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COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
COMMISSIONER FRED ALI
COMMISSIONER DAVID HYUN
COMMISSIONER SONJA DIAZ
COMMISSIONER EDWARD ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CHARISSE BREMOND
COMMISSIONER MARIA BRENES
COMMISSIONER DENIS CAGNA
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GARSTEN
COMMISSIONER RICHARD KATZ
COMMISSIONER MIGUEL MARTINEZ
COMMISSIONER CARLOS MORENO
COMMISSIONER MICHELE PRICHARD
COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH SALDIVAR
COMMISSIONER VALERIE LYNN SHAW

1
2 Thursday, July 15, 2021; Los Angeles, California

3 6:01 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER ALI: Good evening. My name is Fred
6 Ali. I'm honored to serve as the chair of the Los Angeles
7 City Council Redistricting Commission.

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

14 Tonight's hearing will focus on Council District
15 3. We look forward to hearing from the residents of
16 Council District 3, as well as residents of other
17 districts who might be attending tonight's hearing.

18 As Commissioner Katz will explain in a minute, we
19 want to hear about your community. We want to hear about
20 what your special needs are, what makes your community
21 unique and special. We want to know what your
22 recommendations might be for a fair and inclusive
23 political -- for fair and inclusive political
24 representation. This is really what democracy is all
25 about.

1 I want to thank the Neighborhood Councils who
2 supported our outreach efforts for tonight's meeting, as
3 well as the staff of the City Councilmember Blumenfeld's
4 office who helped with outreach efforts. I also want to
5 the efforts of many community-based organizations who
6 assisted with spreading the word about tonight's hearing.

7 Today is Thursday, July 15th. The time is 6:03
8 p.m.

9 So Betty, would you please take the roll?

10 MS. BUTLER: Yes, Commissioner Ali.

11 Chair Ali?

12 COMMISSIONER ALI: Present.

13 MS. BUTLER: Vice Chair Hyun?

14 COMMISSIONER HYUN: Present.

15 MS. BUTLER: Vice Chair Diaz?

16 COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Present.

17 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Anderson?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Present.

19 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Barrett? Commissioner
20 Bremond?

21 COMMISSIONER BREMOND: Present.

22 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Brenes?

23 COMMISSIONER BRENES: Present.

24 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Cagna?

25 COMMISSIONER CAGNA: Present.

1 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Delgadillo?
2 Commissioner Garsten?

3 COMMISSIONER GARSTEN: Present.

4 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Katz?

5 COMMISSIONER KATZ: Present.

6 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Le? Commissioner
7 Martinez?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ: Present.

9 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Moreno?

10 COMMISSIONER MORENO: Here.

11 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Polanco? Commissioner
12 Prichard?

13 COMMISSIONER PRICHARD: Here.

14 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Saldivar?

15 COMMISSIONER SALDIVAR: Present.

16 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Shaw?

17 COMMISSIONER SHAW: Here.

18 MS. BUTLER: Commissioner Suh?

19 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Betty. It appears
20 we have a quorum. I want to thank commissioners for
21 attendance tonight.

22 Now I'm going to ask members of the commission to
23 disclose ex parte communications that may have occurred
24 since our last meeting.

25 For members of the public, I want to explain what

1 ex parte disclosure means. Ex parte communication mean a
2 communication between any member of the Los Angeles City
3 Council Redistricting Commission and any elected City
4 officer or member of any elected City officer's staff
5 regarding a matter between -- pending before the
6 commission. Commissioners are required by City ordinance
7 to disclose this type of communication.

8 We will start today's meeting with a request for
9 disclosures. And at the end of the meeting, I will also
10 do this again for any communication that may have occurred
11 while the meeting was taking place.

12 I also want to mention with sincere apologies to
13 the public that it has come to our attention that a log
14 that is supposed to appear on our website that contains
15 all ex parte communications made by commission members
16 since the beginning of our commission process -- for
17 technical reasons, that log is not appearing. I sincerely
18 apologize for that. We have identified the problem, and I
19 assure you that will be fixed. This is a matter we take
20 very, very seriously. We want to be transparent with the
21 public for that -- for that technical glitch.

22 So with that, I'm going to ask commissioners if
23 there are any disclosures that they would like to make.

24 MR. CAGNA: Chairman Ali, I have a question.

25 COMMISSIONER ALI: Yes.

1 MR. CAGNA: If I've got a communication with an
2 elected member or their staff but this commission was not
3 discussed at all, shall I disclose that?

4 COMMISSIONER ALI: I'm going to have Tanea, the
5 City Attorney, respond to that. But it is my
6 understanding that that kind of communication would not be
7 required. It is only a communication regarding a matter
8 pending before this commission.

9 But Tanea, do you want to add to that?

10 MS. YSAGUIRRE: No, I agree with you. That's
11 correct, Commissioner.

12 MR. CAGNA: Okay. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Commissioner Cagna.
14 Are there any other -- other disclosures?

15 Betty, maybe you can help me here. I can't see
16 the entire screen.

17 MS. BUTLER: No hands are raised at this time,
18 Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER ALI: Okay. Thank you very, very
20 much. So Betty, would you now read the first and, for
21 tonight, the only agenda item into the record?

22 MS. BUTLER: Item Number 1: Discussion of public
23 hearing format, rules of conduct, and summary of
24 redistricting and Communities of Interest; public hearing
25 to gather testimony on Communities of Interest; closing

1 remarks.

2 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Betty.

3 I'm now going to introduce Frank Cardenas. Frank
4 is the Executive Director of the commission. Some of you
5 might know this is Frank's second tour of duty in
6 redistricting. In 2002, Frank was the Executive Director
7 of the first City Redistricting Commission, and we're all
8 now benefiting greatly from his experience and his
9 commitment to this important process.

10 So Frank, I'm going to turn it over to you.

11 MR. CARDENAS: Mr. Chair, thanks very much.

12 (Speaking in Spanish.)

13 Mr. Chair, thank you very much.

14 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Frank.

15 And now I want to introduce -- I want to
16 introduce Commissioner Richard Katz who is going to
17 provide some welcoming remarks and also some commentary on
18 redistricting.

19 Commissioner Katz.

20 MR. KATZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 I would like to welcome everyone to tonight's
22 meeting, this public hearing of the Los Angeles City
23 Council Redistricting Commission. As the Chair said, my
24 name is Richard Katz and I have the honor of serving as
25 the commissioner representing CD3 on this commission.

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

8 People who have common interests and needs often
9 benefit from being grouped together in a single district.
10 We truly value your time and participation in the
11 redistricting process.

