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5 CHAIRMAN DO: Good morning. Welcome to the
6 meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors for
7 today November 2nd, 2021.

8 So now we move to Public Hearing Number 23.
9 Please go ahead and read the item.

10 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Under County Executive
11 Office, public hearing to consider input on proposed
12 2021 redistricting maps and direct staff to make
13 modification to maps as needed.

14 And, Mr. Chairman, we have received 52 requests
15 to speak on this item. And County Counsel has three
16 comments to read into the record.

17 CHAIRMAN DO: Okay. So 53, plus three e-mails.
18 Okay.

19 All right. So go ahead and call -- I will open
20 the public hearing at this time. Please call on
21 speakers at this time.

22 CLERK OF THE BOARD: First three speakers are
23 Carol G, CL, and Yesen Young.

24 CHAIRMAN DO: Go ahead.

25 CAROL GARRISON: Hi.

1 CHAIRMAN DO: Good morning.

2 CAROL GARRISON: Good morning. Um, my name is
3 Carol Garrison. I'm a resident of Orange, California
4 and first of all, I want to commend you on your
5 pledge of allegiance and your morning prayer. It was
6 really, really wonderful to hear.

7 Thank you for allowing me to come to speak to you
8 today. I've already sent an e-mail to you but I just
9 wanted to state what my feelings.

10 I've been in the real estate industry for over 40
11 years representing buyers and sellers in all of north
12 Orange County as well as some of the coastal areas.

13 Over the years the clientele has become more and
14 more diverse as we are representing more of the Asian
15 community as well as Hispanics.

16 I certainly understand with all the movement of
17 people in and out of Orange County the necessity to
18 look at redistricting.

19 However, it becomes a little tricky as to how to
20 achieve a balanced district. It is important not to
21 create districts that are a particular benefit to one
22 person or another and in an attempt to achieve
23 something politically.

24 It needs to be bipartisan and for the benefit for
25 all of us who live in Orange County and not just a

1 few.

2 After scrutinizing the different options, I just
3 want to let you know that my choice would be for the
4 proposal of Map 2 as it appears to represent everyone
5 in the best way possible.

6 It is so important to be fair and to put all
7 personal feelings or an agenda behind us.

8 We are in a culture that more and more is
9 demanding fairness. I encourage you to select and
10 support proposal Map 2 for Orange County. Thank you
11 for your time.

12 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

13 CL: Good evening -- oh, good morning. Thank you
14 for looking at me today -- well, except for one of
15 you.

16 Anyway, so I wanted to give the public, um, the
17 criteria that is chosen --

18 SUPERVISOR FOLEY: I'm sorry, I hate to
19 interrupt, but I just want to clarify for the viewing
20 public is that I'm looking at my screen because I
21 can't see you because my vision doesn't allow me to
22 see because the glare.

23 CL: Okay. Thank you for that explanation.

24 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT: Yes.

25 Cl: Appreciate that. So um, the Board -- the

1 Board shall adopt supervisor district boundaries
2 using the following criteria as set forth in the
3 following order of priority: number one, to the
4 extent practicable -- practical supervisor or
5 district shall be geographically contiguous. Areas
6 that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are
7 not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water
8 and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular
9 ferry service are not contiguous.

10 Number 2, to the extent practicable -- practical
11 the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or
12 local community of interest shall be respected in a
13 manner that minimizes its division.

14 A community of interest is a population that
15 shares common, social, or economic interests that
16 should be included within a single supervisorial
17 district for purposes of its effective and fair
18 representation.

19 Community -- communities of interest do not
20 include relationships with political party's
21 incumbents or political candidates.

22 The geographic integrity of a city or census
23 designated place shall be respected in a manner that
24 minimizes its division.

25 Supervisorial district boundaries should be

1 easily identifiable and understandable by residents
2 to the extent practicable. Supervisorial districts
3 shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers
4 by streets or by the boundaries of the county.

5 Looking at these proposals there's eight of them
6 and it's really -- it takes -- it's very time
7 consuming to look at them, and I know that's our job
8 to do.

9 Um, a lot of them are -- are separating these --
10 these districts enormously. District 5, some of them
11 are just completely tearing this district apart
12 putting it in district 3.

13 We've taken out three cities that are contiguous
14 to each other. We're putting in completely different
15 districts.

16 I don't understand the rationale behind that.
17 Community of interest are together districts.
18 District 5 should be kept by its -- kept together.
19 I'm not understanding why we want to tear all these
20 districts apart and put them in different districts
21 and now we have different supervisors.

22 I oppose most of these proposals. The ones that
23 I prefer and I suggest you hopefully you can approve
24 would be number 8 -- 7 or 8 because to me that's the
25 ones that are keeping the districts together.

1 I also recommend keeping cities together instead
2 of putting them in different areas and portions of
3 this and portions of that. Cities are community of
4 interest and have the same goals and -- and
5 relationships.

6 So, um, I recommend -- and also I was thinking
7 about campaigning, if district is divided and I have
8 Tustin in my area but I'm in south county, how am I
9 going to campaign in all these areas that now my area
10 is huge?

11 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

12 CL: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN DO: Your time is up.

14 YESEN: Thank you for the opportunity to speak.
15 My name is Yesen. I am an influential voice in the
16 Asian American community. I am here to support
17 Proposal 2, map for Orange supervisor district 4
18 which has 40 percent population of Asian Americans
19 for four reasons: One, this map proposal creates the
20 strongest API district of any proposal. It unifies
21 and focuses on our common Asian American concerns and
22 needs.

23 Two, it connects OC's growing north -- sorry --
24 OC growing north western API communities.

25 Three, it is the strongest configuration to

1 empower API voices.

2 And, four, it is legally sound and creates a
3 Latino VRA district as required by law.

4 This will help the Asian American communities in
5 the next 10 years as these lines are set. Thank you
6 for your attention.

7 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

8 JONATHAN PAKE: Good morning members of the Board
9 my name is Jonathan Pake. I was born in Fullerton,
10 live in Brea and am a life-long resident of Orange
11 County.

12 I serve as the executive director of the Orange
13 County Civic Engagement Table or OCCET, a non-
14 partisan Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latinx
15 labor environmental justice alliance based in Garden
16 Grove that is dedicated to engaging county residents
17 year around to help build an Orange County that
18 serves everyone equitably and with justice.

19 Given the importance of redistricting OCCET
20 helped establish the People's Redistricting Alliance
21 a coalition of 16 community-based organizations and
22 residents whose goal is to center low income
23 communities of color and working families in both
24 state wide and local redistricting processes.

25 Since January our alliance has, one, educated

1 community based organizations and residents about
2 redistricting and the redistricting process.

3 Two, created a space where partners have
4 identified the communities of interest most important
5 to them.

6 Three, mobilize partners to participate in
7 California citizens redistricting commission Orange
8 County Board of Supervisor and other public hearings
9 across the county.

10 And, four, create a congressional state and local
11 legislative redistricting proposals that center
12 underrepresented communities.

13 The alliance submitted its Orange County Board of
14 Supervisors redistricting proposal on October 15th.
15 Proposal 5 centers federal Voting Rights Act
16 compliance and communities of interest that reflect
17 the needs of the county's most impacted residents.

18 Proposal 5 complies with the Federal Voting
19 Rights Act by creating a required Latinx Section 2
20 district in and around Santa Ana. It respects
21 numerous communities of interest including AMEMPSA,
22 Asian American Housing Cost Burden, Immigrant,
23 Latinx, limited English proficient, low income, nail
24 salon workers, Pacific Islanders, environmentally
25 impacted, uninsured, and other populations.

1 It follows population quality guidelines by
2 drawing districts whose total populations are five
3 percent above or below the ideal population with an
4 overall percentage spread less than 10 percent.

5 It respects the integrities of cities. Districts
6 cross city boundaries for only three reasons: To
7 ensure population equality, comply with the Federal
8 Voting Rights Act, and respect the integrity of
9 community interest that cross city lines.

10 Finally, it draws contiguous and compact
11 supervisorial districts. We ask that you support a
12 map that centers community needs, not partisan
13 politics. We respectfully ask the Board to support
14 Proposal 5. Thank you.

