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think I already have it  
22 in Excel.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah-ha. So, Commissioner  
24 Kennedy, do you have it in a form we can actually sort of  
25 -- you know, maybe not exactly the same, obviously, but

1 that we could have a look at this? Or, can you just share  
2 your screen or not at this time?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think I can.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then, also, since Commissioner  
5 Sadhwani has sort of, kind of been forcefully volunteered  
6 shall we say, would you like to take a short, you know,  
7 stand down while you kind of put that together or --

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, we've got --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we do.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Who's this from? Is this  
11 Kennedy?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: This is Kennedy, I'm assuming?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

14 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 MS. SAXTON: If I may, I just would like to  
17 remind, as I'm sure you're aware, that all of the screen-  
18 shared documents are public records and they will be posted  
19 for the public to see on our website and treated as such.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Well, thank you very  
21 much. We do need to consider that.

22 Also since, yes, I have my glasses on to see  
23 things far away, the screens, you know, it's small and far  
24 away. Oh, I see, and you have -- oh, you have everyone  
25 sort of listed. And then that --

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: What might be helpful  
2 with this one, Commissioner Kennedy, if I may, is if we  
3 hide some of the -- not to say we can't still consider  
4 them, but it might be helpful just to hide some of the  
5 names that we haven't -- that no one mentioned. Not that  
6 we can't consider them, but so that we can kind of whittle  
7 down that list a little bit more.

8           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, do we feel, guys that --  
9 I'm sorry. I say guys a lot, I'm use to construction  
10 sites. Do we, and by guys I mean everybody. You know,  
11 guys, there's the group.

12           But I'm sorry. Commissioners, fellow  
13 Commissioners do we think we should -- you know, since  
14 we're asking, you know, can you do this, can you do that,  
15 do we just want to stand at ease for a few minutes while  
16 our wonderful volunteer Commissioners, you know, put this  
17 together for us in a little easier fashion?

18           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's fine with me,  
19 yeah.

20           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sounds good.

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So, we'll just be at ease  
22 here for a few minutes. And Commissioner Kennedy and/or  
23 Commissioner Sadhwani if, you know, you're going to grab  
24 your couple of items, you know, in sense whoever gets there  
25 first. If you could just let us know, thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair, one question.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Should I keep the eight of  
4 us in there or eliminate the eight of us?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: In terms of the eight are you  
6 sorting it then by region or something or I mean is there a  
7 particular reason to do that right now or would that be  
8 just confusing visually?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I believe it could be  
10 sorted however, but this is just I think the way that it  
11 was in one of the documents coming out of the Auditor's  
12 Office at one point.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah --

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, maybe just hiding  
15 us for the time being so that we can have enough real  
16 estate on the screen to see all the ones that were voted  
17 for in large enough font so that we can read it.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
19 Fornaciari.

20 Also, you know what, since we are sort of  
21 looking, now we're kind of going the Democrat, Republican,  
22 other, similar to the way the Applicant Review Panel has  
23 been sort of dealing with each group, the demographic info  
24 for the remaining 27, I think we all got a sheet of that.  
25 In terms of the public, this also went to the public. And

1 that's kind of a quick way just on our own to have a look  
2 at, you know, who we're looking at. I think that's the  
3 document that you started with. Is that correct,  
4 Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I believe so, yes.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. You know on that can we  
7 say, can we kind of go through just going through the list,  
8 don't eliminate someone before they should be eliminated.  
9 Would that be helpful? Or, well, no one's really being  
10 eliminated at this point.

11 (Pause)

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
13 Does that kind of -- oh, excuse me. Do any of the  
14 Commissioners want to add some people there or feel that  
15 someone was on, but shouldn't be?

16 Well, that certainly seems -- that's certainly a  
17 good starting point. Any ideas about how we'd like to do a  
18 consensus? This is now as opposed to like actually talking  
19 people, talking process. Any particular ideas about that?  
20 And you'll have to sort of speak up because, as I said, we  
21 only have a few faces here.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: This is Commissioner Ahmad.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, Commissioner Ahmad.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think we're or I would  
25 propose or suggest where we start is just looking at the

1 candidates in which we have the most votes. And it seems  
2 like the most at this point is seven, and then just work  
3 our way down the list from those folks to reach in terms of  
4 consensus and for the discussion.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That sounds like -- well, there  
6 we go. Hearing no other particular plans, yeah let's, we  
7 can start there. Now, the one thing I think we need to  
8 consider is as I said, you know, previously, unlike the  
9 Applicant Review Panel these are good candidates. But, you  
10 know, for each person you put on then you have to consider  
11 how they interplay with other people.

12 So, if we say, well, you know, this candidate  
13 fits better, it's not candidate per candidate, it's  
14 actually in total. So, I think with that in mind because,  
15 you know, it's not sort of trading but it's like my analogy  
16 is a pitcher/catcher. You can have the greatest pitcher in  
17 the world but they have to have a catcher that they work  
18 with.

19 So, on a few, you know, yes, they're good, they  
20 have good qualities, but then you're losing this quality  
21 that sort of thing.

22 But so, yes, with that in mind who sort of wants  
23 to lead off here?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just to note that based on  
2 what we were seeing from what Commissioner Sadhwani had  
3 shared about where the general points of agreement are that  
4 we -- just from a very quick look, it looked like the  
5 geographic balance had shifted to the north and potentially  
6 the gender balance had shifted towards the men.

7           CHAIR ANDERSEN: I did see the shift towards the  
8 men. I did not see that it shifted north. So, where --

9           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Le Mons.

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Le Mons.

11          COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Might I suggest that we go  
12 by party, for example, and start with in this case the  
13 Democratic Party's listed first, so starting with that  
14 party and looking to see if there were individuals who had  
15 substantial support as of our first run. And then, see if  
16 we concur that let's say, for example at a glance here it  
17 looks like Michael Gennaco and Patricia Sinay seem to be  
18 the frontrunners here.

19          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

20          COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And say, you know, can we  
21 all support those two? Let's have a discussion about that.  
22 Is there someone we'd like to see as an alternate and then  
23 move those two out of the list down into what we can call a  
24 collaborate slate, in sort of the service of building a  
25 slate.

1           And then, we could do the same thing with each  
2 category. And then, we can kind of figure out how much  
3 discussion is needed, if we want to add names, move names,  
4 and I think the slate is what we want to alternately be  
5 looking at globally. As opposed to, you know, this however  
6 many number of names are here. And then, we'll know  
7 whether it's shifted north, south, men, women, you know  
8 that kind of thing we'll be able to see with the actual  
9 slate that we're considering. Does that make sense? Does  
10 that work?

11           CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's certainly -- you know, I  
12 think we're getting sort of head nods of the heads I can  
13 see.

14           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

15           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16           MS. SAXTON: I'm so sorry to interrupt. We're  
17 getting reports that this cannot be seen by the viewing  
18 public.

19           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

20           MS. SAXTON: So, I think we're going to need to  
21 take a break right now and potentially make it so that that  
22 can be made for use, and also potentially get it out for  
23 everyone to see.

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

25           MS. SAXTON: I think that like I said at the

1 beginning --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, you did. Yeah.

3 MS. SAXTON: -- as much as we'd like to use this  
4 people cannot follow along. They can't see. They don't  
5 know what they're seeing.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MS. SAXTON: So, if we could take a break for a  
8 moment and try to get everybody situated so you can  
9 continue on or some other --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I could propose since, you  
11 know, we're sort of doing this sort of as a visual thinking  
12 it will help. Back to what Commissioner Sadhwani sort of  
13 did originally, this was kind of sort of a starting point.  
14 Should we just follow Commissioner Le Mons' idea and, you  
15 know, we've kind of had like an idea. We can say, you  
16 know, I think, you know, start at the Democrats, or start  
17 up north or, you know, realizing that we're going to go  
18 back to the groups as, you know, you go oh, yes. But if we  
19 put the person in here then they're from the same area as  
20 the person up there, or something like that. We can -- but  
21 why don't we sort of start there just verbally, writing it  
22 down. Maybe would that help, so that way we don't have to  
23 -- I do see this as a problem and they could break for a  
24 long time. I think that could be a technical issue that we  
25 don't necessarily have to deal with. Is that correct?

1 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, in addition to it being  
2 a technical issue, it becomes a Bagley-Keene issue if the  
3 public cannot participate in a meaningful way.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah.

5 MS. SAXTON: If they can't follow along.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 MS. SAXTON: So, what I would ask at this time is  
8 that any of the spreadsheets or visual documents that they  
9 can email them in to Mr. Porche. I believe they have his  
10 email address. We can work from there. And I think we're  
11 going to need to take a break in order to do this.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Right. Okay, well, I  
13 know we'll now because for Bagley-Keene we really do need  
14 to do that. Is there -- you know, can we take a short, a  
15 very short break so we can continue the discussion once  
16 that's being emailed and actually switch it to a different  
17 form. So, that would be more like --

18 MS. SAXTON: Well, what I would suggest at this  
19 point, as I said this morning, as perhaps not ideal in  
20 these days of videoconferencing, et cetera --

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

22 MS. SAXTON: -- that we can have you to go  
23 verbally.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, that's what I'm saying.

25 MS. SAXTON: Go slowly so people can follow.

1 Create your slates. We can type up the slates that you  
2 want. I think Commissioner Sadhwani's sort of list of the  
3 applicants that were receiving the most -- they were  
4 appearing the most on the various eights' list of folks of  
5 applicants is something you can talk about verbally as  
6 well.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

8 MS. SAXTON: And we'll continue to track and  
9 discuss. I think it's just going to have to go a little  
10 bit more slowly than we might be accustomed to because of  
11 that public participating and being able to view the  
12 screen, and follow along for the public.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you, Counsel. Yes, as  
14 you can tell -- you know, we can tell a lot of us have been  
15 on Zoom calls and things do kind of zoom along here, pun  
16 intended.

17 So, with that I think we will take a short break  
18 and ask --

19 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, Commissioner Turner.

21 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Right before we entertain the  
22 short break I'd like to suggest in conjunction with  
23 Commissioner Le Mons' suggestion that he put on the table,  
24 might we also create concurrently a bucket of diversity  
25 items that we're looking for. So that when we start the

1 discussion for Democrats, Republicans and Independents that  
2 we're also holding off to the side not names, but keeping  
3 in mind if we're looking for slots filled to represent, for  
4 example Inland Empire. Or if, indeed, we're looking for  
5 the category of \$35,000 and below or there are a couple of  
6 other areas I wanted to be sure, be it API, or whatever it  
7 is. If we can create buckets so that as we're putting  
8 slates of people in each of those categories, in my mind  
9 I'm thinking great, these Democrats and, yeah, that would  
10 knock that off the bucket, that list, those things that  
11 would be able to fill that slot.