12 A little bit about who we are. The LA City
13 Council Redistricting Commission is an appointed 21-member
14 body with the responsibility of designing new recommended
15 boundaries of the City's 15 Council Districts.

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

25 The commission has further adopted the following

1 vision and core values to inform and drive its fulfillment
2 of its legal responsibility and core purpose. Vision: To
3 strengthen the governance of the City of Los Angeles by
4 empowering its communities to have their diverse needs
5 served through fair and inclusive representation.

6 Core values: Equity, integrity, transparency,
7 respect, compassion, dignity, data driven, solution
8 oriented, and interdependence.

9 From a housekeeping standpoint for how we're
10 going to be running this meeting and how all others are
11 run, this hearing is being broadcast live on video and is
12 also being recorded. Close captioning is also being
13 provided during this hearing. Translation services have
14 been made available for those who requested the service.
15 We have Spanish translation happening simultaneously
16 during this hearing.

17 If you're experiencing technical difficulties
18 during that virtual public hearing, please contact us via
19 e-mail at redistricting.lacity@lacity.org or by calling us
20 at 213-263-5765. That's 213-263-5765. Commission staff
21 will be standing by.

22 If you have a statement you'd like to submit to
23 the commission, please do so via e-mail at
24 redistricting.lacity@lacity.org. We have many people that
25 want to testify today, and we want to accommodate this as

1 efficiently and effectively as possible. One important
2 suggestion, if you hear someone make the point you want to
3 make, rather than repeating that testimony, note your
4 agreement and allow someone else the opportunity to speak.

5 In closing, I want to thank Los Angeles City
6 Council member Bob Blumenfield and the CD3 staff for their
7 invaluable community outreach and engagement support --
8 and support of promoting this public hearing today
9 throughout CD3.

10 I'd now like to introduce the Executive Director
11 -- or reintroduce, I guess, the Executive Director of the
12 Redistricting Commission, Frank Cardenas, who will provide
13 us with a brief summary of redistricting.

14 Frank?

15 MR. CARDENAS: Mr. Katz, thank you very much.

16 I've -- I've known and admired Richard Katz for
17 many years.

18 It's been too long, Richard, since I've had the
19 privilege of being introduced by you, and it's a privilege
20 to serve with you and the rest of the commissioners.

21 MR. KATZ: The feeling is mutual, Frank. We're
22 grateful to have you.

23 MR. CARDENAS: Thanks so much. You're very kind.

24 So what is redistricting? We do it every ten
25 years, but what is it? What are we engaging in? Why does

1 this matter? Every person in the City of Los Angeles
2 lives in a City Council District, which is defined by
3 certain streets and neighborhoods. We have the
4 opportunity to elect a City Council member based on what
5 district we live in. For example, Boyle Heights, Pacoima,
6 South LA, or Winnetka are each in different Council
7 Districts and residents in those communities vote for
8 different people to represent them.

9 Every ten years, the entire country goes through
10 a process called redistricting to redraw the maps that
11 determine each district. Now, as communities get smaller
12 or bigger and people move in and out, it is important that
13 the districts are defined fairly and equally. In fact,
14 the US Constitution mandates that all electoral districts
15 within a given redistricting map must contain
16 approximately the same number of people.

17 The maps drawn will determine the allocation of
18 political power and representation at every level of
19 government -- city, county, state, and federal -- across
20 the nation for the next ten years.

21 Now, why does redistricting matter? Where
22 district lines are drawn may determine where residents can
23 vote, who we can vote for, and -- and how responsive our
24 elected officials are to our requests.

25 Redistricting should never result in the denial

1 of a person's right to vote based on race, color, or
2 language minority status. The Voting Rights Act ensures
3 minority voters an opportunity to elect representatives of
4 their own choice.

5 Representation is power. Who represents you in
6 City Hall can mean more or less affordable housing,
7 cleaner streets, better parks. And making sure your
8 district is drawn in a way that gives you fair
9 representation can make a huge difference for you and your
10 family.

11 How does redistricting work? Here in LA, the
12 Mayor and City Council have appointed an advisory
13 commission -- your commission -- to advise them on how to
14 draw new districts that reflect the interests of the
15 hundreds of communities that make up our city. The
16 21-member commission is -- excuse me. I lost my script.
17 The 21-member commission is made up of diverse citizens
18 from every part of the city. Your commission is committed
19 to making sure that everyone has a fair and equal
20 representation in City Hall.

21 Before the lines are redrawn, the commission will
22 conduct a series of public hearings -- 19, across the
23 city. Tonight is the 4th. There's one for every Council
24 District and four regional meetings, including one on
25 August 25 that's going to be held exclusively in Spanish.

1 At each of these hearings, the commission wants you to
2 tell it about shared interests and concerns that the
3 commission should consider when drawing the lines for your
4 Council District.

5 In August, the federal government will release
6 the latest Census data. Once the commission has completed
7 the hearings, they will gather a wide array of
8 information, particularly the information that you provide
9 and data from the federal government to draw new maps.

10 As we know, because of a four-month delay in the
11 release of 2020 Census population data by the Census
12 Bureau, we've got to begin the redistricting process this
13 time around in the absence of that data. This delay is
14 unfortunate, but we're all in this together.

15 Now, as important as that data is, it's only half
16 the equation, because it's your Community of Interest
17 testimony that is the other critical factor in the
18 redistricting process. And that's the part of the process
19 that we are engaging in together tonight. For the
20 commission to do its work, it's got to listen to the
21 voices of Angelenos as you provide your Community of
22 Interest testimony.

23 Your testimony and the Census population data,
24 when it's released in August, is what this commission is
25 going to rely upon to draw new Council Districts. A set

1 of maps will be drafted and presented to the community
2 online and via public hearings to ensure that the
3 commission gets your feedback. We will then revise those
4 maps and send them to the City Council for its approval.

5 You will also have the opportunity to draw your
6 own maps and submit them to the commissioner for its
7 consideration. More information on how to do this will be
8 available on the commission's website within the next
9 week.

10 To help our commissioners actually draw new
11 district boundaries based on Census data and your
12 Community of Interest testimony, we're fortunate enough to
13 have engaged one of the nation's premiere firms in this
14 area -- Redistricting Partners here in California.
15 Joining us tonight in this Zoom hearing is the firm's
16 president, Paul Mitchell, and his expert line drawer
17 Ms. Sophia Garcia.

18 I now have the privilege of introducing your
19 commissions Deputy Director, Arianna Bankler-Jukes.

20 Arianna?

21 MS. BANKLER-JUKES: Thank you, Frank. So what
22 helps decide district maps and what are the rules and
23 criteria? There are four main areas that we must comply
24 with when developing Council District maps, the first
25 being what Frank has touched upon that they should be

1 equal in population size. Each district should have
2 roughly around the same number of people in it. And
3 that's where the Census data comes in handy.