15 JULIA GOMEZ: Good morning. My name is Julia
16 Gomez. I am a staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern
17 California. And I'm here today in support of the
18 People's Redistricting Map Proposal 5.

19 Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits maps
20 that dilute the voting power of cohesive Latinx
21 communities, in particular the act prohibits cracking
22 voters among several districts so that they have no
23 power and any one district.

24 In 2011 the then Board of supervisor adopted a
25 map that did precisely this. The current map cracks

1 amongst several districts, the community of interest
2 center in Santa Ana, a community that is made up of
3 large numbers of Latinx voters.

4 Although the Latinx community now makes up 34
5 percent of the county's total population and almost a
6 quarter of the citizen voting each population, the
7 community has been unable to elect a candidate of
8 choice in recent years.

9 Um, in recent years Latinx candidates have tried
10 to run in districts 1 and 3, two districts that
11 currently split the Latinx community and have been
12 unsuccessful.

13 To avoid this sort of vote dilution the VRA
14 requires under certain circumstances that line
15 drawers create majority/minority districts where the
16 minority community can have a real opportunity to
17 elect candidates of choice.

18 These circumstances are present in the county.
19 The Latinx community with its core in Santa Ana is
20 large and compact and it is possible to create a
21 district around them where they constitute over 50
22 percent of the citizen age population.

23 Latinx voters in the area are politically
24 cohesive. They share interests and it concerns in
25 common, they tend to support the same candidates and

1 policies, and they have faced overt and structural
2 discrimination in the areas of health, education,
3 immigration, and policing.

4 The Board can and must create a Section 2
5 compliant district with its core in Santa Ana. Like
6 cracking, the Supreme Court and state law also
7 prohibit packing, placing as many Latinx voters into
8 just one district so that they have less political
9 power than their size merit.

10 The Latinx population is quite large and a
11 properly drawn map will allow the community to have
12 influence in areas of the county other than the
13 Latino majority district.

14 Proposal 5, the People's Redistricting Alliance
15 map does just that by creating an effective Section 2
16 district without limiting the Latinx -- the
17 influence of Latinx voters in other districts.

18 And finally, I just want to highlight the fact
19 that state law now prohibits the Board from drawing a
20 map for the purpose of favoring or discriminating
21 against a political party and excludes relationships
22 with parties, incumbents, or political candidates
23 from the communities of interest assessment.

24 So with what this means is that the Board can't
25 use the VRA district as an excuse to discriminate or

1 to favor a certain political party.

2 Um, you must create a map that both creates a VRA
3 district but also does not seek to favor a certain
4 political party or discriminate against a political
5 party. Thank you.

6 CYNTHIA VALENCIA: Hello, my name is Cynthia
7 Valencia, I am a resident of Huntington Beach. I
8 grew up in Orange County specifically in Cypress and
9 Garden Grove.

10 I'm also a senior policy advocate with the ACLU
11 of Southern California. And as a civil rights
12 organization our priority is to ensure legally
13 compliant maps that prioritize communities of
14 interest that have been marginalized for too long.

15 I am here to support Proposal Number 5, the
16 People's Redistricting Alliance map. The ACLU
17 supports this map because it respects the county's
18 diverse communities of interest, complies with the
19 legal requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the
20 Fair Maps Act and it corrects the significant legal
21 problems with the current district configuration.

22 Growing up in Orange County I know firsthand how
23 the Latinx community and our interests have long been
24 overlooked by local government.

25 As a -- um, as -- as community testimony during

1 this process has shown, the Latinx community is being
2 disenfranchised and their vote is being diluted
3 because of the current district configuration
4 breaking up this community into two districts.

5 It will not be sufficient for the Board to choose
6 a map that slightly redraws the current lines. As a
7 reminder in 2011 there was an ultimately successful
8 attempt to draw supervisorial lines that ensured full
9 Republican control of the Board of Supervisors with
10 every then supervisor met with the OC Republican
11 chairman.

12 Additionally, local Republican leaders made
13 statements to local news outlets about their success
14 in maintaining Republican control for all of the
15 Board of Supervisors. All of this is a violation of
16 the Fair Maps Act.

17 And similar behavior this year would be in
18 violating the Fair Maps Act that was passed in 2018
19 which makes partisanship in county redistricting
20 illegal.

21 The Board cannot draw a map for the purpose of
22 favoring or discriminating against a political party.

23 The Fair Maps Act also excludes relationships
24 with political parties, incumbents, or political
25 candidates in the community of interest assessment.

1 This all means that the current map which was
2 drawn specifically to entrench Republican control of
3 the Board of Supervisors would violate state law if
4 it was adopted today and the means to which the map
5 came to be would also be unlawful.

6 This means that the Board cannot draw the Latinx
7 VRA district which is required based off of the
8 Latino that we have in such a way to limit Latinx
9 influence in other districts to favor a political
10 party or to discriminate against a political party.

11 The PRA map is the product of months of community
12 engagement, includes districts that are equal in size
13 contiguous, compact, respect city lines as much as
14 possible. This is why I urge you to support Proposal
15 Number 5. Thank you.

16 SONNY WAKNENE: Hello my name is Sonny Waknene
17 and I am the managing attorney and voting rights
18 counsel at the UCLA voting rights project.

19 Um, yesterday we released a report on the need
20 for Orange County to comply with Section 2 of the
21 Voting Rights Act when drawing supervisorial
22 districts which you were just handed I believe right
23 now.

24 Compliance with the Voting Rights Act will make
25 it such that Orange County must adopt a map that has

1 a Latino majority district and one Asian American
2 influence district.

3 As all jurisdictions in the United States
4 redistrict, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
5 requires that that jurisdictions do not adopt
6 redistricting plans that pack racial, ethnic, or
7 language minority groups, they do not adopt
8 redistricting plans that fragment or crack racial
9 ethnic or language minority groups in a manner that
10 would weaken their ability to elect candidates of
11 choice as required by law and that they do not adopt
12 maps with a knowledge, intent, or have the effect
13 have diluting a minority population's ability to
14 elect candidates of choice.

15 Under Section 2, if a minority group is
16 sufficiently large geographically and there is a
17 presence of racially polarized voting, then a
18 district that respects the minority group and ensures
19 that the group is able to elect candidates of choice
20 must be drawn.

21 Orange County has a sufficiently large and
22 geographically compact Latino population and the UCLA
23 voting rights for -- project has conducted analysis
24 and is determined that there's racially polarized
25 voting exhibited in county elections.

1 Utilizing elections that occurred in 2020, 2018,
2 2016, and 2014 from this analysis it is clear that
3 voters and majority Latino precincts vote in a
4 different manner than precincts with majority non
5 Latino voters.

6 The diversions in voting between Latinos and non
7 Latinos and/or Anglo voters is particularly important
8 when examining elections for county wide offices.

9 In county-wide elections non Latino white voters
10 demonstration consistent patterns of voting for
11 different candidates than Latino voters.

12 This split in which candidates who win a majority
13 of the vote in high density Latino voting precincts
14 but receive low support in high density non Latino
15 precincts is emblematic of racially polarized voting.

16 Because Orange County -- because Latinos in
17 Orange County, um, have the experience of racially
18 polarized voting it is important that Orange County
19 recognize this and conduct a Section 2 analysis. The
20 UCLA voting rights project has conducted a Section 2
21 analysis for you which is present in our report which
22 we have published and which has been presented to
23 you.

24 I would highly consider this report and the RPV
25 contained in it when you are redistricting to

1 ensure -- to ensure compliance with federal law and
2 that you adopt fair districts. Thank you.

3 MICHAEL RIOS: Thank you for the opportunity to
4 speak. My name is Michael Rios. I'm with the Voting
5 Rights Project at UCLA. Um, I want to discuss the
6 existence of racially polarized voting in Orange
7 County elections and the reason why it is important
8 to understand the history of racially polarized
9 voting.

10 So first it's important to discuss what it is and
11 how it comes to be. So racially polarized voting
12 exist when voters of different racial or ethnic group
13 show very different candidate preferences in an
14 election.