12           And then, as we move to the next area if there's  
13 a shift and we, for example, put someone, take someone off  
14 of the list, we know that that gap then exists. I'm just  
15 trying to see how can we hold the diversity requirements  
16 with the names so that we're seeing them at the same time.  
17 And if, indeed, a category, regardless of which of the  
18 party types, if it fits also a bucket need we kind of can  
19 in our minds, or on this bucket list say, yes, we have that  
20 taken care of.

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, that's absolutely correct.  
22 You know, unfortunately because it makes the print small,  
23 we need the entire line of how the information is given to  
24 us. We do need, you know, first name, last name, race,  
25 gender, county, region, economic status. We need all of

1 those.

2 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes. My suggestion is not to  
3 mess with the list --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Exactly.

5 VICE CHAIR TURNER: -- (indiscernible) -- that  
6 they had it. It's just a totally separate running dialogue  
7 of a couple of things that we know we're trying to fulfill.  
8 We're trying to ensure that we have and we're committed to  
9 ensure that we have representation from the Latino  
10 community, for example. That we have representation from  
11 San Diego. And with those things in mind, I'm just looking  
12 for a separate bucket list to be able to say, yes.

13 Because we said earlier once we start putting  
14 names on and off, and playing around, I just want to make  
15 sure that we're not losing sight of an area, a diversity  
16 area that we want to ensure is present.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

18 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

20 MS. SAXTON: Just, I'm sorry for the  
21 interruption.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no.

23 MS. SAXTON: I just do want to remind again that  
24 of course you can keep your personal notes as you go along  
25 with your conversation. But that to the extent any

1 documents are created that are sorted into categories,  
2 those that you use, those will be public records and those  
3 will be posted as you know. So, that will take time to do  
4 and also is maybe an issue for some Commissioners, et  
5 cetera.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's -- you know, thank you,  
7 Counsel. I was going to say as we -- kind of when we were  
8 talking about, I believe at the beginning of this,  
9 Commissioner Taylor -brought up, if we look at a slate and  
10 - and the entire demographics of it and then think about it  
11 and modify that in our discussion. That will indeed give  
12 us all of our diversity factors - at the same time. Which  
13 when you look at our sheets it has all that on it. So, we  
14 never say this is set or, you know, you go, oh, now looking  
15 at this whole group I see, you know, we're -- like as  
16 Commissioner Kennedy was saying, you know, that's very  
17 north heavy. Let's look at -- you know, we haven't looked  
18 at the economic status. We need to reevaluate all of it at  
19 the same time. As well as Commissioner Kennedy, and I, and  
20 Commissioner Sadhwani were saying also we need to look at  
21 skills.

22 So, I totally agree. I think we're all saying  
23 the same thing. Rather than like having separate lists, I  
24 think we'll, sort of as a shortcut look at names. But  
25 before we say oh, yes, then we look at the whole picture.

1 Is that kind of trying to capture what you had in mind,  
2 professor -- professor? Commissioner Turner?

3 VICE CHAIR TURNER: No, actually, it doesn't.  
4 But I think and to the counsel's recommendation and  
5 reminder that perhaps I'll just keep my own personal note  
6 on the side.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, please -- you know,  
8 please, you know, keep us informed if you think something  
9 is -- let's always speak up if you think something's amiss,  
10 obviously any of us.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner Le Mons here.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So, I wanted to chime in  
14 on that. When I think of the diversity, I'm not thinking  
15 of it in isolated categories.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: And I think we're supposed  
18 to be looking at it integrated. So, I want us to be very  
19 careful that we don't slip into looking at it  
20 categorically.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I mean we understand what  
23 we're trying to accomplish and we've all been trained on  
24 how to take the information in. And I think that that lens  
25 that we bring to the process and the discussion each of us

1 is bringing the diversity lens, in its complexity. And I  
2 think I use that word complexity intentionally.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Because I think if we try  
5 to instill it down to a simplicity we're going to be headed  
6 in the wrong direction. So, I just encourage us to be  
7 thinking about it in the global sense and informed by the  
8 framework that we've been given in looking at diversity.

9 And I think as far as the process is concerned  
10 and what I was recommending, I think as we move individuals  
11 in and out of slots we'll have the responsibility, each of  
12 us, to have our mind to how we're approaching diversity,  
13 and what our considerations are. And then, if we're  
14 offering up an alternative, we're thinking about that and  
15 why we're offering up that alternative. And I think we  
16 should be thinking about when we offer up an alternative as  
17 opposed to we may end up with no one in the north. You  
18 know, who knows. All things considered.

19 But if we look at it as, oh, we don't have  
20 anyone in the north so we have to take that person out  
21 because we have to have somebody in the north that part  
22 makes me a little nervous if we go about it that way, to  
23 that exclusive element, if that makes sense. I don't know  
24 if anyone else can chime in on that concern that I have.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Ahmad.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, Commissioner Ahmad.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I agree with what  
3 Commissioner Le Mons stated, and I think I mentioned this  
4 earlier as well that we can't, we believe, and by the  
5 Voters FIRST Act, in all honesty and fairness to the people  
6 of California we cannot look at an individual and check off  
7 one of those diversity categories in order for them to be  
8 included in our slate. Our objective is to look at the  
9 slate holistically -- with the different criteria under the  
10 Voters FIRST Act, as well as the slate embedded and  
11 integrated into the characteristics of the eight of us.

12 So, I second what Commissioner Le Mons stated.  
13 And I think just because we put someone's name down on the  
14 slate doesn't mean that they won't be removed, or added,  
15 and switched around. I think that's the purpose of this  
16 discussion is to come in with an understanding that we all  
17 are going to share our thoughts on candidates, and move  
18 forward from there.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner. I  
20 think that was very well spoken by Commissioner Le Mons.  
21 And, certainly, I think that is all of our intent.

22 It is tricky, as I said that's why I was having  
23 such a devil of a time with it because it's an entire  
24 package, it's an entire team. And, you know, while you  
25 might look sort of one at a time, it's like driving. You

1 know, it's a quick glance and you look at the whole  
2 picture. You can't just look at the speedometer or you're  
3 going to hit something. You know, we need -- we are  
4 looking at everything and I totally agree with that.

5           So, with that in mind have we had a chance to --  
6 you know, I'm sorry to ask, but this is again back on you  
7 Commissioners. Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner  
8 Sadhwani, were you able to email those -- the screen to Mr.  
9 Porche? I'm getting a nod from --

10           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

11           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

12           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I -- oh, I didn't  
13 email it directly to him, I'm sorry. I emailed it to the  
14 general -- the general email line.

15           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, we have received the  
16 documents.

17           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay, great.

18           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. And I do just  
19 want to note that I did put a note on the front of that  
20 slide that that is what I had captured and if there's any  
21 -- you know, if by chance, you know, I identified anyone's  
22 or mischaracterized anyone's preferences.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Understood. Thank you very  
24 much, Commissioners.

25           Then I think we are sort of -- we are in

1 agreement of let's look at a consensus slate, you know, a  
2 tentative one and then sort of discuss it.

3 Who wants to lead?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Ahmad. I just  
5 wanted to circle back. Are we still taking a break or is  
6 that not happening?

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well --

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Maybe that's a question for  
9 counsel.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, that's a quick question  
11 for counsel.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Do you need time to  
13 publicize those documents that we were referencing.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I -- one minute, we're  
15 getting a --

16 MS. SAXTON: Thank you very much, Commissioner,  
17 for bringing that up. It would be necessary at this time  
18 to take a 15-minute break for staff to deal with some of  
19 the issues that have come up in the last few minutes.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

21 MS. SAXTON: Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. No, thank you very  
23 much, Commissioner Ahmad.

24 So, it is now 1:45. Actually, I will ask do I  
25 need to vote for a recess in the informal rules?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

2 MS. SAXTON: No.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Thank you. Because I know  
4 you do in the regular.

5 Okay, so we'll recess now and convene again at  
6 2:00 o'clock.

7 (Off the record at 1:44 p.m.)

8 (On the record at 2:00 p.m.)

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: If one person's not quite here,  
10 I think we certainly do have a quorum. I will go ahead and  
11 bring this -- there we go. Bring the meeting back to order  
12 at 2:00 o'clock. And we're working on -- counsel has told  
13 me that they do have -- they have posted the documents that  
14 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Kennedy created.  
15 So, thank you very much.

16 For our -- so we don't have to stop and do  
17 things, I think we are -- Commissioner Le Mons' idea way  
18 back when of let's just kind of start, you know, verbally  
19 with who we think and modify it from there is certainly  
20 kind of the -- probably the easiest and we can just be, you  
21 know, asked to have it repeated again as needed.

22 So, with that in mind, I might ask Commissioner  
23 Le Mons to go ahead and say where he was. It was so long  
24 ago, if you wouldn't mind.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Sure. My thought was that

1 based on the information that we've all shared so far this  
2 morning that we could start building the slate by party,  
3 since we do know that we have to keep those three exclusive  
4 categories. So, I think it might, just from a process  
5 point of view, be easier to approach it that way.

6           And if we go with the information that was  
7 compiled over the break and what's now been posted on the  
8 website as those individuals that seem to be like, for lack  
9 of a better term frontrunners, to begin to build it from  
10 there. And then, we could have the discussion around  
11 whether we are, as a group, comfortable with whatever that  
12 turns out looking like and make the adjustments, but we'd  
13 have sort of a base to operate from. That was the thought.

14           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

15           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So, for example, in the  
16 Democratic category, if my memory is serving me correct and  
17 my notes, Patricia Sinay would be slotted, as well as  
18 Michael Gennaco would be slotted. And so, we could then  
19 talk about that. Are we comfortable moving on to slot the  
20 Republican category or do we want to have some discussions  
21 about a different configuration in the Democratic category.

22           So, that was how I was conceptualizing it.

23           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Anyone want to go ahead with  
24 that or -- you know, we could go ahead and say, you know,  
25 should we -- as we're considering everyone how about, you

1 know, we kind of go -- do we want to actually have someone  
2 say why those people, you know, why we've kind of  
3 championed those people -- or not championed them but -- or  
4 just, or do we think, well, those are -- those are good,  
5 let's sort of tentatively put a slate and then discuss the  
6 entire slate?

7 Commissioner Le Mons.

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I think we did that  
9 this morning is we talked about why we put forward the  
10 names that we put forward. So, I think we all have an  
11 understanding as to where each other are coming from.