4 Another aspect is that parts of the district must
5 be able to geographically connect to one another. You
6 can't have a little circle here and another circle here
7 and call it a Council District. It actually has to
8 connect. Another key aspect is that we don't want to
9 split up neighborhoods as much as possible. We want to
10 try to keep neighborhoods intact when developing the
11 Council District lines.

12 And then finally, the lines drawn must comply
13 with the Voting Rights Act. So this ensures that minority
14 voters, be it Latinx, Asian Americans, African-Americans,
15 are not disenfranchised in this process. Are not -- have
16 -- that they have equal access to choosing their political
17 representation.

18 So how can I participate to make sure my voice is
19 heard? There are various ways you can participate in the
20 redistricting process, one of which, you're doing right
21 now, which is attending one of our 19 public hearings.
22 They'll be happening until September 25th and focused on
23 regions throughout LA. And you're free to attend any of
24 those meetings.

25 Another form that will be available shortly is

1 the ability for folks to upload and design their own maps
2 using a software called Maptitude. This will be on our
3 website and you'll get more information once that comes
4 live on how you yourself can submit a map.

5 And then, finally, providing written testimony is
6 a key way of participating in this process. Especially if
7 you're someone who may not feel comfortable speaking at a
8 public hearing or really want to take the time to submit
9 written testimony to ourselves. So I'm going to tell you
10 how to do that, and it's by going to this link here.
11 [Bit.ly/LACityCOI](https://bit.ly/LACityCOI). This will take you to our Communities
12 of Interest form that looks a bit like this.

13 Now, don't get dissuaded by the terminology of
14 Communities of Interest. It's basically -- it's just the
15 words that we use in redistricting. So what it's asking
16 is to tell us what makes up your community.

17 And so whether you're given written testimony by
18 filling out that form which we will then collect and
19 compile into our database to inform the line drawers and
20 commissioners -- so whether you're giving written
21 testimony or you're doing spoken testimony like today --
22 like what will be happening in the public hearing, there
23 are three main areas we want to hear from you about. The
24 first thing, tell us about your community. Tell us about
25 its unique characteristics.

1 Secondly, we want know the geographic make up of
2 your community. Where exactly are you and your folks
3 located.

4 And then, finally, how is your community impacted
5 by City policy decisions? So an example of COI -- of
6 Community of Interest input from your district could be
7 listen, I am a single mother of three. I live in Reseda.
8 I live by Warner Center Park. I love it. It's a great
9 place to bring my kids. I love the Sunday concerts they
10 have during the summer. But here's the deal, I have to
11 get to work on time and work Sundays. And so the traffic
12 that the park creates for me -- it makes it really hard
13 for me to get to my job and support my family.

14 So that's something that's within various aspects
15 of this process and that's the type of testimony we're
16 trying to hear from you. So tell us -- tell us what makes
17 your community unique. Tell us about the schools, the
18 parks, where you go shopping, the -- the -- the places of
19 worship. Tell us what makes your neighborhood your
20 neighborhood.

21 And what happens is the commission starts to take
22 all of this input into consideration when they're drawing
23 the line recommendations for the Council and the Mayor.

24 So with that I'm going to pass it off to Robert
25 Battles who will help engage in the public comment period.

1 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Arianna.

2 All right. If members of the public joined our
3 meeting after 6:00 o'clock, we just want to remind you, we
4 are providing Spanish language closed captioning. You can
5 access Spanish language closed captioning by creating
6 another tab to open bit.ly/LACCRC-SCC. Once again,
7 bit.ly/LACCRC-SCC. We're going to try to go ahead and
8 inform the public in a much more unique opportunity to
9 access this feature.

10 Right now, in conformity with the Governor's
11 Executive Order N-29-20 and due to concerns over Covid-19,
12 the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission
13 meetings will be conducted entirely virtually and
14 telephonically. Members of the public who would like to
15 offer public comment via Zoom webinar on the item listed
16 on the agenda this evening should click on the raise hands
17 function now to request to speak. Members of the public
18 who would like to offer public comment on the item listed
19 on the agenda over the phone should call telephone Number
20 1-669-254-5252. That's 1-669-254-5252. You can use
21 Meeting ID Number 1615454787. That's Meeting ID Number
22 1615454787. Press pound and press pound again when
23 prompted for participant ID. Once admitted into the
24 meeting over the phone, press star 9 to request to speak.

25 I'd now like to introduce Tanea Ysaguirre from

1 the City Attorney's office.

2 ATTORNEY YSAGUIRRE: Thank you, Rob.

3 The commission shall provide an opportunity to
4 address the commission on the public agenda for three
5 minutes per speaker, plus additional time to translate
6 comments by nonEnglish speakers. The presiding officer
7 shall make every effort to notify the public at the
8 beginning of the hearing the limitations on the time
9 available for public comment.

10 The presiding officer may rule that a speaker is
11 out of order if the speakers's comments are not germane to
12 the item under consideration or overly repetitive. If the
13 speaker remains out of order, the presiding officer may
14 declare the speaker as impeding the orderly conduct of the
15 meeting and rule the remainder of the speaker's time
16 forfeit.

17 To members of the public calling in to provide
18 comment to the commission, when it's your turn to speak we
19 will announce the last three digits of your phone number,
20 or if you're dialing in with a blocked number we'll
21 announce you as Caller Number 1, Caller Number 2, and the
22 like. When we announce and we think we have announced
23 your number or identifying information, you are live in
24 the meeting, and it's your turn to speak. Please
25 immediately press star 6 to unmute yourself.

1 To members of the public calling in to speak, we
2 understand that you might be listening to the broadcast of
3 the meeting on the Internet or another device. As there
4 is a time delay between the live meeting and the
5 broadcast, please keep one ear on your phone so you hear
6 when we announce the last few digits of your phone number
7 or other identifying information so you can immediately
8 press star 6. Otherwise, we might think you're no longer
9 on the line and move on to the next speaker.

10 If you're also listening to the broadcast of the
11 meeting over the Internet or other device, please
12 immediately turn down the volume of the broadcast on that
13 device to avoid feedback and confusion because of the time
14 delay.

15 Finally, I'd like to warn you, Commissioners, and
16 members of the public that some members of the public may
17 choose to use modes of expression that are offensive or
18 vulgar, including the use of racial epithets.

19 Unfortunately, some of that content is First Amendment
20 protected speech and there is little that we can do but
21 hear it. Members of the public may choose to turn down
22 their volume during public comment if they choose not to
23 listen to racial slurs and vulgarities.