15 So simply put, it means that voters of different
16 groups are voting in opposite directions rather than
17 in a coalition. So now racially polarized voting
18 does not mean that voters are racist. It just means
19 that the outcomes of voting patterns, um, it just
20 measures it, I should say of voting patterns and
21 determines whether the patterns are based on race and
22 ethnicity.

23 So that being said, the analysis that we have
24 conducted at the UCLA Voting Rights Project and that
25 has been committed to the Board of Supervisors for

1 review shows that racially polarized voting has been
2 occurring in county supervisor elections as well as
3 other Orange County elections.

4 More specifically our research shows that Latino
5 voters are voting cohesively and vote together while
6 non Latino voters are voting in opposition of these
7 Latino candidates of choice.

8 So let me provide a few examples just for the
9 data portion for the record. In the 2020 supervisor
10 first district race the candidate Contreras received
11 approximately 66 percent or two-thirds of the vote in
12 14 precincts that we estimated as being 80 percent
13 Latino or higher.

14 Now in 21 precincts that we estimated as 10
15 percent Latino or lower, so low density, the
16 candidate Contreras only received 35 percent which is
17 essentially losing by the same margin that they won
18 in the high density precincts.

19 As another example, in the 2016 supervisor first
20 district race the candidate Martinez won by three to
21 one margin in 11 precincts that we estimated as 80
22 percent and above Latino, yet in precincts that were
23 10 percent Latino or lower, they did not receive the
24 majority of the vote.

25 So those are some examples for the data portion

1 in -- in the report that the UCLA voting rights
2 project submitted to the Board of Supervisors between
3 pages to 12 there are more examples that include
4 scatter plots that give an easy visualization to
5 understand the density of voters in a precinct versus
6 the percent share voter received.

7 And these elections include both federal, state,
8 and local, um, examples that show this racial
9 polarized voting.

10 Just to go through some of those examples so that
11 you can keep in mind, we have the 2020 United States
12 representative 39 District. Um, the 2020 state
13 senator 29 District, the actual if you look at the
14 2020 presidential election you could see that as well
15 as some more local elections like the 201 OC Water
16 Director District, division 1 and even the county
17 treasurer in 2018, the controller in 2018, and we
18 have some elections in 2016 that you could see in the
19 report. Thank you.

20 KYLER ESOTO: Hello, my name is Kyler Esoto from
21 the City of Orange and I am with Orange County
22 Environmental Justice. We do work in the county
23 around things like soil, led, water quality and other
24 pollution burdens that happen and poison our
25 communities.

1 And I am here in support of Proposal 5, the
2 People's Redistricting Alliance map. First and
3 foremost we support the map because if -- because it
4 keeps communities of interest in south Fullerton and
5 west Anaheim together.

6 Low income communities -- low income immigrant
7 communities in south Fullerton and west Anaheim share
8 common challenges and environmental justice and
9 access to affordable housing.

10 Environmental justice concerns are particularly
11 critical to these communities similarly impacted by
12 harmful soil led levels and superfund contamination
13 of the ground water.

14 Note, that any level of contamination for soil
15 led is bad. But in some cases it exceeds two to five
16 times higher than the state average in west Anaheim
17 and south Fullerton.

18 And for ground water, any limit, any
19 contamination is bad but it can exceed over 100 times
20 the amount in specific parts of west Anaheim and
21 south Fullerton.

22 Fullerton, south of Chapman Avenue and west
23 Anaheim west of the 55 Freeway should be drawn
24 together in a district and apart from more after
25 fluent communities in Yorba Linda and the Anaheim

1 Hills.

2 Proposal 5 does this while suspecting numerous
3 other communities of interest throughout the county
4 and we also support this map because it is compliant
5 with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

6 We understand that a district must be drawn in
7 and around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to
8 comply with federal law and this map, Map 5, is the
9 product of months of community engagement and
10 includes districts that are equal in size,
11 contiguous, compact, and respect city lines as much
12 as possible.

13 Please support Proposal 5. Thank you very much.

14 RASHAD ALDABAG: Good morning my name is Rashad
15 Aldabag I am a resident of Tustin and I am also the
16 executive director of the Arab American Civic Council
17 which is based in Anaheim's Little Arabia. We're a
18 member of the People's Redistricting Alliance.

19 I'm here in support of Proposal 5 the People's
20 Redistricting Alliance map. We support the map
21 because it respects the Little Arabia community of
22 interest, keeps it whole, and is compliant with the
23 Federal Voting Rights Act.

24 The map is the product of months of community
25 engagement and follow standards established by the

1 Fair Maps Act. Please support Proposal 5. Thank
2 you.

3 CARMEN ALVARADO: Hi my name is Carmen Alvarado.
4 I represent Orange County Congregation Community
5 Organization also known as OCCCO. And OCCCO works to
6 empower, um, and develop grass roots leaders to bring
7 systemic change that results in creating community
8 where everyone can live with dignity and thrive.

9 Um, we're a member of the People's Redistricting
10 Alliance, a collision of 16 community based
11 organizations established to promote a greater
12 community voice and statewide and local redistricting
13 processes here in Orange County.

14 Um, today I stand here before you in support of
15 the Proposal 5 and the People's Redistricting
16 Alliance map. First, we support this map because it
17 respects our communities of interest in Santa Ana.

18 Um, as you know, Santa Ana is the home of the
19 largest and most established Latinx community in
20 Orange County. The city includes numerous
21 communities of interest including immigrant, low
22 income populations and ex status families.

23 And these communities of interest are shared with
24 those in the east Garden Grove including areas of
25 East and West Street between Oranewood Avenue and

1 Garden Grove Boulevard and east of Newhope Street
2 between west Garden Grove Boulevard and Westminster
3 Boulevard as well as part of west Anaheim.

4 We ask that you keep Santa Ana whole and together
5 with east Garden Grove and parts of west Anaheim as
6 they are in District 5, in Proposal 5.

7 Second, we support the map because it is
8 compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act. We
9 understand that a district must be drawn in and
10 around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply
11 with federal law.

12 The map is a product of months of community
13 engagement and includes districts that are equal in
14 size, contiguous, compact, and respects the city
15 lines as much as possible.

16 Please support Proposal 5. Thank you so much.

17 ANNA CHARCO: Um, hello, my name is Anna Charco
18 and I am here on behalf of Latino Health Access.
19 Latino Health Access have been proudly working
20 alongside community residents for over 27 years
21 providing services that address immediate health
22 needs while providing information and facilitating
23 opportunities to increase civic participation and
24 impact policies that will improve these social
25 determinants in the long term.

1 I first want to take my time to thank you --
2 thank you for your time, hard work, and dedication to
3 taking our testimonies into consideration. We are
4 appreciative of the community's commitment to
5 acknowledging our input.

6 I am here in support of Proposal Number 5, the
7 people redistricting alliance map. First we support
8 the map because it respects communities of interest
9 in Santa Ana. Santa Ana is primarily composed of low
10 income Mex -- immigration status Latinx families
11 meaning that their families include undocumented US
12 residents and citizen family members.

13 They are extremely hard working families with
14 many employed in essential jobs that are
15 unfortunately often overlooked and under paid.

16 This makes finding affordable housing difficult
17 as more than 80 percent of residents in Santa Ana are
18 tenants the spending majority of the income on rent.
19 Yet they share a very strong sense of community with
20 a large number of community organization and resident
21 led groups that have come together over the years to
22 promote equitable policies and celebrate the Latinx
23 culture through events, activity workshops, and year-
24 round activities that attract residents from all over
25 Orange County.

1 The city includes numerous communities of
2 interest including immigrants, low income
3 individuals, mixed status families. These
4 communities of interest are shared with east Garden
5 Grove and including areas between Orange Avenue and
6 Garden Grove Boulevard and east of Newhope Street
7 between west, um, Garden Grove Boulevard and
8 Westminster as well as part of west Anaheim.

9 We ask that you keep Santa Ana whole and together
10 with east Garden Grove and part of west Anaheim as
11 they are in District 5 in Proposal Number 5.