12 So, for example, with the Democratic section of  
13 the slate. If, for example, someone, one of the  
14 Commissioners wanted to say, well, I like Patricia and  
15 Michael in those slots at this point. However, I really  
16 think that Angela might be a better fit and then talk about  
17 why that person thinks that whomever. I'll stop there. I  
18 think Commissioner Ahmad has a comment.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And so, just in the spirit  
21 of continuing the conversation, so if we tentatively have  
22 the name Gennaco on the Democratic slate, I would just like  
23 to recognize that I originally, in my slate had Vonya  
24 Quarles.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: My original slate that I  
2 didn't share had actually nine people, but I had to commit  
3 with six to share with the group. But when I was on my  
4 list of nine people for my slate, I do want to bring up for  
5 discussion Vonya Quarles. I think her law background will  
6 be very crucial to have in the group, as well as her unique  
7 history within California, and her interactions with a  
8 variety of different systems within California. That is  
9 currently missing within the eight of us.

10           So, I'm just going to leave that there and for  
11 our consideration once we have the full slate up for  
12 discussion to consider.

13           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

14           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Like that, kind of like  
15 that.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Madam Chair, I have a --

18           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Taylor.

19           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It's Commissioner Taylor.

20           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Taylor, please go  
21 ahead.

22           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. So, as I note I also  
23 had Patricia Sinay as a strong candidate. But I like  
24 Angela Vazquez in that role. As Commissioner Kennedy  
25 stated earlier, it's a young voice, a perspective we might

1 not have as some of us are getting to the age of needing  
2 glasses and the whatnot.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Hey, I resent that. I'm  
4 kidding. I'm kidding.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And she's familiar with  
6 policy analysis. She can break down some of those avenues.  
7 She has good contacts within the community and I think she  
8 would be a strong asset to the Commission.

9 And just as a note, not to muddy the field, in  
10 the Democratic pool there are three candidates that have  
11 law in their background. It's Vonya Quarles, it's Michael  
12 Gennaco, and also Ina Bendich. And I hope I'm not  
13 butchering her name. She also has background in law.

14 So, if one of the angles is to have someone with  
15 that background, there are a couple of other choices within  
16 the Democratic pool that could satisfy some of that need  
17 for law.

18 But for discussion, I like Ms. Vazquez in that  
19 role.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, thank you,  
21 Commissioner Taylor.

22 You know what, I think, you know, this will be --  
23 we will go around. And I'm thinking at some point we  
24 probably want to break and actually have us review the --  
25 possibly review the candidates. So, everything, you know,

1 like as -- it really is kind of fresh in our minds if we  
2 go, you know, we can actually come back and say, you know,  
3 I really think maybe these two are sort of the best.  
4 That's just an idea I'm tossing out.

5 Do we want to try to pin that down a little bit  
6 more or do we want to do the same with the Republicans, the  
7 same with the nonpartisan?

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, if I may just jump  
10 in. I mean I think I'll probably say this 20 times today.  
11 All of the candidates were great. Right, they all have  
12 such strong backgrounds in a variety of ways.

13 For me, I support, you know, the initial notion  
14 of Michael Gennaco and Patricia Sinay. I have been one of  
15 the Commissioners who have mentioned the need for a legal  
16 background. I do think that that's important.

17 And I think while several of the members do have  
18 a legal background, and you're absolutely right, and I was  
19 super impressed with all three of those that Commissioner  
20 Taylor had mentioned, Michael Gennaco was the one who had  
21 had some experience specifically with the Voting Rights  
22 Act, I believe. I could be wrong, but I don't recall Ina  
23 Bendich as having specifically VRA experience.

24 That being said, you know, training as an  
25 attorney I think would be helpful on the Commission.

1           Because Gennaco is from L.A. County, right, he  
2 also identifies as Latino, right. So, for me having  
3 additional diversity there made a lot of sense. And for  
4 me, that's why Patricia Sinay was kind of a really nice  
5 kind of counterpoint because she's from San Diego, right.  
6 And at present we have no representation from San Diego.

7           That being said, I recognize there are other  
8 members in the pool that are from San Diego, so we can  
9 certainly think about that.

10           She also brings Latina representation. And in  
11 particular, and I think others on the Commission have  
12 mentioned this one, her name was mentioned before just as  
13 really -- it seems she has very strong ties to communities  
14 in San Diego and also elsewhere. It sounded like she had  
15 worked in a number of different places around the state.  
16 And so, that was, you know, very interesting to me and I  
17 thought something very beneficial she would bring.

18           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner.

19           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It's Commissioner Taylor  
20 again.

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Taylor.

22           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: To further that point, you  
23 know, it's just sometimes unfortunate where these  
24 categories fall. Our San Diego representation falls all in  
25 the Democratic Party. So, both of the two San Diegans are

1 in that party, it's William MacPhail and Patricia Sinay.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So, if we're looking at it  
4 sometimes from that angle, we have to just make a note that  
5 they are both within the same category.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, that's similar in the  
7 North Central Valley Mountain. The two representatives are  
8 Republican.

9 Commissioner Le Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes. I'd like to also add  
11 that Patricia has had a lot of support from her community  
12 in her application. So, I'll just -- I'll stop there.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, that's very true. Thank  
14 you.

15 Well, so let's -- I think, you know, this is sort  
16 of a -- we like these two. I don't think -- at this point  
17 we might sort of -- let's try and do the same about, say,  
18 moving on to the Republican, realizing that maybe, okay, as  
19 you're saying there are a couple of people from similar  
20 areas, or other similar demographics that if we say, you  
21 know, I really do like that person and I think, you know,  
22 if we could -- you know, like yes we could that makes a  
23 good slate. Or, if we switch to a different person and  
24 then we switch in a different area, then that makes a good  
25 slate.

1           So, without, you know, pinning it down any  
2 further do we want to look at the Republicans? I'm getting  
3 a couple of nods yes.

4           COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

5           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And I'll -- who would  
6 like to bring that up?

7           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Top two -- this is  
8 Commissioner Fornaciari. Top two vote getters or top two  
9 candidates were Fernandez and I think Blando. Is that --

10          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Blando.

11          COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Is that correct?

12          CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's -- I don't have that in  
13 front of me. I might ask either Kennedy or Sadhwani, is  
14 that correct?

15          COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

16          CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm getting a nod from Sadhwani.  
17 So, looking at Peter Blando, who is -- he's from Yolo  
18 County, Filipino, which is considered the North Central  
19 Valley and Mountain. He's in the -- you know, the 75 to  
20 125 economic range, thousand.

21                 And then, Alicia Fernandez, who's a Mexican  
22 American heritage, also Yolo County, North Central Valley.

23                 Oh, so, yeah, those two are indeed from the very  
24 same area, not far from each other. I think in terms of --  
25 we have --

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Ahmad.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So, Hernandez and Blando  
4 were also on my list of three. And I know we're discussing  
5 two. But I had proposed Gallegos. And what really stood  
6 out to me in his application was his experience working  
7 with communities, specifically in law enforcement, and how  
8 he described in his interview his passion for community,  
9 and just interacting with people.

10 He stated at one portion in his interview that,  
11 you know, while driving around he would just stop and have  
12 conversations with community members, just to see how they  
13 were doing. And that was really nice to hear. And he's  
14 also bilingual in Spanish. He has experience speaking to  
15 city councils. He is diverse in the sense that he is self-  
16 identified as Mexican American, and also comes from Fresno  
17 County. But that's just for a consideration once we have  
18 the whole slate. But I also had Blando on my list as well.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

20 Commissioner Le Mons?

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'd like to support  
22 Commissioner Ahmad's comments regarding Richard Gallegos,  
23 also, for some of the similar reasons. But I definitely  
24 want to have him be a part of the conversation.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes --

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Madam Chair?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry. Yes, Commissioner  
3 Sadhwani? Oh --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Turner can  
5 go first.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner  
7 Turner.

8 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yeah, I just wanted to also  
9 have us revisit, and I don't think it was so many votes,  
10 but on Karla Van Meter.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Was another name that came  
13 up. And there was a specificity around the mapping  
14 differential. And so, I just wanted to lift her name again  
15 because I thought it was something that I didn't capture in  
16 my list. But when the comments were raised, I remembered  
17 that and I think it is something very valuable we need to  
18 consider as well.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much,  
20 Commissioner.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani, did you want to --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I wanted us also,  
23 in the Republican category, to also think about diversity  
24 in terms of region, in terms of the various kinds of skill  
25 sets and trainings that people are bringing as well. I

1 think what's interesting about the first two, Fernandez and  
2 Blando, they both come from Yolo County. That may or may  
3 not be a consideration for us. Gallegos also is from the  
4 Central Valley, though from a different county.

5 I believe Commissioner Fornaciari is also from  
6 the Central Valley. Obviously, these are all different  
7 parts of the Central Valley.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But I kind of want to  
10 raise that up as something that we might be thinking about.  
11 It's a very large state and I certainly do not suggest that  
12 the Central Valley is not deserving of its fair share here  
13 on the Commission. But we're talking about quite a fair  
14 number of people coming from that background.

15 In addition, and please correct me if I'm wrong,  
16 I think a lot of the folks that we're talking about,  
17 particularly in the Republican category, it's kind of  
18 interesting how we end up with these packets of folks  
19 either geographically or, you know, with various  
20 backgrounds.

21 Many of the folks have engineering backgrounds.  
22 And I'm wondering if there might be opportunities to think  
23 a little bit more diversely about that, as well as law  
24 enforcement. I believe Commissioner Taylor comes from that  
25 background, as well as Gallegos who we are considering

1 here.

2           And I think it was for those reasons that I had  
3 wanted to put forward Russell Yee's name for consideration.  
4 I think he comes from a different background, right. He's  
5 Chinese American living in Oakland. He has a PhD, but is  
6 also a pastor, works very closely within a very diverse  
7 community in Oakland, from what I can tell. So, I just  
8 wanted to put that one out there as well.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. You know,  
10 I also sort of noticed that there are sort of groups of  
11 skill sets and they are sort of congregated in certain  
12 parties. And, you know, I noticed that like, for instance  
13 we've mentioned Alicia Fernandez and Richard Gallegos, and  
14 they're sort of both Republican and both in law  
15 enforcement, and have very similar backgrounds and are in  
16 the Central Valley. Well, not quite Central Valley but --  
17 well, yeah, they are.

18           And, yes, I think that, you know, that is  
19 interesting. And then, in terms of sort of the  
20 engineering, actually there are engineers all across. We  
21 just haven't mentioned there are several -- several down  
22 south and several -- there's, you know, engineers and  
23 there's also managers who have engineering background. And  
24 so, you're right there are certain pockets.