24 Now, I'd like to pass it back to Chair Ali.

25 COMMISSIONER ALI: So thank you very much, Tanea

1 and Rob.

2 So now it's my -- my honor to open the meeting to
3 -- to public comment. So let's begin with the public
4 testimony.

5 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Chair Ali.

6 As we mentioned before, members of the public who
7 are attending Zoom -- the Zoom webinar using the Zoom
8 feature on your laptop, we -- we will call your name and
9 unmute yourself and speak. If you're calling over the
10 phone, we will identify you by your last three digits of
11 the phone number, and you can press star 6 to unmute
12 yourself.

13 Speaker Number 1, Lou Watson (phonetic), please
14 unmute yourself and tell us which neighborhood you're
15 speaking about. And while you're doing so, we'll start to
16 bring up the map. So we don't want you to wait until the
17 map is up, you can begin when you're ready.

18 SPEAKER: I have a question that hasn't anything
19 to do with this -- the agenda. I want to know, if there
20 is a Spanish translation, why did Mr. Cardenas speak
21 entirely in Spanish? Us English speakers have no idea
22 what he was saying. I would like to know what he had to
23 say.

24 MR. CARDENAS: I'm happy to respond to that. The
25 contents of my portion of the welcome were actually

1 repeated by Commissioner Katz almost verbatim in his -- in
2 his welcome. This is an opportunity for us to be
3 particularly inclusive to various elements of the -- of
4 the community.

5 MR. BATTLES: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Frank.

7 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Ms. Watson would you still
8 like to give public testimony?

9 SPEAKER: No. That was very distressing, but
10 thank you.

11 MR. BATTLES: No problem.

12 Speaker Number 2 ending in phone number 024.
13 Please press star 6 to unmute yourself and tell us which
14 neighborhood you're speaking about this evening.

15 SPEAKER: Good evening, my nigger. I'm talking
16 about Boyle Heights. Where Kevin de Leon failed to clean
17 up our streets, niggers. And the character of Boyle
18 Heights is about the faggots and wet backs not having
19 enough money to pay their mother fucking rents, niggers.
20 That's what's the problem of character. As far as our
21 make up, you know what our make up is -- systemic racial
22 profiling, systemic discrimination, and programmatic
23 access because Kevin de Leon is a white nigger, mother
24 fucker from San Diego who hasn't fixed sidewalk or street
25 to accommodate us to safely maneuver in LA with all the

1 encampments and shit downtown and skid row, you dumb
2 mother fuckers. What don't you understand? You mother
3 fuckers live in a white-gated community, don't understand
4 because you're too fucking stupid. Take those horse
5 blinders off and open your eyes to reality, mother
6 fuckers.

7 This is reality. We have to wear a mask again
8 because that fucking dumb ass Eric Garcetti has allowed
9 the airplanes to fly in with those jackasses who want to
10 vacation despite the surge of Covid. Once again, another
11 shut down. Thank God dumb mother fuckers like you in
12 America only understand one thing -- power, money, and
13 greed.

14 Now, going back to Kevin de Leon. Excuse me, God
15 damn it. I've got the floor. I've got three mother
16 fucking minutes. Don't fucking interrupt me, bitch.
17 What? I'm speaking Ebonics, mother fuckers. I'm sorry
18 you can't understand me. But (Non-English language.)
19 Translation, bitch and bitches. Stop fucking interrupting
20 us. Let us finish our time, and then you can deliberate
21 whether or not my contents of speech is actually free
22 speech or not. (Unintelligible)

23 And you deliberately got to understand
24 mother-fucking, faggot wet backs like me from CD14 want
25 more accommodations. Give us our share of bullshit. I

1 can't even sell a fucking bean on the sidewalk any more
2 because you put those fucking regulations. I can't even
3 sell a chicken in Northridge anymore, mother fuckers.
4 That's what's wrong. I'm just a nigger trying to survive.
5 And by the way vote for our new governor. Oh, yeah. The
6 announcing speaker, one and only -- I can't say his name
7 right now because you know he's going to kick ass over
8 that recall.

9 And by the way, Mr. Blumenfield, you tell your
10 colleague, that dumb nigger from Venice Beach, fucking
11 stop fucking with people. Now you're going to get
12 recalled. Look at your sorry ass now, you -- you --
13 closet boy transportation -- and that's another thing. I
14 can't get anywhere in this fucking town because of the
15 fucking --

16 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, sir. Your three minutes
17 is up.

18 Speaker Number 3, ending in phone Number 018.
19 Please press star 6 to unmute yourself and begin by
20 telling us which neighborhood you're speaking about this
21 evening.

22 SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Barry Johnson
23 (phonetic). I'm a 15-year participant in the Studio City
24 Neighborhood Council as well as the Studio City Resident
25 Association. But I'm speaking, really, in regards to the

1 valley in general. And your operating procedures talk
2 about utilizing natural boundaries and being
3 geographically compact.

4 If you look at CD4 and CD5, they barely connect
5 in two places. It's like there's two districts for each
6 one. And I just beg of you this time please don't give us
7 two over-the-hill districts for the Valley. Give us -- I
8 believe the Valley is going to -- based on the population
9 coming out in August, I think it's going to show we
10 qualify for six and a half. Give us six and a half. And
11 don't give us two with half. Just one half.

12 You know, the Valley has a natural rim around the
13 whole thing, and I truly believe the Valley deserves its
14 own united voice when it feels it has a Valley issue. And
15 CD4 and CD5 are diluted now. And CD -- and CD2 was that
16 way ten years ago. And we begged for it to be different
17 and you made it different, basically.

18 So I participated ten years ago. And I'm still
19 trying to get the Valley made whole. Thank you.

20 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Speaker Number
21 3.

22 Speaker Number 4, please unmute yourself and tell
23 us which neighborhood you're speaking about this evening.

24 Go ahead, Speaker Number 4. You're up.

25 SPEAKER: (Noise.) You won't announce my name as

1 I signed up? Will you say who the speaker identified
2 himself as? Yes. I signed up as Mitchell
3 (unintelligible) in prison. (Noise.)

4 Welcome everybody, and hello to Tanea
5 wuss-yguierre who improperly states the First Amendment
6 caucus in her remarks. The government is not required to
7 determine what's offensive. They're required to tell
8 people if they find something offensive, that they may
9 shut it down or turn it off. When she says it's offensive
10 or racist, what the fuck is she talking about? (Noise.)
11 Another bigot amongst the Bar.