12 Second we support the map because it is compliant
13 with the Federal Voting Rights Act. We understand
14 that a district must be drawn in and around the
15 Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply with federal
16 law. This map is a product of months of community
17 engagement and includes districts that are equal in
18 the size contingence, impact and respect the city
19 lines as much as possible.

20 Please support Proposal Number 5. Thank you for
21 your time and have a great day.

22 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, the next four
23 speakers have requested a Spanish translator, so
24 their time will be doubled to six minutes.

25 The first speaker is Alejandra Luciano.

1 ALEJANDRA LUCIANO: Okay. Good morning my name
2 is Alejandra and I am --

3 CHAIRMAN DO: Can you stand closer to the
4 microphone, sir?

5 INTERPRETER: Yes. Absolutely.

6 ALEJANDRA LUCIANO: Yeah. Hi, my name is
7 Alejandra and I'm a resident of Santa Ana for 10
8 years and my zip code is 92703 and I'm here in
9 support of Proposition Number 5.

10 Okay. So she's saying, um, we -- we represent
11 the -- on the map of the redistribution of the pueblo
12 district and we support the map because it maintains
13 the integrity of the communities of interest in Santa
14 Ana and it unites similar communities in the east of
15 the Garden Grove and the west of the Anaheim and it
16 fulfills what the federal laws and rights of the
17 voting rights.

18 So specifically I want to speak about the
19 communities of interest in Santa Ana, um, which are
20 definitely very wholly respected for that Proposition
21 Number 5.

22 Our communities of interest are, you know, are
23 relevant to related to problems of the community of,
24 you know, living cost of living, immigration, issues
25 our Latin community, communities of low incomes and

1 communities without health insurance in affect --
2 affecting our sector.

3 Okay. It's very important to maintain the
4 integrity of our community because this is going to
5 help to maintain our -- our interest and really
6 assure that we can receive the resources that we
7 really need.

8 This map is a culmination of months of
9 participation in a community and it will continue the
10 standards already established by the -- the maps, you
11 know, redistricting, the law of redistricting and it
12 will support proposal -- Proposition Number 5.

13 Thanks.

14 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The next speaker is Areseli
15 Robles.

16 ARESELI ROBLES: Okay. So, hi, my name is
17 Areseli Robles, and I'm a resident of Santa Ana for
18 20 years and my zip code is 92701 and I work in the
19 community for 16 years in facilitating the support
20 group.

21 So, actually, yeah, I do participate in working
22 in collaboration with the ladies of 60 -- yeah --
23 yeah, a group of 60 ladies and families united to,
24 you know, to share the importance of the participant
25 -- civic participation and to recognize the citizens

1 and communities and to know how this affect our
2 communities and families. And we want to really
3 facilitate and be part of the solutions.

4 Yeah. We want to be part of the solution. We
5 want to appreciate you guys for the consideration.
6 We're here to, you know, advocate for Proposition
7 Number 5 presented by the coalition.

8 So the proposal includes various communities of
9 interest and a community of Santa Ana.

10 Right. And we want to include the Asian
11 community and we want to speak on the problems of the
12 cost of living. We have problems related to
13 immigration and this definitely affects our
14 communities.

15 Right. And, yeah, and also we want to really
16 shed light on the fact that we're really struggling
17 with our cost of living, limited English proficiency,
18 you know, low incomes and low access to health
19 insurance and, you know, at the present moment.

20 Right. Our community is very multi cultural and
21 hard working and immigrants and we're very similar in
22 demographics to west Anaheim and east Garden Grove.

23 Yeah, we really appreciate your consideration of
24 this petition that is very favorable to our
25 communities and -- and I consider that in this moment

1 indicated that this -- our cities and our -- our
2 communities can receive the same consideration.
3 Thank you very much.

4 So in light of the pandemic we -- we have
5 concerns about our -- our future and possibilities
6 for, you know, we really need -- we need to know the
7 consequences after this pandemic. So thanks for your
8 time.

9 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Just get closer to the mike.
10 Okay.

11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The next speaker is Jorge
12 Casillas.

13 JORGE CASILLAS: Hello, my name is Jorge
14 Casillas, and I'm very happy -- oh -- oh, sorry.

15 Yeah. Let me -- allow me to introduce myself my
16 name is Jorge Casillas and I'm a resident of Santa
17 Ana for more than 40 years.

18 My zip code is 92706. Describing, you know,
19 my -- my profile, my work, my background, I'm part of
20 the community located in Santa Ana.

21 First of all, I want to appreciate your time and
22 consideration. So I'm here on the 2nd of November to
23 advocate for Proposition Number 5 presented by the
24 People's Redistricting Alliance.

25 The Proposition Number 5 will respect various

1 communities of interest. The plan of the People's
2 Redistricting Alliance will center upon numerous
3 communities of interest including AMENSA, and Asian
4 Americans, communities of problems with cost of
5 living, immigrant communities, the Latin community,
6 communities were limited English proficiency,
7 communities of low income, communities of workers of
8 salons such as manicure, communities of the Pacific
9 Islanders, communities with without health insurance
10 and other populations. More specifically I want to
11 talk about our communities of interest in Santa Ana
12 and we're definitely a diverse community. And we're
13 definitely, you know, considering for Proposition
14 Number 5.

15 My community is very hard working. And we're
16 very conscious of all your obligations of law, and we
17 respect that the norms of the security, public safety
18 for the benefit of others.

19 My community is very similar to west Anaheim, and
20 to mention a few, Orange and Tustin as well.

21 Yeah. So once again, thanks so much for your
22 time to hear my advocacy that I am presenting for
23 Proposition Number 5. Have a wonderful day,
24 everybody, and thanks for your attention.

25 LAURA PANTOJA: Um, good morning. Yeah. My name

1 is Laura Pantoja and this is my third time at this
2 meeting and I'm definitely a promoter of my community
3 in this time in reference to Proposition Number 5.

4 Yeah. Today I work for a community that's
5 diverse and very -- yeah, just very diverse and I'm
6 sorry -- so I work for a diverse population of
7 immigrants, small businesses, and residents and
8 tenants.

9 And the reason why I'm coming here I want to
10 really advocate for Proposition Number 5 and to
11 community -- and to support advocate for my
12 communities.

13 So the plan of the redistricting is to support
14 the communities of interest including the Asian
15 American community, the -- our Latinx community and
16 the communities that are struggling with the cost of
17 living, including our bilingual community and
18 communities with very low access to healthcare.

19 You all as representatives have the
20 opportunity -- yeah, in light of the pandemic that
21 has affected our communities and you guys are
22 witnesses to provide the resources especially to our
23 communities that has been most affected by the
24 pandemic.

25 I appreciate the opportunity and I hope you guys

1 really take into consideration and thanks for your
2 time and I hope this -- my words, you know, really
3 have an impact know you guys and your hearts.

4 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, we have
5 received 2 additional requests for Spanish
6 translators. The next two speakers are Martha Garcia
7 and Sori Apero.

8 MARTHA GARCIA: Good morning, my name is Martha
9 Garcia and I'm a resident of Santa Ana for 18 years
10 and my zip code is 92701.

11 I work as a janitor and I work on the First
12 Street on Santa Ana Boulevard. First of all, I want
13 to appreciate for the time to take into -- take into
14 consideration my time and I'm here in support of
15 Proposition Number 5.

16 The Proposition Number 5 is presented boy the
17 People's Redistricting Alliance in this proposition
18 will respect various communities of interest in Santa
19 Ana.

20 The plan of the People's Redistricting Alliance
21 will center on numerous communities of interest
22 including the Asian American community, Asian
23 American, communities with problems of cost of living
24 and immigration communities including the Latinx
25 community and our communities of limited English

1 proficiency, communities of low income, and those
2 with less access to health insurance and other
3 populations.

4 My community is similar to west Anaheim and east
5 Garden Grove. Thanks very much for your time and I
6 hope you guys have a beautiful day -- afternoon.