25           And then, you know, community. It seems like

1 sort of the community activists have been or, you know, the  
2 ones who have great ties with the community, the ones we're  
3 sort of looking at a lot of them are down south sort of,  
4 which is not to say they're not up north as well. It's  
5 just kind of who we ended up with.

6           But I also -- I was, you know, Peter Blando and  
7 Karla Van Meter because she really does -- her -- you know,  
8 I think Commissioner Fornaciari brought her up. She has  
9 outstanding statistics -- statistical and mapping skills.  
10 And she has also -- she's worked across the state with not  
11 only, you know, communities of health and written up  
12 programs, that she's actually worked with health  
13 communities across the state. She also did, what was the  
14 term, cultural -- like cross-cultural training for many  
15 years, which was actually working with groups who needed to  
16 then go overseas or work with other cultures, and how do  
17 they interact. So, she has that skill as well, which is  
18 eminently sort of relatable to what we need, you know, in  
19 terms of, you know, we all have our particular cultures and  
20 we're trying to reach all the cultures of California. And  
21 she has worked, actually consulted and worked with that for  
22 many years.

23           So, you know, and so she brings that. Now, she  
24 is from -- you know, if we do the Republicans as Peter  
25 Blando and Karla, they are both further north. But, yeah,

1 that does make the Republicans kind of further in the north  
2 than in the south, if we have those -- that becomes the  
3 five.

4 But Peter Blando would be West Sacramento and  
5 Karla Van Meter is Petaluma for that perspective.

6 So, any other, any other comments or do we want  
7 to sort of do a similar thing with the nonpartisan? I  
8 think we're kind of coming up with the -- rather than our  
9 two, we're kind of going to three, three and three a little  
10 bit here, but possibly.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, actually, before we  
12 move on I'd like to make a couple comments, if I can.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes, certainly.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: This is Commissioner  
15 Fornaciari. So, maybe I'm reading Ms. Fernandez's --  
16 reading it a little wrong. I know she works for the  
17 Department of Corrections, but I don't think she's in law  
18 enforcement as much as she is an inspector who investigates  
19 kind of HR, and other kinds of things. Did I  
20 misunderstand, is she in law? I mean does that count for  
21 law enforcement? That seems to me to be more of sort of an  
22 auditor kind of a roll. Anyway, just my take on it.

23 A couple other comments. You know, I mean Peter  
24 Blando and Alicia Fernandez are from, yeah, the same area.  
25 I mean if we want a little geographic diversity I had

1 Fernandez higher on my list.

2 I spoke about Karla Van Meter. You know, I think  
3 she's bringing a lot to the table that we're really, really  
4 going to need.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think they relied,  
7 the 2010 Commission relied a lot on one of their members, I  
8 forget his name, who had statistical capabilities, too.

9 And I just want to comment about Russell Yee. I  
10 was really intrigued by him, too.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: He's definitely -- will  
13 bring a different perspective to the table. He was really  
14 an impressive guy.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I see I'm getting the  
16 nod, right. I think before -- we might take a couple more  
17 comments before we move to the non, you know, not  
18 affiliated with a particular party group. Is it time to  
19 take a 15-minute break for court reporters and -- yep, I'm  
20 getting that nod.

21 So, I think this might be -- unless, do we have  
22 any sort of things we want to sort of quickly say about the  
23 Republican group? I mean, we obviously haven't, you know,  
24 decided, wow, these are our two. But any additional  
25 thoughts before we take our break. Okay.

1           COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just as a point of  
2 clarification is it that we need to take a break now? We  
3 had just had one.

4           CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's a question of counsel.  
5 Is that -- you know, since we just --

6           MS. SAXTON: That's a good point. Let me just  
7 check because we have provided times when breaks will be  
8 likely taken.

9           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

10          MS. SAXTON: Because Commissioner Sadhwani, I  
11 understand if you're on a roll and you don't need to, then  
12 we don't want you to have to. Just give me a comment to  
13 check.

14          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. That could be a  
15 contractual thing about expressed times.

16          So, I think we have some -- you know, this is  
17 hard. There are some really qualified people here and I  
18 think, you know, in the 15 minutes I'll be sort of looking  
19 in particular on some items here, if we do take the break.

20          MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, we're going to check  
21 with the support staff to see whether or not that break is  
22 sufficient for their needs.

23          CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. So, we'll stand at ease  
24 for a few minutes until we have a read if we are going on  
25 break or if that was just a short recess -- not a recess, a

1 stand down.

2 (Pause)

3 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, that break is deemed  
4 sufficient and you can move on, and we'll set the next  
5 break for 3:00 o'clock.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Three o'clock, okay, great. All  
7 right, so we're coming out of ease or back to attention and  
8 continuing on.

9 So, I'm sorry, the scheduled break will be around  
10 3:00? Okay, great, thank you very much.

11 So, the Commissioners of the non -- no party, we  
12 do have a few. And it looks like the two who had the most  
13 is Eddie Morgan and Pedro Toledo. Is that correct, is that  
14 what people have on their lists?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That was what I had  
16 compiled and then there had been several mentions both of  
17 Tam Tran and Linda Akutagawa.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Also, Gurinder Aujla.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: This is Commissioner Ahmad.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: If it's helpful for the  
22 group I can read off who we have under each of the  
23 categories, just the political party category for  
24 consideration on the table. And if we're missing someone,  
25 we can just make sure that that's clear amongst the group,

1 if that's helpful.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yes, please. Yes,  
3 please.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, I'm sorry, could you scoot a  
6 little bit closer to your microphone?

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sure, sure.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So, under the Democratic  
10 Party we have Sinay, Gennaco, Quarles and Vasquez, in no  
11 particular order.

12 Under the Republican Party we have Fernandez,  
13 Blando, Gallegos, Van Meter, and Yee.

14 Under the no party preference group we have  
15 Toledo, Morgan, Tran, Akutagawa, and Aujla.

16 Are we in agreement that's who we have? Am I  
17 missing anyone?

18 VICE CHAIR TURNER: You missed -- what was the  
19 last name you gave under the Republican?

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Under the Republican Yee,  
21 Russell Yee.

22 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Uh-hum. So, we have a list  
24 of 14. We can see ourselves out and we're good.

25 (Laughter)

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-oh. Wait, I only had 12  
2 originally.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That's a Commission, we  
4 can go.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, dear. No, this is tricky,  
6 this is very tricky. Well --

7 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Is this Commissioner  
9 Sadhwani? No? Yes?

10 MS. SAXTON: Oh, Madam Chair, legal counsel.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, wrong way. Thank you.  
12 I'm flattered but --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Counsel.

14 MS. SAXTON: Just to read back, please let me  
15 know if these are in fact the applicants that you are  
16 considering at this time.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

18 MS. SAXTON: We have Patricia Sinay, Democrat.  
19 Michael Gennaco, Democrat. Applicant Quarles, Applicant  
20 Vasquez, both Democrats. Peter Blando, Republican. Alicia  
21 Fernandez, Republican. Applicant Gallegos, and Van Meter,  
22 and Yee as Republicans. No party preference is Eddie  
23 Morgan, Pedro Toledo, Tam Tran, and Applicant Akutagawa.

24 Is that correct?

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: One more.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And Aujla.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, under the no party  
3 preference Gurinder Aujla. Now, we've also lost a few.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Madam Chair?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we have Commissioner  
6 Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You had, according to my  
8 notes, you had mentioned William Roy MacPhail and I had  
9 mentioned Scott McCarty.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I was going to say that was  
11 -- those were names that were also -- yes. I have it, and  
12 this is --

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And you had --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You had also had as a star  
16 in your Democrat group Margo Morales.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's correct. Yes, so  
18 actually we have one, two, three, four, five six. And this  
19 is under Commissioner Kennedy's spreadsheet, which I know  
20 has been posted to everyone right now. There actually were  
21 we had a total of six under the Democrats, and five under  
22 the Republicans, and six under the no party preference.

23 You know, I think we were -- the last verbally,  
24 we did sort of remove a few or well, not -- we didn't  
25 mention. They're weren't quite as -- they didn't have as

1 many numbers as the others. I think the idea being, you  
2 know, are they are top choices.

3 I think we should talk about -- we could actually  
4 look at this sheet for a minute in terms of all the other  
5 factors involved.

6 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 MS. SAXTON: For clarification and tracking  
9 purposes I want to make sure that we're getting this down  
10 the way that it is intended. The names that I have down  
11 that are the first six that were the picks with the most  
12 Commissioners, current Commissioners selecting that person  
13 to be on that list --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

15 MS. SAXTON: -- were listed out, and then  
16 backups. Are you doing this in no particular order or is  
17 it ordered according to what Commissioner Sadhwani first  
18 presented, which was a list of those applicants who had  
19 received or appeared to receive the most support? I'm  
20 sorry, is that clear what I'm asking?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I don't believe -- it was  
22 close. I believe that what we were saying -- well,  
23 actually there are two of them. We were kind of a cross  
24 between -- and I think verbally we kind of came up with a  
25 third in between those two lists that we've actually been

1 talking about. Yes, I believe these are the six names that  
2 we did come up with and then we added, which were sort of  
3 like the ones who quote had the most, you know, the most  
4 not really votes, but they were on the most number of  
5 groups, in the group of six. And then, we did add some  
6 others that we didn't want to drop off. And that is less  
7 than all the different names that we mentioned.

8           Now, where do we want to go with that, I'm not  
9 quite sure. So, you were trying to make sure which  
10 particular names -- or, did you want them in a particular  
11 order or --

12           MS. SAXTON: I do not. I simply want to make  
13 sure that staff is capturing the names that you are  
14 forwarding in the way, and in the manner, and in the order  
15 that the Commissioners intend.

16           So, if for instance there is a test slate that's  
17 being built, then we would want to know if it was based on  
18 the applicants with -- that appear to have the most support  
19 and that's what was trying to be accomplished. And then, a  
20 separate list of, for lack of a better word, alternates or  
21 other applicants that didn't make the list but were high  
22 choices, or other Commissioners wanted to ensure that they  
23 weren't dropped off that that would be a separate list.

24           Perhaps you can -- I have no preference,  
25 obviously.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

2 MS. SAXTON: I just want to make sure that if  
3 somebody comes back and says, well, what was our test  
4 slate, again for lack of a better word, that I haven't  
5 recorded this in a way of a list of names, you know, by  
6 party or non-party preference that's in quote, no  
7 particular order, unquote.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: This is -- Madam Chair?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And anyone feel free to  
12 correct me if I'm understanding this incorrectly. I think  
13 that this portion of recommending names was to highlight  
14 those names that had the most votes and then also mention  
15 the names that we thought were of particular importance to  
16 continue to consider.