12 So let's talk about Tarzana. Have you seen what
13 a fucking shit hole that Bob Blob-a-boil has turned
14 Tarzana into? Everywhere you go, the 7-Eleven, there's a
15 man wiping his butt hole on the wall while you're trying
16 to get a coffee and a hot dog. Have any of you
17 commissioners tried to eat a delicious meal while watching
18 a homeless person stick his ass hole across a wall after
19 taking a shit and using the wall as toilet paper? Well
20 that's what Tarzana is today.

21 Tarzana must secede from CD3. And Reseda also
22 has been God damned. Not damned, but God damned, to quote
23 the great Jeremiah Wright, who obviously Tanea definitely
24 listens to. (Noise.) As every person of color should
25 listen to Jeremiah Wright. Not God bless America, God dam

1 America. Yes.

2 And all of you are God damned without the Census
3 data. How are you going to do this? You have to cancel
4 these proceedings and await the Honorable Joseph Biden,
5 Junior, and his administration to give you the say.

6 But I have been here in front of you, if you
7 would like. Oh, please do. Yes. Now, only nine niggers
8 living in Tarzana, while there are only eighty four
9 niggers living in Studio City. So you should put this
10 entire region into CD4. And then you should take blob
11 blog (unintelligible) and deport him to Cuba. And in that
12 way, we can have John Lee indicted and then merge CD3 and
13 CD12 into one district so we only have 14.

14 Why? Well, then that's one less stupid fucking
15 Council asshole that we have to deal with. (Noise.) Good
16 idea. I love it. Thank you, sir. And God bless America
17 and Donald Trump. Trump --

18 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Speaker Number
19 4.

20 Speaker Number 5, unmute yourself -- Eric Previn
21 (phonetic), and tell us which community you're speaking
22 about this evening.

23 SPEAKER: Yes. Can you hear me?

24 MR. BATTLES: Loud and clear.

25 SPEAKER: Thank you. So I'm speaking about

1 redistricting process and also CD2. And, you know, maybe
2 some other CDs in my -- my comments.

3 So -- yeah, we live in CD2, which is the Studio
4 City, North Hollywood -- the perimeter of CD4 includes,
5 you know, a very confusing piece that they redistricted
6 last time, where when you actually obtain signatures you
7 have large numbers of people who live in Studio City who
8 don't quite know if they're in CD2 or not. And then you
9 have the same problem on Sherman Oaks' side, because
10 there's a kind of a jagged boundary that was carefully
11 carved out last time to include, you know, voting blocks.

12 It's very -- it's very sneaky -- sneaky work, but
13 it -- it's a good scramble. One of the problems is that
14 when you have transient populations moving in and out of
15 districts, this whole districting process creates a weird
16 energy for being a part of a particular district. We also
17 have in this City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils.
18 You'll have six different Neighborhood Councils in one
19 district like CD2, but then --

20 You know, representation is important. And
21 that's what I think we're ultimately getting at. But when
22 people believe they live in a district and sign a petition
23 for a candidate, for example, there's an expectation that
24 they know what they're talking about if they're registered
25 to vote. But somehow when they change -- when they change

1 the boundaries, there was just an unsupportably high
2 number of miss hits in the -- either you have a bunch of
3 people in CD2 who lie routinely in order to, you know,
4 kind of, get away from the condition that voters have
5 which is that they have to be registered. But that's just
6 not -- that doesn't make any sense, because we don't
7 believe any of these people are liars. In fact, we tend
8 to believe that they're not.

9 So it raises a question of are we doing a good
10 job of identifying people who work in these various
11 districts -- live in these districts. I don't think it's
12 working well. I think Dean Logan, who's our
13 registrar/recorder does an adequate job. But he offers a
14 set of rules where you're allowed to investigate if
15 somebody is inside the district or not, can you use their
16 facility and their equipment. But the City Clerk, who's
17 highly irregular, does a very bad job and hires a bunch of
18 temporary hire to do the work of disenfranchising
19 electoral workers. Those are what you call people who
20 come from the district and sign -- put candidates on
21 petitions. We know all about it because we've done it
22 many times in my district, and it's possible. But when
23 it's needed, when you really want to -- I'm sorry. Are
24 you interrupting? Ending?

25 Okay. Is that it? Or are you ending my remarks

1 or are you interested? I can't tell.

2 Cardenas is doing a great job. Thanks.

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

4 Speaker Number 7, you are identified by Number
5 006. Please press star 6 to unmute yourself. You have
6 three minutes.

7 Speaker Number 7, you are caller 006?

8 SPEAKER: I'd like to speak about redistricting
9 of the Valley.

10 MS. YSAGUIRRE: Mr. Chair, I believe we've heard
11 from this speaker. I recommend we move on to the next
12 caller.

13 COMMISSIONER ALI: Yeah. Let's move to the next
14 caller.

15 MR. BATTLES: All right. Speaker Number 8,
16 Martin Lipkin (phonetic), please unmute yourself and tell
17 us which neighborhood you're speaking about this evening.

18 SPEAKER: There we go. I'm a resident of
19 Woodland Hills and have been for 20 years. I sit on the
20 Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council, bordered with the
21 Woodland/Warner Center Neighborhood Council. I also am
22 Vice President of the Woodland Hills Homeowner
23 Organization, the WHHO. And I'm a member of the Valley
24 Circle Homeowners Association, which is -- two thirds of
25 which happens to be in Woodland Hills, and the other third

1 is across Victory Boulevard, which is in West Hills. And
2 there are three points I'd like to make before my time
3 runs out.

4 Number 1, most urgently, I believe West Hills
5 needs to be rejoined into CD3. It was taken out, and it
6 was a horrible decision. And it -- and historically, it's
7 always been part of CD3 and it needs to be part of CD3
8 again. I understand about the redistricting thing. My
9 comment there is move the hunk of Reseda out of CD3. And
10 rejoin it with the rest of Reseda, which I believe is in
11 CD6. That only makes sense. You don't like to breakup
12 areas, don't breakup areas. Take it out of CD3, put it
13 where it actually belongs in CD6.

14 The only reason it's in CD3, by the way, is
15 because that damn municipal building for CD3 is in the
16 Reseda -- the west Reseda area. And it's just foolish.
17 That shouldn't be the deciding issue in -- in keeping
18 Reseda as part of this. They really don't fit into the
19 mix of the West Valley.

20 Three, it's necessary because the -- of numerical
21 counts and the number of people that are coming into
22 Warner Center, you have to remove further people, take --
23 assign Winnetka to the area for Chatsworth and Northridge,
24 which I believe is taken.