7 SARA PERO: Good morning my name is Sara Pero. I
8 am a resident of Santa Ana for 20 years. My zip code
9 is 92701. I am a lead promoter with Latino Health
10 Access. My primary work is for the advocacy of the
11 cost of living. And the area where I live is around
12 Chestnut and Holiday.

13 I'm here to advocate for Proposal Number 5
14 presented by the People's Redistricting Alliance.
15 The proposal of number 5 will represent various
16 communities of interest such as Santa Ana.

17 The plan of the People's Redistricting Alliance
18 will center on various communities of interest
19 including the Asian American community, the community
20 with problems of cost of living.

21 Including the immigrant communities and Latin
22 communities, communities with limited English
23 proficiency, communities of low income and those with
24 low access of to health insurance.

25 So my community is -- consists of immigrants and

1 they're hard working and they're very similar to --
2 and they're very overcrowded.

3 My community is very similar to west Anaheim and
4 east Garden Grove. Overall our communities are very
5 similar.

6 So for today I'm really, you know, imploring for
7 you guys to make the right decision and then you guys
8 can approve the Proposal Number 5 which is
9 represented by the People's District alliance.
10 Thanks so much.

11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, all speakers
12 who have requested translators have spoke. So we
13 will reset the timer back to three minutes.

14 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

15 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The next speaker is Vincent
16 Tran.

17 Vincent Tran is not present. So next speaker.
18 She's walking up to the podium right now.

19 JANINE ASAR: Hello. And good morning everyone.
20 My name is Janine Asar and I'm with the Arab American
21 Civic Council a grass roots organization that strives
22 to further advance the Arab community in Southern
23 California.

24 We aim to build a community by facilitating the
25 civic participation of the Arab Americans towards

1 justice and equity.

2 I am actually here in support of Proposal 5 the
3 People's Redistricting Alliance map. First and
4 foremost we support the map because it respects the
5 Little Arabia community of interest located in west
6 Anaheim on Brookhurst Street.

7 Little Arabia is home to more than a hundred
8 small immigrant owned businesses serving Orange
9 County's diverse area of Middle Eastern, Muslim, and
10 South Asian communities, including ethnic grocery
11 stores, restaurants, shopping centers, hair salons,
12 Halal butcher shops, and other professional services.

13 It is home to important religion institutions,
14 non-profit organizations and other social service
15 organizations as well.

16 All of which serve and support the community and
17 its surrounding areas.

18 District 4 in Proposal 5 keeps our community
19 whole while the map itself respects a multitude of
20 other important communities of interest throughout
21 the entire county.

22 Second, we support the map because because it is
23 compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act. The
24 map is the product of months and months community
25 engagement and follows standards established by the

1 Fair Maps Act including districts equal in size in
2 respects within city lines.

3 I urge you to support Proposal 5. Thank you for
4 your time.

5 SHAQUILLE SYAD: Very good morning, um, Board of
6 Supervisors. Thank you for this opportunity to speak
7 to you this morning in reference to item number 23.
8 My name is Shaquille Syad and I'm here on behalf of
9 South Asian Network, a group based -- thank you,
10 ma'am -- a group based in Cerritos with 50 thousand
11 members.

12 We had an organization does provide human and
13 health services to South Asian community.

14 And I am here in support of Proposal 5 the
15 People's Redistricting Alliance map. Um, we support
16 the map because it respects the integrity of of
17 Little Arabia in west Anaheim located in -- on
18 Brookhurst Street between Crescent and Katella
19 Avenue.

20 Little Arabia is home to more than hundred plus
21 small businesses, serving Orange County's diverse
22 AMENSPA community, and Muslim, Middle Eastern and
23 South Asian community members including ethnic
24 grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, hair salons and
25 various other professional services.

1 It's also home to important religious
2 institutions across the spectrum, Muslim Hindu,
3 Christian, Jewish community, um, and also non-profit
4 and various social service organizations as well that
5 serve the community.

6 District 4 in Proposal 5 keeps our community
7 whole while the map as a whole respects numerous
8 other important communities of interest throughout
9 the entire county.

10 Um, also we support the map because it's
11 compliant with the federal Voting Rights Act. And we
12 understand that a district must be drawn in and
13 around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply
14 with federal law.

15 This map is the product of months of community
16 involvement and engagement and includes districts
17 that are equal in size, contiguous, compact and
18 respect city lines as much as possible.

19 We respectfully ask you to please support
20 Proposal 5. Thank you very much and you have a
21 blessed day.

22 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT: All right. Thank you next
23 speaker please.

24 HARUMI: Hi my name is Harumi and I live in the
25 city of Cypress for over 30 years. As an Asian

1 descent I strongly support proposal number 2 map. It
2 is the best map that represents the growing Asian
3 American and Pacific Islander community in Orange
4 County.

5 It also connects Orange County northwestern Asian
6 Pacific Islander communities especially in the cities
7 like Garden Grove, Fullerton, Westminster, and
8 Fountain Valley. Such communities of interest
9 deserve local representation to advocate for their
10 needs and values and promote opportunities for them.

11 This can be best accomplished with the Proposal
12 Map Number 2. It is -- the map is also legally sound
13 and creates a Latino voting act -- Rights Act
14 district as required by law.

15 I hope the Asian immigrant community of Orange
16 County can look forward to a local government that
17 serves and represents us.

18 Map Number 2 also keeps Los Alamitos school
19 district intact as the Los Al school district covers
20 three cities, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, and Los Alamitos.

21 Therefore I implore you to please vote for
22 Proposal Number 2 Map. Thank you for your
23 consideration and for giving us the opportunity to
24 speak.

25 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT: Thank you, next speaker,

1 please.

2 Good morning, Commission Members, thank you
3 give me the chance to talk here and I'm clear.

4 I'm -- I'm proud to be a residence in Orange County
5 and I have my family here. I raise my kid here. And
6 I love this peaceful community and neighborhood.

7 And I come here just for, you know, support the
8 Proposal Number 2 and being minority resident in
9 Orange County I think the Proposal Number 2 mostly
10 reflect our benefits and interests and we have a lot
11 of bonding to the Garden Grove, Westminster, and Los
12 Alamitos. We kind of like a big family in the
13 Proposal Number 2.

14 So I just urge you to adopt Proposal Number 2 and
15 I, you know, wish all your community members and
16 their serve to our community and the people in this
17 county not just, you know, related to any political
18 organization and their political parties. And I
19 think they wish to make a best decision for the
20 people live at this county and they live in their,
21 you know, Proposal Number 2 area.

22 Thank you so much and give me the chance. Praise
23 God and this is your kingdom. This is your land.
24 God bless America. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT: Thank you. Next speaker,

1 please.

2 BELIN: Hi, my name is Bellin and, um, I am in
3 support of Proposal 2 because it's the best proposal
4 for the diversity of Orange County and it gives the
5 strongest representation of the Asian community.

6 I am here to represent my friends and to give the
7 strongest support to Proposal 2. My prayers is that
8 you would listen to God and honor the request of the
9 people and do what's best for, we the people.

10 My prayer is that the power of the Holy Spirit
11 will convict you and not stop convicting you until
12 you yield and do the right thing.

13 In the powerful name of Jesus Christ, never
14 forget, God's not dead. He is surely alive and I
15 want to thank you so much for allowing me this
16 opportunity to speak. And thank you for taking into
17 consideration our request.

18 God is alive. And I will be praying for you that
19 God will continue to convict you and that God would
20 save you. In the name of Jesus, God bless you.

21 VINCENT TRAN: Good morning Board of Supervisors.
22 My name is Vincent Tran I'm a resident of Fountain
23 Valley and a part of VietRISE, a non-profit
24 organization that advances social justice and builds
25 power with the working class of Vietnamese and

1 immigrant communities in Orange County.

2 We build leadership and create systemic change
3 through organizing narrative change and cultural
4 empowerment and civic engagement. We have worked
5 with local residents in the cities of Garden Grove
6 and Westminster throughout 2021 to ensure that our
7 communities are represented and heard within state
8 county and city redistricting efforts.