17 At this point, from my understanding, we have  
18 four names under the Democratic Party, five under the  
19 Republicans, and five under the no party preference. And  
20 from what I'm understanding our goal is to reduce those  
21 lists, those three separate lists into two each to make the  
22 six for the final slate.

23 I'm not sure if we agreed that those names with  
24 the most votes were part of any potential proposed slate or  
25 test slate. Am I understanding this correctly or does

1 anyone --

2 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is Commissioner Le  
3 Mons.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons,  
5 please go ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, I believe that there  
7 was a tad bit of an evolution of the goal. So, we were  
8 starting if we could potentially build it sounds what we're  
9 calling a test slate through this process, and having this  
10 foundation be built on those individuals that had the most  
11 support, with the intention with ensuring that there were  
12 certain candidates that we didn't want to drop off. And  
13 that's how we ended up with permanent list that  
14 Commissioner Ahmad I think accurately depicted.

15 So, I think we have a process that's going. We  
16 haven't committed to a slate and/or a test slate, but I  
17 think that's the direction we were headed. That's my  
18 understanding.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

20 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 MS. SAXTON: And again, this goes back to the  
23 repetition that I cautioned everyone that you might be  
24 hearing from myself and from staff. But if it pleases the  
25 Commission perhaps I could read what we have down as the

1 names that fit with the structure that you currently  
2 decided is where you are at the moment. Is that --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I think that's -- please do  
4 that.

5 MS. SAXTON: Okay.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And we will sort of move from  
7 there because to make sure we have the same names and we're  
8 talking about that. What we do with those we can decide,  
9 but we'll start --

10 MS. SAXTON: Of course. Of course.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you.

12 MS. SAXTON: So --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, please do read that. Thank  
14 you.

15 MS. SAXTON: For Democrats we have Patricia  
16 Sinay, Michael Gennaco, William MacPhail, Vonya Quarles,  
17 Angela Vazquez.

18 For Republicans Alicia Fernandez, Peter Blando,  
19 Richard Gallegos, Russell Yee, Karla Van Meter.

20 And for those affiliated with neither party we  
21 have Pedro Toledo, Linda Akutagawa, Eddie Morgan, Tran Tam,  
22 and Scott McCarty.

23 Please let me know if there are errors or if that  
24 sounds correct. And I'm happy to read any of those again.

25 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'll just say that I think

1 that what my recollection was is that Commissioner Ahmad's  
2 list was the list that I was tracking and it's a little bit  
3 different than the list that was just read.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: In the Democratic category  
6 and the nonaffiliated category specifically, they were  
7 different.

8 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, if it pleases the  
9 Commission, if other Commissioners agree with Commissioner  
10 Le Mons, then perhaps you would request that Commissioner  
11 Ahmad read her list again for us, so we can make sure that  
12 they match.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. And what I'd like to do  
14 is, yeah, because there are -- they're in different order,  
15 so it's a little tricky. But if we could -- I believe that  
16 is correct there are some different names. There are a few  
17 less, I'd say, on Commissioner Ahmad.

18 I think you were talking about four Democrats and  
19 I think counsel is taking about one, to, three -- were you  
20 talking about six Democrats?

21 MS. SAXTON: There are five on this list, unless  
22 I missed one.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Five on there, okay.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Madam Chair?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

1           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can just go ahead and read  
2 the list.

3           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please do. Well, let's just do  
4 one group at a time.

5           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

6           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Commissioner, before you  
8 start reading it can I make a suggestion?

9           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

10          COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay, could -- fellow  
11 Commissioners, could you please listen carefully to the  
12 list and make sure that this is the list you're comfortable  
13 with so that we can, at the conclusion of her reading it  
14 say yes, or so we -- you know, so we can move this part  
15 ahead. And if you're not, of course say no.

16          CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, with that in mind --

17          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: All right. I will read the  
18 list very slowly, just so that we can capture the  
19 information accurately.

20          CHAIR ANDERSEN: And go ahead and stop between,  
21 say let's do Democrats, let's do Republicans, just to make  
22 sure that's the list for each of them, if you wouldn't  
23 mind.

24          COMMISSIONER AHMAD: All right, Democratic Party.  
25 Sinay, Gennaco, Quarles and Vasquez. I'll read that again.

1 The Democratic Party, Sinay, Gennaco, Quarles and Vasquez.  
2 Republican Party, Fernandez, Blando, Gallegos,  
3 Van Meter, and Russell Yee. Again, the Republican Party is  
4 Fernandez, Blando, Gallegos, Van Meter, and Russell Yee.

5 The no party preference group, Toledo, Morgan,  
6 Tran, Akutagawa, and Aujla. Again, that's the no party  
7 preference group is Toledo, Morgan, Tran, Akutagawa, and  
8 Aujla.

9 Can we just go around one by one and verbally  
10 state if we agree with the list?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, one -- I did see  
12 Commissioner Kennedy's hand up.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
15 I'm still not clear on how some people are falling off and  
16 some aren't.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I can speak to that.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, okay, Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think in the process we  
20 took it by political category and there was the opportunity  
21 in each of those categories to bring forward whomever any  
22 Commissioner wanted to bring forward, in addition to the  
23 individuals who were quote/unquote frontrunners, if you  
24 will, in terms of support.

25 So, it might have been that in that process there

1 may have been someone that one of the Commissioners wanted  
2 to stay a part of the conversation that they did not raise  
3 that. So, that would be my thoughts on why certain people  
4 fell off the list. It doesn't mean that they have to stay  
5 off. But from the process of what we've just experience,  
6 that's my understanding of what has happened.

7           So, right not it seems like we're confirming the  
8 list as we understand it now. And if there are people that  
9 -- there are candidates that you want or any other  
10 Commissioner wants returned to the list, or added to the  
11 list this would be the opportunity to do that in my mind.

12           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I agree with that. And  
13 yes, there are several people who did drop off. I --  
14 actually, two in the Democratic Party, you know I did  
15 mention Margo Morales, who has administration and policy,  
16 you know, and management experience. Long term, actually  
17 Long Beach. She's lived there for a long time. She is  
18 Mexican American. And just has a lot of community  
19 experience.

20           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

21           CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's a tough group, though.  
22 It's a tough group. Yes?

23           MS. SAXTON: I don't mean to interrupt, I  
24 apologize about that. But as you mentioned Morales, are  
25 you recommending us to put her back on the list for the

1 Democratic Party at this point or --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, just -- I did bring her up  
3 and why. I understand, given the strength of a few others  
4 why we might think that, you know -- you know, I understand  
5 that sort of you can only have two.

6 MS. SAXTON: Okay, I just wanted to make sure  
7 that my notes were reflective of everything --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. And additionally, the one  
9 loss I think if we -- I also brought up, or might not have  
10 brought up originally, but I did bring up William MacPhail.  
11 He's our geographer. And he, kind of alike to Andre  
12 Parvenu from the 2010. His experience I think would be  
13 very valuable. And if we don't get him, I would really  
14 like to have one of the other mapping people because I feel  
15 it's a need. Which is why I'm sort of mentioning Karla Van  
16 Meter much more strongly, since MacPhail is not available.  
17 You know, if he -- again, it's just because of just for  
18 those, you know, different parts of the country -- the  
19 country? Different parts of the state, you know different  
20 grouping, but it's a skill set that I think is very  
21 valuable.

22 But I understand, you know, the law with Gennaco,  
23 and the community experience of Patricia Sinay is -- that's  
24 outstanding. So, you know, you have to make those sort of  
25 trades. But that's why I think I'm -- I understand and I'm

1 not mentioning those two again. So, I think that's where  
2 we lost two there.

3 And then going on to -- now, on your list is --  
4 oh, I'm sorry, did we go through all of them, all three  
5 groups? We did. So, is your under the no party preference  
6 it's down to four now, is that correct?

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Five.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Five. Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes? Yeah, thank you for the  
11 hand. Commissioner Turner.

12 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Yes. Under the no party  
13 preference I'm wondering, I'm clear and I've tracked in my  
14 notes the frontrunners that we had. And, of course, I'm  
15 real clear why I was interested in Akutagawa as well.

16 The name of Gurinder, Aujla Gurinder when it came  
17 -- I'm not sure when that came up in the conversation. Can  
18 the Commissioners, whoever's suggestion that was, revisit  
19 that name and tell me why we're -- what's the -- who was  
20 that's suggestion? What were we doing with him.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I had originally  
23 brought his name up. But, you know, at this point it seems  
24 that we can drop him from the list, too. You know, I don't  
25 -- I just -- I don't see him with the support to go

1 forward.

2 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Scott McCarty?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Madam Chair?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Since we have a change,  
7 maybe we should have the updated list be read so that  
8 listeners can hear as well. And before we do that, I'd  
9 like to just ask directly Commissioner Kennedy if he had  
10 any adjustments that he might -- I know you asked for --  
11 you had a clarity question earlier, Commissioner Kennedy,  
12 but I didn't know if that was in service of wanting to add  
13 someone or strictly for clarity?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. It was for  
15 clarity. I mean, I just wanted to make sure that we're all  
16 clear on who's dropping off when and how.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Got you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner. So,  
20 are we -- we have the same now, our lists that we're  
21 working on? It's four -- four and five --

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Madam Chair?

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think the suggestion  
25 was to read the list of no party preference again --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: One more time.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- in light of dropping  
3 one of the folks.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, yes. Could you --  
5 let's see, how about if we look -- ask counsel, who's sort  
6 of doing a tally for us, if she would please read the no  
7 party preference list.

8 MS. SAXTON: The current no party preference list  
9 as I have it recorded is Toledo, Morgan, Tran, Akutagawa.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

11 MS. SAXTON: If it pleases the Commission, I can  
12 quickly read the rest of the entire list to be certain,  
13 since it was different than what staff had originally  
14 recorded?

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 MS. SAXTON: I will do that as quickly as I can  
17 and I appreciate everyone's patience.