25 But the point is that West Hills, Woodland Hills,

1 Tarzana, and Canoga Park have much more in line in the way
2 that we function, we work with each other, we understand
3 the needs, we are the West Valley. And we need to be
4 rejoined. And the last district that split us up did a
5 huge disservice to the City, to the people that live in
6 the West Valley, and it needs to be corrected.

7 Get rid of the Reseda hub. If you've got to,
8 then take the Winnetka. But don't disjoin West Hills
9 again from the rest of the far West Valley.

10 I don't have any other further comments than
11 that, but I have been involved in this for a long time and
12 that's a key sticking point for me and for a lot of my
13 other fellow Woodland Hills community members.

14 Any questions? Hello?

15 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you very much, sir.
16 Really appreciate your testimony.

17 MR. BATTLES: Thank you very much, Speaker Number
18 8.

19 At this moment, we would like to remind members
20 of the public who may have joined us a little late that if
21 you would like to still give public testimony in tonight's
22 meeting, if you are joining the meeting via Zoom webinar,
23 please press the raise hand button on your desktop. If
24 you're calling over the phone, please dial 1-669-254-5252.
25 That's 1-669-254-5252, and use Meeting ID Number

1 1615454787. Meeting ID Number 1615454787. Press pound
2 and press pound again when prompted for the Participant
3 ID. And then when you're admitted to the meeting, press
4 star 9 to speak.

5 COMMISSIONER ALI: And Rob, this is Commissioner
6 Ali. And I -- I just want to make one additional comment.
7 As -- as the City Attorney mentioned at the outset of
8 public testimony, unfortunately some members of the public
9 will choose to use modes of expression that are both
10 offensive and vulgar. It is very distressing to hear all
11 of the vulgarity and racial epithets, but unfortunately,
12 most of this was protected speech. And as was pointed
13 out, we have no choice but to listen to it. You do have a
14 choice, however, should this occur, to turn down your
15 volume if you don't want to hear this kind of speech. I
16 sincerely apologize to everyone that has to be subjected
17 to this kind of vulgarity and racism.

18 So at that, Rob, go ahead.

19 MR. BATTLES: Thank you, Chair Ali. We currently
20 have no one with their hand raised. Oh, we just -- we're
21 starting to get a couple more.

22 So we want to identify a new speaker. So Speaker
23 Number 9, Rob Quon (phonetic), please unmute yourself and
24 tell us which neighborhood you are speaking about this
25 evening. Rob Quon, go ahead.

1 SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

2 MR. BATTLES: Loud and clear.

3 SPEAKER: Thank you. I just want to make some
4 general comments. You know, I'm kind of baffled. I
5 flagged this a little while back. And I don't know why
6 exactly the Executive Director continues to tell people
7 that the Commission's work is going to impact where people
8 can vote considering for the last year and a half,
9 everybody in LA County has had the freedom to vote at any
10 polling location, it's kind of really unhelpful to include
11 this information. If anything, it would make a lot of
12 sense to explain that this could impact when they can vote
13 for a Council member, and that odd-numbered districts are
14 on the ballot with Mayors 2022 and even-numbered districts
15 are on the ballot in 2024. There are some people who vote
16 like me in District 1 -- if I get moved into District 14,
17 I might not vote for my Council member again until 2024 --
18 seven years.

19 Also it's kind of frankly amazing that someone
20 could point out to your staff that your agenda does not
21 provide complete public comment instructions, specifically
22 how to unmute yourself on different formats. That fix
23 takes two sentences. It's amazing, again, that my friend
24 signed up for your last hearing on Thursday and didn't get
25 an e-mail about it until six hours before the meeting on

1 Monday. And that e-mail didn't include the agenda, the
2 meeting time, or any call-in instructions.

3 Sorry, not sorry, for being harsh, but it really
4 shouldn't be this hard to help. I'd really like to sit
5 this part out and focus on City Council, but it's clear
6 that this commission is not headed in the right direction.
7 I'd really much rather be helpful instead of having to
8 drag this commission's failure publicly, but the latter
9 seems to trigger an instant actions that are mysterious to
10 the lays.

11 The other day, you put up flyers that had
12 troubling language that reeked of incumbency protection.
13 Now, the ex parte log. This wasn't a technical glitch. I
14 challenge you -- I mean, it's been two months since that
15 thing's been updated. And maybe you dropped the ball, or
16 if you want, send me an e-mail with a pdf of the updated
17 log right now or a link to it, because it's not there.
18 You have an old one, and that's all you have on the page.

19 Speaking of things that are hidden, I'd like to
20 talk about something that magically disappeared from your
21 website. You know, previously, we (unintelligible) LA,
22 Ground Game LA, Represent Us LA, submitted a memo
23 highlighting the conflict of interesting violations that
24 happened with the LAUSD commission. The City Attorney
25 misleading the public and trying to cover that up. I ask

1 that this be sent to the commission and posted upon it.
2 The next week I noticed that the comment was deleted after
3 having been posted.

4 I honestly wasn't too miffed because Andrew had
5 essentially conceded and removed his name for
6 consideration within a couple of days. But I have a hard
7 time ignoring a possible explanation. You see, at the
8 same time, I (unintelligible) 700 and discovered that his
9 firm is being employed by a CFC-4 called Equal
10 Representation Project. The original incorporator there
11 is Kevin Murray, the current president and CEO of
12 Weingart. I wonder if the long-time president of
13 Weingart, Chair Fred Ali might have asked staff to delete
14 that comment to protect his interests at Weingart. Please
15 clarify that. That would be really, really helpful just
16 to get an understanding of what kind of transparency or
17 lack thereof we're dealing with.

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

19 Speaker Number 10, please unmute yourself and
20 tell us which neighborhood you're speaking about this
21 evening.

22 SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I have
23 a client here which needs interpretation, but the
24 interpreter who is doing it is dealing with an issue
25 regarding a verbal distortion. And I have attempted on

1 their behalf to contact your office to see if someone on
2 our end could do the translation. And I've got no
3 response back.

4 In addition to, under the code, since he needs a
5 translator, I was unable to secure if -- under the code,
6 if the person would be entitled to twice the amount of
7 time. And it's very clear. And this is a meet and confer
8 with your counsel, also, under 54954.3(b)(2), it says
9 twice the amount. And even though it might not be a
10 foreign language because the impairment -- audio
11 impairment, they are entitled under several opinions in
12 which I'm going to submit the citations, that it's
13 considered translation. And are entitled to twice the
14 time.

15 I attempted to secure the physical address to
16 send over a FedEx package to address this, and I don't see
17 anything on your agenda here that is easily discloseable.
18 You have e-mail addresses, but I like sending stuff by
19 FedEx. I like getting signatures so I don't
20 (unintelligible).