9 I'm here to support Proposal 5, the People's
10 Redistricting Alliance map. We support this map
11 because it respects Vietnamese American communities
12 of interest in and around Garden Grove and
13 Westminster.

14 Being the largest Vietnamese community outside of
15 Vietnam, Little Saigon encompasses large portions of
16 both cities as well as Fountain Valley north of the
17 405 Freeway in Garden Grove.

18 Um, in Garden Grove these communities are
19 primarily located west of West Street between
20 Orangewood Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard and west
21 of Newhope Street between west Garden Grove Boulevard
22 and Westminster Boulevard.

23 A large portion, um, of Vietnamese seniors live
24 in mobile home parks in Westminster, Midway City, and
25 Garden Grove which should be kept together within the

1 same district rather than being separated.

2 This population is becoming more vulnerable each
3 year with the rising cost of rent and living
4 expenses. They have a long history organizing
5 together to maintain this sustainability of their
6 housing situation and longevity of mobile home parks.

7 The fracturing of these communities into
8 different districts will further weaken their voices
9 and potentially lead to displacement of low income
10 Vietnamese refugees.

11 The Vietnamese community in the cities of
12 Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove are
13 drawn together in these districts because they share
14 similar immigrant histories, language barriers, or
15 disproportionately low income and share the needs for
16 social services and affordable housing.

17 They should be kept together to ensure that their
18 share at struggles and concerns of this community are
19 kept together rather than separated.

20 Second, we support the map because it is
21 compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act. We
22 understand that a district must be drawn in and
23 around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply
24 with federal law.

25 This map is a product of months of community

1 engagement and includes districts that are equal to
2 the size continuous, compact, and respect city lines
3 as much as possible.

4 Please support, um, Proposal 5. Thank you.

5 MALANI DEFEFITA: Malo e lelei. Greetings,
6 everyone. My name is Malani Defefita. I am with
7 Pacific Islander Help Partnership, a non-profit
8 organization based in Garden Grove that strives
9 towards overall health equity and wellness for native
10 Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders through patient
11 navigation, community based participatory research,
12 and programs to reduce health disparities in native
13 Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders residing in Southern
14 California.

15 I am here in support of proposal 5, the People's
16 Redistricting Alliance map. We support the map
17 because it respects the native Hawaiian and Pacific
18 Islander community in Garden Grove and our needs.

19 Of the approximately 20,000 NHPI living in Orange
20 County approximately 1200 are located in Garden
21 Grove.

22 The city is home to over one dozen NHPI churches,
23 businesses, community-based organizations, healthcare
24 partnerships, youth programs, groups and civic clubs.

25 Our community experienced some of the highest

1 COVID-19 cases and death rates of all racial and
2 ethnic groups in the United States. So we advocate
3 for programs that fund our community to combat the
4 pandemic.

5 We have built strong partnerships with Asian
6 Americans and other communities in Garden Grove,
7 Westminster, and Fountain Valley and continue to work
8 with them on many projects.

9 Given our shared interest and work Garden Grove,
10 Westminster, and Fountain Valley should be drawn
11 together in your maps. These communities are
12 together in district one of Proposal 5.

13 We also support the map because it is compliant
14 with the Federal Voting Rights Act. We understand
15 that a district must be drawn in and around the
16 Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply with federal
17 law.

18 The map is a product of months and months of
19 community engagement and includes districts that are
20 equal in size, compact, and respect city lines as
21 much as possible.

22 Please support Proposal 5. Malo aupito. Thank
23 you.

24 CHRISTINA NGUYEN: Hello, um, my name is
25 Christina Nguyen and I am a resident of Irvine I am

1 also with the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander
2 community alliance, OCAPICA. Our organization
3 represents the Costa Mesa and Irvine areas in an
4 effort to address low income youth and their families
5 to our youth force program.

6 I am here in support of Proposal 5, the people's
7 Redistricting Alliance Map. We support the map
8 because it respects the communities of interest in
9 Irvine and Costa Mesa and keeps the two cities whole
10 and together.

11 Within the last 10 years the city of Irvine has
12 become one of the fastest growing cities in the
13 state. It boasts flourishing growth in immigrant
14 communities such as Asian American, Pacific Islander
15 and MENSA.

16 These low income communities have similar needs
17 to the Latinx communities in Costa Mesa. Other than
18 low income, these communities also have needs such as
19 affordable housing and language access within both
20 Irvine and Costa Mesa.

21 These communities are kept together in whole in
22 district 2 in Proposal 5. We also support the map
23 because it is compliant with the Federal Voting
24 Rights Act.

25 We understand that a district must be drawn in

1 and around a Latinx community in Santa Ana to comply
2 with the federal law. The map in the in the
3 product -- the map is a product of months of
4 community engagement and includes districts that are
5 equal in size, contiguous, compact, and respect city
6 lines as much as possible. Please support Proposal
7 5. Thank you.

8 MANNY DELEON: Hello. Good morning. My name is
9 Manny DeLeon and I'm resident of Irvine and I'm with
10 the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community
11 Alliance, OCAPICA for short, an organization based in
12 Garden Grove which serves a broader Orange County
13 community including Costa Mesa and Irvine which have
14 similar communities of interest with similar needs.

15 I am here in support of Proposal 5, the People's
16 Redistricting Alliance map. We support the map
17 because it respects our communities of interest in
18 Irvine and Costa Mesa and keeps our two cities whole
19 and together.

20 Irvine is one of the fastest growing cities in
21 the state and has been fueled by ongoing growth by
22 immigrant communities.

23 With growing numbers of Asian American, Pacific
24 Islander, and a means of residence, the city of
25 Irvine is also home to emerging low-income population

1 with needs (Inaudible) Latinx community in Costa
2 Mesa.

3 Recognizing these communities needs related to
4 affordable housing, language access, and other
5 community concerns (Inaudible) assistance and work
6 force development are addressed by public programs in
7 both Irvine and Costa Mesa.

8 These communities are kept full and together in
9 district 2 in Proposal Number 5. We also support the
10 map because it is compliant with the Federal Voting
11 Rights Act.

12 We understand that a district must be drawn in
13 and around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to
14 comply with federal law.

15 The map is a product of months and months of
16 community engagement and includes districts that are
17 equal in size, contiguous, compact, and respect city
18 lines as much as possible. Please support Proposal
19 5. Salamad.

20 NEIL PAVIA: Hello, my name is Neil Pavia. I am
21 a resident of Stanton and I am also the project
22 coordinator for the Orange County Voter Information
23 Project. We're a non-partisan organization that's
24 committed to engaging and educating voters about
25 local and state wide issues and increasing voter

1 turnout.

2 And we're here speaking on behalf of the
3 redistricting process today just because it's a way
4 to also promote and limit effective civic engagement
5 in the community.

6 Today I'm here to support, provide comment on
7 support on Proposal 5, the People's Redistricting
8 Alliance map.

9 We support the map because it keeps communities
10 of interest in south Fullerton and west Anaheim
11 together. Low income immigrant communities in south
12 Fullerton and west Anaheim share common challenges
13 like environmental justice and access to affordable
14 housing.

15 Environmental justice concerns are particularly
16 critical to these communities similarly impacted by
17 harmful soil led levels and superfund contamination
18 of their ground water.

19 Fullerton, south Chapman Avenue, and Anaheim west
20 of the 55 Freeway should be drawn together in a
21 district and apart from more affluent communities and
22 Yorba Linda and the Anaheim Hills.

23 Proposal 5 does this while suspecting the
24 numerous other communities of interest throughout the
25 county. And we also support the map because it is

1 compliant with the Federal Voting Rights Act.

2 We understand that a district must be drawn in
3 and around the Latinx community in Santa Ana to
4 comply with the federal law.

5 The map is the product of months of community
6 engagement and includes the districts that are equal
7 in size, contiguous, compact, and respect the line as
8 much as possible.

9 Thank you and please support Proposal 5.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Chairman
11 Andrew Do and Members of the Board, Doug Chaffee, Don
12 Wagner, Lisa Bartlett, and Supervisor -- Supervisor
13 Katrina Foley.