18 Democrats, Sinay, Gennaco, Quarles, Vasquez.  
19 Republicans, Fernandez, Bando, Gallegos, Van Meter, and  
20 Yee.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I think that is where we  
22 are at this point.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Madam Chair, if I may?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. As we think

1 about the no party preference, I do just want to point out  
2 that I think we only have one candidate here at this point  
3 in time that we're considering, who was from Orange County.  
4 We have most certainly mentioned geographic diversity in  
5 the past. And I do just want to kind of raise up that  
6 consideration. Orange County is very different than Los  
7 Angeles County in a whole host of ways. And so, I do want  
8 us to consider that as we are thinking about the  
9 independent, the no party preference individuals who are  
10 left. And I think that Linda Akutagawa is the only one  
11 that we are at present considering. I do think there was  
12 perhaps one other person in the full pool. But I'd like to  
13 raise that for consideration.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes, that's true.  
15 You know, we only -- and there's -- we do have holes in our  
16 list. I mean, there's no one from San Francisco County.  
17 You know, there are definite holes, you know, we don't  
18 have. Well, and there are many, many counties we can say  
19 that we don't have any representatives of.

20 So, you know, we sort of have to think of, you  
21 know, the best we can. The best we can.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Of course.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And the most diverse.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Of course. If I may,  
25 just to respond to that, you're absolutely right there's no

1 way that we're going to cover the entire state or every  
2 county within the state. That simply would not be  
3 possible. However, Orange County is a very populous place,  
4 even though it may not be the city centers of San Diego,  
5 and Los Angeles, and other places. So, I would just put  
6 that out as a reminder that we're talking about a very  
7 large number of people.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is definitely true. Thank  
9 you. Thank you for that.

10 You know, we can --

11 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes?

13 MS. SAXTON: If I may, Kristian, is it time for  
14 us to take the break? Four minutes.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

16 MS. SAXTON: That we're four minutes away from a  
17 break at this point.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, over the break I think we  
19 should -- I'm certainly going to look at a regional  
20 breakdown, just as another sort of geographical check. You  
21 know, we're always looking at all our checks. I'm just  
22 going to -- you know, so I think what's helped me is to  
23 look at them all from different angles. You know,  
24 realizing that you can't split anybody up at all because  
25 it's a total person, it's a total team. But it helps to

1 kind of like to reorganize, I guess. And I'm going to do a  
2 little reorganizing with who we have here, so we can come  
3 back sort of after our break, you know, and continue our  
4 conversation.

5 VICE CHAIR TURNER: Madam Chair?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Turner.

7 VICE CHAIR TURNER: I'd just like to state for  
8 the record that when we're taking breaks, I indeed need to  
9 take a break from that work and reconfigure documents, and  
10 do additional work during the break. And so, if as a  
11 matter of protocol if there can be time when we're back  
12 from break where we need to give additional space to  
13 configure, reconfigure or do something different, I'd like  
14 to suggest that instead of missing out on being able to do  
15 work during a break time.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, I sort of missed  
17 that. So, I'm sorry, we just have a stand down or,  
18 basically take a real break is what you're saying, and then  
19 try and do this as we're working or -- yes, was that --  
20 well, that's certainly, yes, you know, you're absolutely  
21 right because this is time we're actually working. And  
22 it's good to take an actual break.

23 So, with that in mind, though, we need to take  
24 our break now and so we can begin all that in 15 minutes.  
25 So, it's 3:00 o'clock and we will now reconvene at 3:15.

1 So, thank you.

2 (Off the record at 2:59 p.m.)

3 (On the record at 3:15 p.m.)

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I will call the meeting back to  
5 order, it being 3:15. And just for the record, in case  
6 some of you were -- we're all sort of talking, all the  
7 people here have your masks on. And counsel just said now  
8 I understand why Darth Vader is so cranky. With this mask  
9 on it is, you know, your face is hot, and you're kind of  
10 raspy, and it makes your voice dry. So, you guys are doing  
11 well from the Zoom.

12 So, back to the public who are back online as  
13 well, we are on Item Number 5. We're discussing,  
14 deliberating about our final six members of the Commission.

15 And we have sort of shortened our list down to  
16 about four Democrats, five Republicans, four nonparty, with  
17 many considerations obviously we're still working on,  
18 ultimately coming down to two, two and two. That's kind of  
19 where we are.

20 Any sort of thoughts? This is a -- it's a lot to  
21 condense. There's a lot of -- yeah, there are a lot of  
22 diverse demographics to consider. As we've sort of  
23 narrowed a pool down to these pools, before we sort of move  
24 any further. Is there any consideration, do we want to --  
25 I'm going to ask this to the Commission in general. Do we

1 want to take public comment on where we are? Do we want to  
2 do some consideration and/or, you know, more documentation  
3 on our own and possibly even come back for this tomorrow?  
4 Any -- I see Commissioner Ahmad has something to say.  
5 Commissioner Ahmad.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
7 think it would be nice if we can, if we all need to process  
8 stuff moving forward from the list that we had agreed on,  
9 and in order to ensure that breaks are actually breaks  
10 maybe we can stand at ease and give everyone a chance to --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can you get a little closer, a  
12 little closer to the --

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, sorry. Give everyone  
14 a chance to review the list. And I can share with the  
15 Commission what I'm thinking my process will be based off  
16 of the reduced list that we now have is to give everyone a  
17 fair and renewed consideration based off of the diversity  
18 criteria that we must consider. As we each propose certain  
19 candidates, at least my list changed in terms of which  
20 categories of diversity were represented and which were  
21 not. So, that's just what I'm thinking for my next steps.  
22 If any others want to share what their next steps are and  
23 how we can proceed to make sure we move along efficiently,  
24 that would be great.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I missed a little

1 bit of the first. Were you -- did you say you want to  
2 reduce your number or you want to consider before your  
3 reducing any of your numbers?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think what I'm just  
5 suggesting is that we all take a look at the list that we  
6 have now, since we're working off of a smaller list now, to  
7 continue to build a so-called slate, and continue the  
8 process similar to what we just did, but now with a smaller  
9 list until we come to a consensus.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you, I just  
11 needed that clarification. I wasn't sure, I thought that's  
12 where you were going but I missed that little first part.  
13 Thank you very much.

14 Other Commissioners?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay, Commissioner  
17 Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I concur with  
19 that. I think at this point, for me I'd like to, you know,  
20 have some time to reflect on the list that we have now and  
21 kind of see how my perspective on things might change.  
22 Look at the diversity characteristics of the list --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and where, you know,  
25 I might want to change my mind or select, you know, someone

1 different.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So, you know, I mean  
4 were at almost 3:30 at this point. You know, I wouldn't --  
5 I would support taking public comments and then recessing  
6 until tomorrow and that would give us all some time for  
7 independent reflection.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner  
9 Fornaciari. I'll go ahead and throw my two cents in. I  
10 also think that's a good possibility. It also sort of  
11 follows the Applicant Review Panel when they'd sort of make  
12 a sort of a cut that they would then pause and reconsider.

13 Again, thinking, because there's a lot to do and  
14 there are a lot of qualified people here, and how does that  
15 change our implications before we proceed. I'm of a  
16 similar vein. But I'd like to hear what other  
17 Commissioners have to say.

18 Commissioner Le Mons?

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I agree.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Nice and simple. Other  
21 Commissioners? I believe, Commissioner Turner, not to put  
22 words in your mouth but, again, I also couldn't quite hear  
23 some of the things you were saying, I think this sort of  
24 dovetails into what you were saying, if that's correct?

25 VICE CHAIR TURNER: It does, indeed. I'm wanting

1 to just set protocol going forward that when we take a  
2 break we're actually on break and we reserve time in the  
3 meeting to conduct business, follow up with paperwork, do  
4 some of the administrative pieces, et cetera. So, yes, it  
5 absolutely is in alignment with what my thinking was.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Okay, thank you,  
7 Commissioner.

8 Commissioner, say, Taylor, what would --

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I concur. I think that  
10 take public comment and then we should, on this reduced  
11 list, we strike down how they can -- how they fit into our  
12 potential Commission. And also, if perhaps tomorrow there  
13 are one or two deficits, or another name or two to bring  
14 that to the table after recess.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you. Thank you,  
16 Commissioner.

17 Commissioner, say Kennedy?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, I would agree with  
19 taking public comment now and recessing until tomorrow.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And Commissioner  
21 Sadhwani?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I concur with  
23 everything everyone has said.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, with that in mind,  
25 I'll ask our counsel to please read the instructions for

1 public comment, which she happens to have in her hand.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MS. SAXTON: If you'd like to make public comment  
4 regarding Agenda Item 5, discussion, deliberation and  
5 action to select the final six members of the Commission,  
6 please call now by dialing 844-291-5495. In the next few  
7 moments we'll begin taking public comment. And that number  
8 again is 844-291-5495.

9 After dialing the number you'll speak to an  
10 operator. You'll be asked to provide either the access  
11 code for the meeting, which is 8121803, or the name of the  
12 meeting which is CRC selection meeting.

13 After providing this information the operator  
14 will ask you to provide your name. Please note you're not  
15 required to provide your actual name. When the operator  
16 asks for your name, you may provide a name other than your  
17 own. When it's your turn to make public comment, the  
18 operator will introduce you by the name you provided.  
19 Please be assured our office is not maintaining any list of  
20 callers by name. We ask for you to provide some name to  
21 enable the operator to manage multiple calls simultaneously  
22 and let you know when it's your turn to speak.

23 After speaking with the operator, you will be  
24 placed in a listening room. In this room you'll be able to  
25 listen to live audio of the meeting. Please mute your

1 computer audio because the online video and audio will be  
2 delayed by approximately 60 seconds and feedback issues may  
3 occur, making it difficult for anyone to hear your comment.  
4 Also, please do not use a speakerphone and speak directly  
5 into your phone.

6           When you decide you want to make a comment about  
7 an action item on the agenda, in this case Agenda Item 5,  
8 press 1 0 and you'll be placed in the queue to make public  
9 comment about that item. After joining the queue to make a  
10 public comment, you should hear an automatic recording  
11 informing you that you've been placed in the queue.

12           When it's your turn, the operator will introduce  
13 you. At that time please state and spell your name for the  
14 transcriptionist. Then state your comment clearly and  
15 concisely. Comments will be limited to two minutes. You  
16 will hear a time check when 15 seconds in your time  
17 remains. After you finish making your comment, we will  
18 move on to the next caller. At that point please hang up  
19 your phone. If you'd like to comment on another agenda  
20 item at a later time, please call back when we open up for  
21 public comment for that item and repeat the process.

22           If you're disconnected for any reason, please  
23 call back and explain the issue to the operator, then  
24 repeat the process and rejoin the public comment queue by  
25 pressing 1 0. These instructions can also be found on our

1 website.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

3 With that, AT&T Operator do we happen to have any  
4 people on the line?

5 AT&T OPERATOR: Nobody has queued up at this  
6 time. But as a reminder, please press 1 0 to testify.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8 AT&T OPERATOR: And we'll go to Jim Glover.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah.