21 So this is a peril that I'd like to get resolved
22 if your counsel would like to comment. And your counsel
23 has no duty to me or my client, but I'd like to get this
24 resolved and so forth. I did attempt to call numerous
25 times a Ms. Betty Butler at the phone number stated at --

1 with the last four digits 5465. And there's been no
2 return telephone calls. So we're at an impasse at this
3 point.

4 I'm going to assume this is not intentional, but
5 if it's not going to get resolved I'm going to have to
6 start doing Brown Act violations and we're going to have
7 to get -- get a little busy with your attorney and so
8 forth, which I don't want to do. I'm looking for
9 resolution not conflict.

10 And I really appreciate if you would opine or
11 have your counsel at least opine this meet and confer so
12 we can find resolution for my client that has a audio
13 deficiency, which so the person will speak but it's not
14 really audible. But they will have a translator; so the
15 public and also the commissioners would be able to
16 understand.

17 So if you'd like to comment. If you don't like
18 to comment, I'll consider it foreclosed on and move
19 forward upon what my client needs to do. Thank you.

20 MR. BATTLES: Excuse me, sir. We'd like for you
21 to provide us with some contact information regarding this
22 request. Are you able to provide that right now?

23 COMMISSIONER ALI: Rob, let me suggest this: Can
24 we put back on the screen the phone number where the
25 speaker can call staff now and provide that contact

1 information?

2 MR. BATTLES: It will take us a second as we
3 switch the screens. Please bear with us.

4 COMMISSIONER ALI: There you are. So the -- the
5 phone number is 213-263-5765. And staff are available now
6 to take your call and get your contact information.

7 Thank you very, very much.

8 Rob, do we have other speakers in line here?

9 MR. BATTLES: Yes, we do, Chair.

10 Speaker 11, Lee, please unmute yourself. And
11 while we bring up the map, please tell us which
12 neighborhood you are speaking about this evening.

13 SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Can you
14 hear me all right?

15 MR. BATTLES: Loud and clear.

16 SPEAKER: Wonderful. The community I'm speaking
17 of on behalf of myself, although I am on the Encino
18 Neighborhood council -- I'm talking about the area that is
19 shared between Encino -- the boundary district, and CD3 at
20 the southeast boundary of the current CD3. In the CD5
21 spec- -- targeted group, we determined that the folks over
22 the hill all stated that their boundary should be
23 Mulholland and Encino stated that their boundary is also
24 Mulholland and the two communities share absolutely zero
25 items. And I rattled off a different list of items.

1 But to give you in contrast what Encino
2 specifically shares with Tarzana, which currently falls
3 completely in CD3, I will give you the list right now. In
4 specific plans, we share one specific plan. Community
5 plans, we actually have the community plan entitled
6 Encino-Tarzana. We share one LAFD battalion, one fire
7 district, one fire division, one LAPD bureau, one LAPD
8 division, one maintenance district, one tree maintenance
9 district, one engineering district, one contract
10 administration district, one Senate district, one
11 congressional district, one LADOT engineering district,
12 parking enforcement district. LAUSD local district - one;
13 elementary - three; middle school - one; high school -
14 two; LAUSD Board of Education seats - two; neighborhood
15 services district - one; LA sanitation maintenance
16 district - one; solid collections district - one.

17 This is just with our neighbors on the west. Our
18 southern boundary is also the same boundary, which is
19 Mulholland. Our northern boundary is Victory Boulevard.
20 Our shared east/west boundary is Lindley and stretches 4.5
21 miles. This is the greatest point of continuity of
22 borders between two different communities that are
23 completely split off from one another as opposed to being
24 in the same Council District.

25 We also share the same elevation high point and

1 the same elevation low point including the great break in
2 between our flat lands, which is pretty much starting at
3 Ventura Boulevard, and the hillside, which is the other
4 side of the Ventura Boulevard.

5 We also share the Santa Monica Mountains Open
6 Space Preservation District. In addition to that, there
7 are also four temples within 500 yards of this shared 4.5
8 mile boundary with communities on both sides, one half of
9 them in Encino, half in Tarzana, but utilize the same
10 temples.

11 I urge you, whatever district Encino ends up
12 getting, is that it be in the Valley and it also share our
13 neighbor to the west, Tarzana.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BATTLES: Speaker Number 11.

16 Speaker Number 12, are you identified by phone
17 Number 860. Please press star 6 to unmute yourself and
18 tell us which neighborhood you're speaking about.

19 SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Chris Rowe
20 (phonetic). I'm in West Hills. And I spoke at your CD12
21 meeting.

22 I'm going to -- I did submit comments through
23 your portal today before the meeting. And I -- I want to
24 support some of the things that were stated tonight and
25 disagree with some other things.

1 Number 1, I do support the concept of keeping
2 Council Districts in the Valley not divided between the --
3 the Valley and those that go over the hill.

4 Number 2, Marty Lipkin of the Woodland Hills
5 Warner Center Neighborhood Council and the WHHO -- I
6 attend their meetings, I live literally a half mile
7 outside of woodland hills boundary, and I am a member of
8 the WHHO. And I agree with him that -- about -- I'm
9 familiar with the areas that he's talking about where his
10 HOA is. And so yes, West Hills belongs with Woodland
11 Hills.

12 When we were talking -- another speaker spoke
13 about where you vote. So I live in West Hills, but I
14 actually, when I submitted by ballot, I voted in Canoga
15 Park during one of the last elections at a community
16 center, and I also voted in Woodland Hills at a drop box
17 at Pierce College during one of the last elections.

18 And in 2011, I was a member of the West Hills
19 Neighborhood Council. And we had voted on a map drawn by
20 a member of the Woodland Hills/Warner Center Neighborhood
21 Council. We submitted that map along with other people to
22 the redistricting commission. It had Woodland Hills, West
23 Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Tarzana, and it included
24 Encino in it as one of your previous callers mentioned.
25 And we were unable to convince Encino during the last

1 redistricting to want to be in this map district because
2 they said that they were closer, I believe, to Lake Balboa
3 at the time, and wanted to be closer to the other
4 communities like Reseda and Lake Balboa than to be part of
5 the West Valley district.

6 So I support the concept that Marty Lipkin said
7 that we need to be a West Valley District. And I urge you
8 to move West Hills, please, into CD3 where south of Roscoe
9 it has historically been. And also I encourage you to
10 draw the lines along the Neighborhood Council boundaries
11 at Nordhoff for West Hills, Canoga Park and follow the
12 Neighborhood Council boundaries through Winnetka.