14 First of all, your dedication and continuous
15 commitment to improve Orange County to be a great
16 place to live, work, and raise a family in such a
17 diverse community is much appreciated.

18 Today I want to voice on the separation of
19 Fountain Valley and the new Map 2 proposal. On
20 behalf of Fountain Valley resident and my colleague
21 and myself, Ted Bui City Council of Fountain Valley,
22 under the current district split it does not serve
23 well for the voice of Asian Pacific Islander.

24 The new Map 2 proposal will create the strongest
25 API district of any proposal. It connects OC growing

1 north western API. It will give the strongest
2 possible configuration to empower API voice. It is
3 legally sound and create a Latino voting right act
4 district as required by law. Most importantly it
5 will help the Asian community in next 10 years as the
6 line will be set to have one voice.

7 It will also give our business in Fountain Valley
8 the same opportunity and benefit it will if we were
9 under one district.

10 Lastly, under Chairman Andrew Do great leadership
11 and his colleague, I want to thank you for your
12 continued support for Fountain Valley.

13 In July our city received 200 thousand in grant
14 money for business that have been impact by COVID-19.

15 If the city was under one district instead of
16 being divided as it is currently under, every
17 business owner in Fountain Valley could have benefit
18 from it.

19 Once again, thank you to all the Board of
20 Supervisor for your great work and hours of
21 dedication for the people of Orange County on behalf
22 of Fountain Valley and my colleague, we want to
23 support the Proposal Map Plan 2 for resident. Thank
24 you.

25 JOY CHEN: Good morning, supervisors. Thank you

1 so much for hearing us today. My name is Joy Chen.
2 I am a resident of Laguna Hills, California. Um, I
3 actually grew up here in Orange County. Um, I went
4 to school right down the street in downtown Santa
5 Ana. Our family owns businesses out in Garden Grove,
6 California. So this means a lot to me.

7 Um, this redistricting I think is going to be
8 extremely crucial and pivotal. It's going to change
9 definitely my future my family's future and my
10 community's future. So thank you so much for
11 considering our comments today.

12 Um, I am here in support of Proposal 2. Um, I do
13 a lot in the Asian community including being one of
14 the members of the Chinese American Cultural
15 Association as well as Asian Industry Business to
16 Business.

17 One of the things that we do is a lot of outreach
18 and community support for the Pan Asian community.

19 I think that Proposal 2 is going to keep our
20 community together. It's going to give us one united
21 voice for what is otherwise kind of an
22 underrepresented minority. We really appreciate
23 that. It will also allow for our brothers and
24 sisters in the Latino community to also have a
25 unified voice as well. And that's very important to

1 our goals as well.

2 Um, so thank you so much. Please consider
3 Proposal 2. And thank you so much for your time.

4 MARK ANG: Hi, thank you so much for having me.
5 Mark Ang. I am president and founder of Asian
6 Industry Be to Be and also the current president of
7 the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for Orange
8 County.

9 And I wanted to express my support for Proposal
10 2. You know, I actually put it out to my membership
11 and I actually got an overwhelming response back
12 regarding Proposal 2 expressing their joy for, you
13 know, 40 percent Asian district.

14 I think it's about time now that we have a
15 district that can unify the Vietnamese and the Korean
16 communities in Westminster, Fountain Valley, Garden
17 Grove, and north wards to Fullerton, west Fullerton
18 and Buena Park and communities west of that.

19 So I think, you know, that -- that to me was the
20 best map and I thank my membership and I did send --
21 send you guys on your e-mail the 45 or so people that
22 supported this through our Google forms.

23 So I'm representing that that voice right now for
24 a district that will advocate for my -- the Asian
25 community specifically creating unity.

1 I don't believe that we should be breaking it up
2 by Vietnamese or Korean. I think now we're at a
3 stage where a lot of our immigrant communities have
4 now assimilated. There's a lot of inter marriage.
5 So we do have Vietnamese and Koreans that were
6 formally separate disparate communities that are now
7 coming together.

8 And to me that is the map that makes the most
9 sense because it puts them together as one, and I
10 think the goal in redistricting is to create like
11 communities that can, you know, to make your jobs
12 easier as supervisors representing certain districts
13 that it makes a lot of sense to have, you know, like
14 communities put together.

15 And I think Proposal 2 does the best job in doing
16 that. So thank you so much for hearing my comments
17 and I appreciate your guys' consideration of Proposal
18 2. Thank you.

19 BETTY CHU: Can we start the clock over because I
20 did not -- okay.

21 My name is Betty Chu, a member of Orange County
22 District 3 and a member of a team that submitted a
23 Los Angeles county redistricting map propose that we
24 prepared over 10 years ago.

25 My name -- my thanks to Supervisor Don Wagner and

1 Orange County voters for the defeat of Proposition
2 16. The race base ballot measure that targeted and
3 discriminated against the Asian communities.

4 I urge the Board to adopt Proposition 2 because
5 it is the fairest representation of the current and
6 trending geographic demographic percentages here in
7 compliance with the intent and provisions of the
8 Voting Rights Act and has the least deviation of
9 percentages of occ -- of residency.

10 Most importantly Proposition 2 district fairly
11 reflect the proportion of major diverse, racial, and
12 ethnic per populations geographically unlike other
13 maps being considered tonight.

14 Proposition 2 contains the largest percentage of
15 contiguous Asian population into District 4.

16 The Board did not oppose Proposition 16 that
17 targeted and discriminated against the Asians. The
18 elimination of proposition 2 will discriminate
19 against the Asians. Neither dilution nor did
20 deletion of the Asian voices for the next 10 years is
21 in the best interest of Orange County.

22 Chairman Do states, "I see -- I saw no reason for
23 the large number of Asians to be separated as
24 represented in the other proposals."

25 Thank you, Chairman Do. And I am sure many other

1 Asians as well as other Orange County residents are
2 appreciative of your comments.

3 I urge each of the Board members to do as
4 Chairman Do is going to vote to avoid all perceptions
5 of self interest.

6 And with -- I was going to say that the
7 redistricting plan has the statement in Proposal 2
8 that it is most focused on equal representation
9 keeping the major communities of interest together.
10 And I will add and with the least deviation. It is
11 the fairest map that -- and I have reviewed all eight
12 maps.

13 Thank you so much and thank you for your
14 leadership on this issue, Chairman Do.

15 CHRISTA JADE: Good afternoon, hi -- sorry --
16 good morning. My name is Christa Jade and I am
17 living in Dana Point. I'm here to supporting the
18 redistricting Proposal Number 2, map number 2 because
19 looking at all the eight maps that was being
20 proposed, um, it seems that this is the most fair in
21 drawing the lines according to the communities.

22 As API as an Asian, I think it's a lot a lot of
23 representation over there and the community is best
24 represented when they are together and not divided.
25 And we know that this is a kind of, like, you know, a

1 little bit of hate and things like that, but we all
2 of us we are very -- we studied the map and we see
3 that there is no -- how should I say -- division of
4 certain cities into two within that district.

5 So Asians communities and other communities will
6 be together for a good reason as they are properly
7 represented, and we appreciate that you will consider
8 Map 2, proposal 2.

9 And I understand that, Chairman Do, you have
10 spearhead that to agree to that Proposal 2. And we
11 ask that all five of you to look into it and to study
12 it carefully and -- how should I say -- agree on the
13 proposal.

14 Thank you so much for listening to all of us
15 here. This is short I know I'm used 15 seconds
16 sorry. So this is short. And once again thank you
17 for everything that you all do and appreciate your
18 consideration. Thank you.

19 GAY DEPARIO: Hello, my name is Gay Depario and I
20 have lived in Orange County for 51 years. But I
21 haven't really gotten involved in civics until very
22 recently when the climate of the politics and what's
23 been happening to this county has been very
24 disconcerting.

25 I would like to speak on this map proposal. I am

1 in favor of the new map. The map proposal creates a
2 strongest Asian Pacific Islander district of any
3 proposal.

4 It connects Orange County's growing northwestern
5 Asian Pacific Islander communities and it's the
6 strongest possible configuration to empower Asian
7 Pacific island voices.