10 AT&T OPERATOR: Would you like me to open Jim,  
11 Mr. Glover? He just queued up.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please, go ahead.

13 AT&T OPERATOR: Mr. Glover, your line is open.

14 MR. GLOVER: Okay, thank you very much. Thank  
15 you for listening to my comment. My name is Jim Glover, J-  
16 I-M G-L-O-V-E-R. I'm calling from Eureka, California.

17 And I just wanted to share a brief comment in  
18 that I have known a previous applicant for the  
19 Redistricting Commission that applied after the 2010 Census  
20 that would have represented the Humboldt County, North  
21 Coast part of the state. She was not selected.

22 And I wanted to emphasize the importance of  
23 selecting somebody from the rural part of California. And,  
24 certainly, Eureka represents the rural part of California.  
25 We're more than five and a half to six hours' drive from

1 here to San Francisco. Even areas like Santa Rosa,  
2 Petaluma are a good four hours' drive.

3 I hope that you'll take this into consideration,  
4 as well as the demographic requirements that you're trying  
5 to sort out. We need representation along with the bigger  
6 metropolitan areas of the state. And with that I would  
7 just say thank you and good luck.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for your comment.

9 Do we have any other public comment at this time?

10 AT&T OPERATOR: Not at this time, Madam Chair.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. We'll obviously wait a  
12 few minutes here.

13 (Pause)

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Obviously, AT&T Operator, if  
15 someone does come on feel free to let us know.

16 AT&T OPERATOR: I will do that, thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Madam Chair, while we're  
19 waiting to see if anyone does log in, I do just want to  
20 circle back to my prior comment. We've had so much public  
21 comment previously, and if there is no public comment then  
22 that's fair. But I do wonder if because it's not built  
23 into the agenda in terms of the times, if perhaps we are  
24 losing out on individuals, or maybe there just isn't  
25 comment. I know that we cannot change the agenda because

1 it needs to be posted many days in advance. But I do  
2 wonder if it makes sense at all, knowing that we are most  
3 likely going to recess for the day very shortly, to just  
4 lay out some of our intentions for public comment tomorrow.  
5 So that for anyone that may be interested to call in, that  
6 they might have a better sense of when they could do that,  
7 right. Perhaps we'll start the meeting tomorrow with  
8 public comment, or before we take our 90-minute break, you  
9 know our scheduled breaks, we'll plan to take public  
10 comment.

11 I certainly don't mean for that to be any change  
12 in the agenda. I actually hope that it would encourage  
13 people to -- you know, encourage more people to be able to  
14 participate in the process.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you, Commissioner  
16 Sadhwani.

17 It is up to us to decide when -- you know, there  
18 are requirements for public comment. And as Item 5,  
19 basically Item 5 is essentially what we are doing. And so,  
20 often you do public comments at the end of agenda items.  
21 So, it's sort of at our discretion if we would like to do a  
22 particular time.

23 So, with that in mind, as we're waiting for  
24 someone to call in, do other Commissioners want to discuss  
25 this item, this issue of when -- if we think we might get

1 more comments if we actually sort of set a particular time.  
2 We might look to counsel, obviously, if there are any --  
3 yeah, because we do have -- if anyone has been following,  
4 like where they would even look for the agenda it  
5 definitely says, you know, how to call in or how to write  
6 in. And we have gotten a lot, as you, well, we all know,  
7 lots of public comments.

8           But, Counsel, you know, is there sort of, you  
9 know, possibly a good idea to let the public know or we  
10 can't -- but to say, you know, we're going to take public  
11 comment right at the beginning tomorrow or anything like  
12 that or --

13           MS. SAXTON: As it pleases the Commissioners, you  
14 can take public comment at any time that you would like.  
15 It doesn't need to be agendized. We do have the agendized  
16 comments certain at the end. You will take comment prior  
17 to vote. But there's also nothing stopping you from saying  
18 that it is your intent that tomorrow, around whatever  
19 o'clock you plan to take public comment at that time.

20           And as you are doing, I think that it has been  
21 very generous, the amount of time that has been given as  
22 you go along to take public comment on the regular, so to  
23 speak, to offer it at every natural break.

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

25           MS. SAXTON: But you have lots of options and it

1 isn't going to affect the agenda to continue to take more  
2 or try to have it at a particular time that you intend to  
3 let people know about. You can set that.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

5 So, with that in mind, any other discussion or  
6 want to --

7 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 MS. SAXTON: -- if I may, just one more thing.  
10 Like I said, if you wanted to add the notion that there's a  
11 particular time that you want folks to be able to call in  
12 about Number 5, but I would advise that that is in addition  
13 to the comment you take as you go along, at the natural  
14 breaks in subject matter and topic.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes. Absolutely, yes.

16 MS. SAXTON: Okay.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you. Yeah, so, you  
18 know, while we're sort of waiting here a little bit any  
19 thoughts on that matter, point of discussion? Not really.

20 Well, we can -- you know, tomorrow we can  
21 certainly address it. You know, and as I say there will be  
22 sort of natural breaks which is sort of what we've done a  
23 bit today, and sort of asked for public comment. Like when  
24 we're kind of -- when we reach sort of a different  
25 milestone, we can certainly do that at that time.

1 I understand you're trying to think of with an  
2 arranged time, thinking like people before work or after  
3 work. And this meeting is a little hard on that, which is  
4 probably why we got so many public comments, written public  
5 comments. And a lot, everyone spoke at the end of our  
6 first meeting. So, I was thinking we'd probably get more  
7 comments today. So, it's probably a good idea to ask for  
8 them first thing in the morning and then just see how that  
9 goes as the day goes on.

10 And with that, AT&T Operator, do we have any  
11 people on the line?

12 AT&T OPERATOR: We do have one person queued up  
13 at this time and we'll go to Kim Coles' line. Please go  
14 ahead.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Hello?

16 AT&T OPERATOR: Kim, your line is open.

17 MS. COLES: Hello, yes.

18 AT&T OPERATOR: There you are.

19 MS. COLES: Hello, can you hear me?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we can. Please, you know,  
21 state your name and spell it, please.

22 MS. COLES: My name is Kimberly Coles, C-O-L-E-S.  
23 I'm a Professor of Cultural Anthropology and I have been  
24 attending all of your meetings, along with what seems like  
25 a great deal of other people.

1           And I'd like to reiterate Professor and  
2 Commissioner Sadhwani's comment that it is actually quite  
3 difficult to time public comment, unless you are like me,  
4 starting at the screen all day, and like you.

5           But as advocates, and interest groups, and  
6 researchers try and follow, it's quite difficult. And so,  
7 I would really appreciate, and perhaps I speak for others  
8 who would, whether or not it's not timed, but something  
9 like as she said at the beginning of the day, or 20 minutes  
10 before a scheduled break we're going to do something. And  
11 so that advocacy groups can plan their workdays a little  
12 bit better.

13           And then, my other comment, while I have you, if  
14 my two minutes isn't up, is whether or not you would  
15 consider moving to two and a half minutes, or three  
16 minutes. Because as you probably know, quite a few  
17 advocates in their first 15 or 20 seconds are talking about  
18 their credentials, which is to give them legitimacy and  
19 authority as they speak to you. But then this cuts off the  
20 very quality comments that I've been hearing. And so, I'd  
21 encourage you, as you move forward to perhaps lengthen,  
22 only slightly, the public comment. So, thank you for your  
23 time.

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for those comments.

25           Any other in the queue?

1 AT&T OPERATOR: Nobody else has queued up at this  
2 time.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, given that her  
4 comment was directly at what Commissioner Sadhwani said, I  
5 think we should let it be known that we will start  
6 tomorrow, hopefully before we jump into everything, with  
7 public comment.

8 I don't know if that's in our -- you know, other  
9 than that I don't quite see how we can -- I guess in the  
10 beginning of the day we could sort of say approximately  
11 when we might be taking comment, but I don't know if we can  
12 pin it down like that. I'm not sure. It's certainly  
13 something that -- it will be handled differently as the  
14 full Commission. Again, this is a particular task, so it's  
15 a little harder to run the meeting that way, but it's  
16 certainly something to consider.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I may, and you know, I  
18 don't know how often we all feel that we need to take  
19 public comment. If we suggest that our intention is to  
20 take public comment at the start of the meeting tomorrow,  
21 which is 9:30 in the morning, and then we know that we'll  
22 take a break at 90 minutes, so at 11:00 a.m. Either it's,  
23 you know, at 11:15 when we get back, or before our lunch  
24 break at noon, or after our lunch break at 1:00. You know,  
25 I think just kind of laying out some general times and,

1 obviously, that might change.

2           Certainly, as counsel mentioned that if we  
3 advance in our, you know, in our agenda then of course  
4 we're going to have to take public comment, again. But to  
5 the extent that we continue to be on Item Number 5, I think  
6 it would be helpful to just identify at least, certainly at  
7 9:30 in the morning tomorrow our intention is to take  
8 public comments, and perhaps at one other point in time in  
9 the day.

10           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Commissioner Fornaciari?

11           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I agree. I think  
12 it's reasonable to -- it would be reasonable to set, you  
13 know, we intend to take public comment at the beginning of  
14 the meeting and, say, after lunch. So, that would give  
15 folks, you know, the morning to watch and distill.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-hum.

17           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then, as counsel  
18 said, at natural breaks in between. But, you know, we  
19 could set two times for the folks. That seems reasonable.

20           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I certainly have no  
21 objection to that. It does sound reasonable and it might,  
22 you know, give people an opportunity to at least have a  
23 ballpark of when to clue in.

24           MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

25           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes?

1 MS. SAXTON: Additionally, not to supplant, but  
2 to supplement, for those of the public who find that they  
3 just don't have the time, there is again our website with a  
4 link to make written public comments that are forwarded to  
5 the Commissioners. So, I just want to make sure that  
6 everybody knows there's that other option as well, in  
7 addition.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

9 So, I don't know if we -- that's at our  
10 discretion. I don't know if we want a vote on that or I  
11 don't think that's actually --

12 MS. SAXTON: It's not necessary to take a vote --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- at our discretion.

14 MS. SAXTON: -- about when you would like to take  
15 public comment. It can be taken at any time.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.