13 And I would support Reseda and Tarzana being in
14 this district rather than Encino. It all depends on your
15 Census, as you know. We have to see what the Census is.
16 There's more people that have moved into Warner Center
17 since the last Census, and also has to do with diversity
18 and other things. And I commented on the --

19 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Thank you, Speaker Number
20 12.

21 Speaker Number 13. You are identified as User 2.
22 Calling User 2. Please unmute yourself, press star 6, and
23 tell us which neighborhood you're speaking about this
24 evening. User 2, you're Speaker Number 13.

25 SPEAKER: (Noise.)

1 MS. YSAGUIRRE: I suggest we move on.

2 COMMISSIONER ALI: Yes. Please move on.

3 MR. BATTLES: Currently, Chair, there are no
4 other members of the public in line to give public
5 testimony. So we'll give -- we'll give them a couple
6 seconds to identify themselves.

7 All right. We're going to continue with public
8 comment.

9 Speak Number 14, Angela Dawson (phonetic).
10 Please unmute yourself, Angela Dawson, and tell us which
11 community you're speaking about this evening.

12 SPEAKER: Hi. I'm Angela Dawson, resident and
13 businessperson in Woodland Hills. I think that those of
14 us in Woodland Hills really need to be part of District 12
15 because I believe we have more in common with that
16 district than with District 3. So I hope that we'll get
17 some consideration for doing that.

18 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Is that the extent of your
19 comment, caller?

20 SPEAKER: That's it.

21 MR. BATTLES: Okay. Thank you very much.

22 Speaker Number 15 is Valerie M.

23 Okay. Valerie M., could you tell us which
24 neighborhood you're speaking about this evening.

25 SPEAKER: Hello. My name's Valerie and I live in

1 Reseda. And I -- I'm a resident in CD4, and my public
2 comment period isn't coming yet; so I'm going to hold
3 until then. But I just wanted to point out that this is
4 the fourth meeting, and you only have 14 people comment.
5 And please stop saying that you -- we are having 19 public
6 comment periods, because now it's minus four; so you're
7 down to 15 public commenting periods. So I think you
8 should be accurate every time you say how many, in fact,
9 you're actually having. So thank you very much. Goodbye.

10 MR. BATTLES: Okay. At this moment we'd like to
11 give members of the public another opportunity if they
12 want to raise their hand on Zoom to give public comment or
13 if they want to dial in on their phones to give public
14 comment at the phone number we've shared multiple times.

15 Currently, I don't see anyone else's hand raised
16 who hasn't spoken.

17 COMMISSIONER ALI: Thank you, Rob. Thank you
18 very, very much. So with that, let's bring the -- the end
19 to the public comment period.

20 So I want to thank -- I want to thank members of
21 the public who participated in -- in tonight's --
22 tonight's public hearing. We heard a number of
23 recommendations for suggested revisions to district lines
24 that, obviously, we will take into consideration as -- as
25 we move forward.

1 We also heard a number of recommendations for
2 improvements to our process. And those are always
3 appreciated as well. And we will take all of that into
4 consideration as well.

5 So what happens next is the testimony we heard
6 today will be put in a database for the purposes of
7 drawing -- the drawing of district lines. All this
8 testimony will inform the creation of maps that this
9 commission is empowered to -- to draw. While we can't
10 promise that we're going to be able to satisfy everyone
11 through this difficult and complex process, I want to try
12 to assure you that we will take all of this testimony into
13 consideration as -- as we move forward and balance these
14 concerns as much as we possibly can.

15 In August, as Frank Cardenas our Executive
16 Director indicated earlier, the Census data will finally
17 be released by the Census Bureau. And that Census data,
18 as has been pointed out by members of the public, is
19 absolutely critical to be being able to draw district
20 lines. But before we receive that Census data, this
21 testimony that we are receiving during the first 19
22 hearings is also very, very important because how people
23 describe their communities, the uniqueness of their
24 communities, their concerns about current district lines
25 -- all of that is important and is part of the data that

1 we must take into consideration when we get to the -- when
2 we get to the map-drawing process.

3 In late September, the commission will release
4 draft maps to the public. And following that -- and they
5 will be in draft form to allow the public, once again, an
6 opportunity to comment on our work. And there will be
7 four -- we will hold four hearings to receive those public
8 comments. And also individuals will be able to submit
9 written testimony as well.

10 And -- and soon on our website, we will have a --
11 a thing called Maptitude, which will also allow
12 individuals to actually draw the maps as they -- they
13 wish.

14 I want to -- I just want to make a comment that
15 there -- the commission recognizes that there are a number
16 of maps that are already circulating in the community. I
17 just want to mention that those maps have not been
18 released by this commission. And those maps have been
19 released by others not connected to the commission. So
20 sometimes that can be confusing. So I just wanted to make
21 that clarification.

22 On the screen you will see where you can submit
23 public comments and where you can also provide feedback on
24 how we can improve these meetings or anything -- anything
25 else having to do with the work of the Los Angeles City

1 Redistricting Commission.

2 We have some upcoming hearings that I just want
3 to note. Wednesday July 21st, we have a hearing at 6:00
4 for Council District 2. On Thursday July 29th at 6:00
5 p.m., we have a hearing for -- for Council District 13.
6 And on Saturday July 31st at 10:00 a.m., we have a public
7 hearing focused on Council District 6. And other hearings
8 that are scheduled through September. Those dates and
9 times can be found on our website.

10 So at this point I also want to thank our
11 commissioners for their attendance tonight. Certainly,
12 the work of our commission staff, the CLA staff and the
13 City Attorney's staff who support our work, the
14 translators and the stenographers, our map drawer, our
15 redistricting partners who assisted with the maps today.
16 I hope people are finding that very, very helpful in
17 providing context for many of the comments that we do
18 receive.

19 So I want to thank you, once again, for your
20 participation tonight. And it's always appreciated. And
21 -- and we hope that you will continue to provide comments
22 through the various mechanisms that I've already commented
23 on.

24 So with that, I want to once again ask if there
25 are any ex parte disclosures that need to be noted. These

1 would be communications that occurred during the meeting.

2 And, again, Betty, Arianna, if you can help me if
3 he if there's something on my screen I do not see.

4 Okay. So I don't see any disclosures. So can I
5 have a -- now can I have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

6 COMMISSIONER PRICHARD: So moved.

7 COMMISSIONER KATZ: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER ALI: So motion by Commissioner
9 Prichard. And was that a second from Commissioner Katz?

10 COMMISSIONER KATZ: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER ALI: All those in agreement say
12 aye.

13 Once again, thank you everyone. Be safe. And
14 we'll see you all soon.

15 (At 7:13 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

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