17 So, our AT&T Operator, do we have anyone on the  
18 line?

19 AT&T OPERATOR: Nobody has queued up at this  
20 time, Madam Chair.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

22 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, if it is the intent of  
23 the Commissioners that tomorrow at 9:30 it's your intent  
24 that public comment will be taken, or that public comment  
25 will be taken, perhaps that would be something to announce

1 as a set decision.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So, I'm -- that would be my  
3 inclination. Can I have just a sort of informal show of  
4 hands on that. We've got Commissioner Fornaciari. Oh, I  
5 see -- I see all hands up. Okay, there we go. So, it will  
6 be our intent to start the meeting, give a quick where we  
7 are, what we're doing, and say we're going to open it to  
8 public comment.

9 Then, I also actually like the idea of, say,  
10 after lunch because that's sort of an easily identifiable  
11 time. Again, and we're sort of shooting, this is again for  
12 our wonderful court reporters and our sign language people.  
13 So, we've kind of said, look, you know, we're going to give  
14 you noon to 1:00. So, we're trying to keep to that time  
15 frame as best we can.

16 So, then saying right after lunch is another time  
17 that we will take public comment.

18 Now, obviously, if we conclude an item or before  
19 we're actually going to vote on something then that we will  
20 take public comment again. But those are the sort of set  
21 times that that would be our intent.

22 Any kind of a quick hands on that one? A few  
23 more. Yep, okay. Then that would be our intent.

24 And unless we have -- AT&T Operator, do we have  
25 any people on the line?

1 AT&T OPERATOR: Not at this time, nobody is  
2 queuing up. 1 0 to make a comment, a public comment  
3 please, 1 0.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you very much.  
5 Given it is 3:45 and we have a lot of work to do  
6 ahead of us and --

7 AT&T OPERATOR: Please excuse me.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

9 AT&T OPERATOR: We did just get somebody queued  
10 up.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you. We'll go ahead  
12 and take -- please let them through.

13 AT&T OPERATOR: Okay, thanks. We'll go to Rob  
14 Quan's line. Your line is open, sir.

15 MR. QUAN: Thanks. My name is Rob Quan with  
16 Unrig LA. And I appreciate the consideration of planning a  
17 better time to ensure that people can have some predictable  
18 public comment.

19 Here at city council we have annual budget  
20 hearings that extend for weeks and every single day they  
21 have 9:00 a.m. public comment to kick things off. Just so  
22 everybody can turn out. And, you know, they're long,  
23 exhaustive days and not everybody wants to tune into that.  
24 I don't mind it. But it's good to make it easy and  
25 predictable.

1           The one thing I would say is on that note, I  
2 found it kind of weird that the agenda does not contain the  
3 call-in information. I literally had the experience just  
4 now of trying to figure out how to call in. And I was kind  
5 of dumb and didn't look at the screen in front of me, or it  
6 popped up suddenly. But I looked at the agenda and I  
7 didn't see the call-in information. Is a reference to the  
8 website. I went to the Shape California First 8 page,  
9 where I'm looking at this, and I don't see a clear  
10 indication of the call-in information.

11           And I did finally get through. I'm honestly kind  
12 of surprised that I was able to make comment because I was  
13 sitting on hold. For some reason I was stuck in there as a  
14 participant, even though it said I wanted to submit public  
15 comment, and was indicating I wanted to, and wasn't getting  
16 heard.

17           I would just say that out of any meeting that  
18 I've tried to participate in, and local government under  
19 COVID, the call-in setup here is the most cumbersome and  
20 difficult to navigate. So, I would just note that. I  
21 don't know what needs to be done about it as far as clearly  
22 indicating some of this pertinent information about how  
23 people can be heard and navigate this, on the agenda or  
24 somewhere else because --

25           MS. PELLMAN: Fifteen seconds, fifteen seconds.

1 MR. QUAN: -- you know, there are going to be  
2 some people that --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 MR. QUAN: There are going to be some people  
5 calling in here, the usual suspects that you hear from all  
6 the time, but if we're asking average people in California  
7 to call in, then we've got to kind of make it easy on them.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thanks for that comment.  
10 Yes, actually, Counsel, we would like to comment on that or  
11 respond to that.

12 MS. SAXTON: Yes, Commissioners, one thing to  
13 know is that that call-in information is not available to  
14 us until right before the meeting.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

16 MS. SAXTON: We are not -- when the agenda has to  
17 be agendized, however many days in advance, 10 and  
18 eventually 14, it is impossible to agendize it. So, that's  
19 why the agenda clearly says to go to the website and that  
20 it will be announced. So, when that agenda first comes out  
21 or right before the meeting, the idea being that that  
22 instruction is to allow folks to get what information they  
23 need, while still working within the constraints of the  
24 technology, and that call-in information that's not  
25 available in time for the agenda.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So, is it readily  
2 available, though, on the website.

3 MS. SAXTON: Yes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It is, okay. All right, let's  
5 clarify that so in case. Yeah, I appreciate that comment  
6 so --

7 MS. SAXTON: Also, Madam Chair, the call-in  
8 number is posted on the actual livestream of the video in  
9 caption.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.

11 MS. SAXTON: So, when you're watching it from the  
12 website there's a black box with white text that gives the  
13 call-in number right there.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. Thank you very  
15 much.

16 Do we have any other public people in the queue?

17 AT&T OPERATOR: Nobody else has queued up at this  
18 time.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Oh, we  
20 have a question from Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
22 Counsel, is it only the phone number that is there at the  
23 bottom of the box for those watching the livestream or is  
24 the access code there also?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The access code is

1 there, also.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All good. Good clarifications.  
4 Okay, we have a -- Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Sorry, just I'm  
6 just also curious, and it might be too late to change that  
7 method, but I'm also curious is it feasible that people  
8 could actually, you know, join the Zoom call, right, like  
9 you know in order to call in, even if it's like a -- well,  
10 I don't know if a chat would be okay for Bagley-Keene.

11 But, you know, I'm just trying to think about  
12 making -- what are the other ways that we can make it easy  
13 for people to join in? I think that we all agree that  
14 public comment, you know that we welcome it and it helps  
15 make the process so much better.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair, if I may?

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I was going to jump in on that  
19 one, too. Go ahead.

20 MS. SAXTON: These are, of course, wanting to  
21 include as many members of the public as possible and make  
22 it as convenient for them to participate, as Bagley-Keene  
23 requires, as I'm sure the Voter's Act, the Voters FIRST Act  
24 requires or intends.

25 But these are likely to be issues for the full

1 14, as this is our last meeting and we have all of our  
2 technology in place at this time. And it's not feasible to  
3 make changes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, yeah.

5 MS. SAXTON: But definitely something that I  
6 encourage you all, once you pick your slate, and pick your  
7 next six Commissioners that as you move along to the full  
8 Commission these are all issues to discuss, of course.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I also know,  
10 having children who are involved in school Zooms and I'm  
11 thinking probably everyone has heard some of the horror  
12 stories. Which if you just let call in with just coming  
13 into Zoom that could really get away from you.

14 So, I think at this -- for the rest of this  
15 meeting we'll make sure that the information is indeed on  
16 the website, it's very easy to spot. And I like the  
17 comments of calling in, you know, at the beginning of the  
18 day and at lunch.

19 Commissioner Le Mons?

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, I just wanted to say  
21 I support the predictable public comment options that have  
22 been discussed. I also feel that if people are -- I want  
23 to caution us to not assume there's a problem. If there is  
24 a problem, for people to email or use the methods to get in  
25 touch with us to let us know what the problem is so that we

1 can then confirm there's a problem, and solve for it.  
2 Because we're kind of talking about this in a vacuum with  
3 several assumptions.

4           So, I think that our initial concern of making  
5 sure that it is predictable we've solved for, and let's see  
6 where this takes us. We are time limited in terms of just  
7 our function and what it is that we're doing. And I think  
8 it will be great to have a mechanism for the public to let  
9 us know some feedback after this process. So that when we  
10 go into the 14 we can bring that forward and solve for  
11 those things as we're putting our organization together.

12           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

13           Any other comments or -- oh, any other people in  
14 the queue, AT&T Operator?

15           AT&T OPERATOR: No one is queued up at this time.

16           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

17           Well, with that said, and I believe we have  
18 concluded our bits of business for today or we're going to  
19 pause, I'm going to call the meeting into recess and we  
20 will commence, again, at 9:30 tomorrow morning. Thank you  
21 very much.

22           AT&T OPERATOR: One more person did just queue  
23 up. Would you like to entertain that?

24           CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we certainly will.

25           AT&T OPERATOR: Okay, thank you. Sorry to

1 interrupt. We'll go to --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

3 AT&T OPERATOR: Okay, thank you. And we'll go to  
4 Byrd, and I hope I say this right, Lochtie. Please go  
5 ahead.

6 MS. LOCHTIE: Thank you. My name is Byrd  
7 Lochtie, B-Y-R-D L-O-C-H-T-I-E. And I would like to  
8 comment about the no party preference group that you have  
9 and put in a very, very clear request for Eddie Morgan to  
10 represent the North Coast and the northern part of the  
11 state which was ignored in 2010. I know that because I was  
12 the only one in that part of the state and I was ignored,  
13 not put on the Commission.

14 Eddie represents a large portion, including the  
15 North Coast, and parts of the Northern California that have  
16 more -- that have the largest Indian, American Indian  
17 population and many other smaller tribes. And he is in the  
18 pool of under \$35,000 for that, the economic one. And he  
19 is extremely knowledgeable about the area and works with  
20 the Human Rights Commission, and knows many, many people.  
21 And I believe would do a really excellent job. Please put  
22 Eddie number one out of the pool of no party preference.  
23 And thank you very much for the chance to comment on this.  
24 I hope you will put Eddie in the -- pick Eddie. Thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for the comment.

1 And do we have anyone else in the queue?

2 AT&T OPERATOR: Not at this time, Madam Chair.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you very much.

4 MS. SAXTON: Madam Chair?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes?

6 MS. SAXTON: If I may, one more thing about our  
7 call system because we do take this very seriously, we did  
8 test multiple systems, found that the system we have for  
9 taking public comment was the very best. And additionally,  
10 it is exactly the same system, from what I am told, that  
11 the Legislature uses. So, as far as we know this is the  
12 optimal way there is to take public comment.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Counsel.

14 So, I'll ask one more time, anyone in the queue?

15 AT&T OPERATOR: Nobody is queued up at this time,  
16 Madam Chair.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Now, the  
18 time being 3:55 and hearing no other comments, no other  
19 hand waving from the Commissioners, I'm going to call the  
20 meeting -- or not call the meeting, but have the meeting go  
21 into recess and we'll begin again at 9:30 tomorrow morning.

22 (Thereupon, the First Eight Commissioners'  
23 meeting recessed at 3:56 p.m.)

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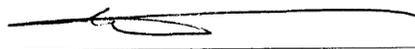
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