8 It is legally sound and it creates a district
9 required by law. This will help the Asian community
10 in the next 10 years as these lines will be set. I
11 would like to also say that I am a legal citizen. I
12 emigrated here from the Philippines 51 years ago and
13 I am a naturalized citizen. And I wanted to say that
14 I'm a very proud member of the Orange County. I've
15 lived here. I've worked here. I'm a retired nurse
16 from UCI Medical Center. And I have to say that now
17 that I'm retired, I'm actually civically involved in
18 what's happening in my community, in my cities, in my
19 state, and in the nation.

20 I urge you to pass this proposal and I would like
21 you to be -- be mindful that we would like to be
22 heard. Our voices need to be heard. You represent
23 the county, you represent the members, and you were
24 elected to -- to listen to the constituents of this
25 county.

1 And this is a great map to have diversity and
2 have our voices be heard. And I thank you for
3 listening to my comments today. Thank you.

4 MAY: Good morning, um, my name is May. I'm
5 coming here to represent for (Inaudible) that he was
6 here earlier but he's not able to, um, stay and I
7 will read, um, his letter in here. "Dear the
8 Honorable Board of Supervisor, the subject is support
9 to the super real districting Proposal 2. Having
10 review it of the eight super professional register
11 proposal predicted on my understanding on the legal
12 requirement. Court decision and fundamental basis of
13 the representations.

14 I support redistricting support Proposal 2. Here
15 are my reasons: Geographically and propose
16 professional district make sense and do not look like
17 in block in the search of idea.

18 Demographically the three major ethnic group
19 white, Hispanic, and Asian are not diluted nor
20 fragmented. Such as a single ethnicity dominate
21 across the all five district. Distributions of the
22 vote thereby ethnicity reflects concentration sets as
23 it major ethnicity can win a super visional district.
24 Superficial 2 district for too white and two
25 districts for Hispanic and one district for Asians

1 which align closely to Orange County population,
2 proportions for its ethnicity.

3 Proposal 2 therefore it's consistent with
4 repropotion law court presidents and fundamental
5 basics of presentations.

6 Proposal 2 give its ethnicity the opportunity to
7 elect one of their own professional to the percentage
8 of their populations in Orange County.

9 Reality of the competitive route and tumbles of
10 the politic that their actual presentations as it
11 should.

12 I urge you Honorable Board of -- to adopt super
13 professional redistricting Proposal 2. Truly yours,
14 John G." He is the Emeritus president of Chinese
15 American Citizens Alliance of Orange County.

16 Thank you much for your time. And I'm also very
17 proud of Orange County where we see many diversity.
18 And so please reconsider. And I also support the
19 proposition redistricting proposal. Thank you so
20 much again.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, I'm here to support
22 Proposal 2 map for Orange County, Orange supervisor
23 district 4. We have 40 percent of Asians.

24 Asian has special needs, concerns and the
25 cultures. So I think it's -- this map will create a

1 strongest Asian Pacific Islander district of in
2 proposal unifying and focus our common Asian needs,
3 connects Orange County growing northwestern API
4 communities, especially in cities like Garden Grove,
5 Fullerton, Westminster, and Fountain Valley.

6 I think it is the strong possible configuration
7 to empower Asian Pacific Islander voices as a whole.
8 Our -- our voice needs to be heard. Our concerns
9 needs to be addressed.

10 It is legally sound and create a -- based on
11 Voting Rights Act as required by law to create Asian
12 Pacific Islander district. I support and will tell
13 other Asian Pacific Islander voice groups to support
14 proposition 2 -- I'm sorry -- Proposal 2. Thank you
15 for listening. Thank you for supporting this
16 proposal for district 4 -- oh, I'm sorry supporting
17 Proposal 2 map for Orange Supervisor district 4.
18 Thank you.

19 GEORGE LEE: Good morning, Board of Supervisors,
20 my name is George Lee, and I'm a resident of Orange
21 County and I'm former -- the Orange cop president a
22 grass root organization advocating for the civil
23 rights of Asian American community.

24 I strongly support Proposal 2 for the
25 redistricting because I believe Asian American in

1 Orange County even though it is increasing, it's --
2 that the population is significant in this county but
3 the -- the voice of this community is not adequately
4 represented.

5 So this map will create a very strong and
6 powerful API district, um, that reflecting the -- the
7 common culture and value and will help this community
8 in the future and give us a platform to voice our
9 community and -- and also this mapping will create
10 Latino VRA district by connecting Latino communities.

11 So I strongly support for this proposal and I
12 would ask you to consider this proposal. Thank you.

13 RON FLORES: Good morning. I'm Ron Flores
14 president and founder of Basta.

15 Central Orange County is a unique community with
16 both sides of Hispanics especially Hispanics in that
17 area. I strongly support Proposal 2 which will give
18 a voice in representation it deserves in that central
19 county. Thank you very much.

20 MERICK CHEN: Thank you for your time. I'm
21 Merick Chen. I'm a congressional candidate for our
22 district 39 which covers Orange County. I'm here to
23 support Map Number 2. As I travel through the
24 district and the consensus is number 2 will be best
25 represented to through the county as well as

1 supporting API community.

2 So I urge you to strongly and consider voting for
3 Map Number 2. Thank you.

4 EDWIN DETURDY: Hi, my name is Edwin Deturdy and
5 I am a founding member of La Casa American which is
6 part of the federation of Philippine chamber of
7 Commerce. And I strongly believe in and support
8 Proposal 2 and hope you will consider it. We need a
9 stronger Asian voice and I believe this district will
10 help unify the Asian voice. Thank you.

11 IVY ESTRADA: Hello. Hello. I'm Ivy Estrada and
12 I live in Garden Grove, California. We are here to
13 support the proposal 2 maps because out it complies
14 the federal voting rights.

15 It's also notice -- north Orange County has
16 strong culture and rich sense of community. The
17 growing API community in Orange County deserves
18 stronger representation. It's also -- Proposal 2
19 also gives the stronger possible representation to
20 Orange County API community. Thank you very much.

21 ERIC ESTRADA: Good morning my name is Eric
22 Estrada. I'm from Garden Grove. I support Proposal
23 2. This map proposed creates the strongest API
24 district of any proposal. It connects OC growing
25 northwestern API committee, strongest possible

1 configuration to empower API voices. It is legally
2 sound and creates a Latino VRA district as required
3 by law.

4 And lastly this will help the Asian community in
5 the next 10 years as these lines will be set. Thank
6 you very much for your time.

7 STEPHANIE: Good morning. Thank you Supervisors,
8 Clerk of the BOARD, County Executive Officer, and
9 County Counsel for your time today.

10 My name is Stephanie. I'm a resident in Newport
11 Beach I've been an occupational therapist for 25
12 years, and I've worked with kids with autism my
13 entire life.

14 Um, and I've just gotten more and more involved
15 in wanting to, um, be involved in the community of
16 Orange County and make a difference, um, in the
17 county as a whole.

18 So I'm here in support of proposal 2. Proposal 2
19 is respectful and representative of Orange County's
20 underserved communities. Santa Ana and central west
21 Anaheim have strong cultural and economic ties that
22 bind the community together.

23 Proposal 2 gives the Latino community and central
24 Orange County the voice and representation it
25 deserves for district 1. Um, Proposal 2 also gives

1 District 4 the growing Asian Pacific Islanders
2 community a stronger representation.

3 Living in coastal Orange County, I'm proud that
4 the beach cities have a strong sense of community and
5 I identity. I take a lot of pride in that. I spend
6 a lot of time, um, down and around the beach, um, and
7 care a lot about the cleanliness of the beach and,
8 um, honoring, um, the area that God has given me to
9 live in.

10 The coastal community should stay together as a
11 strong unified district and Proposal 2 gives a
12 stronger representation than any other of the
13 proposals.

14 For instance, the oil spill, I, on walks and I
15 noticed everyone down there as a strong community,
16 um, cleaning -- cleaning up and caring so much about
17 the beach cities.

18 I strongly believe Proposal 2 is the best map and
19 urge the Board of Supervisors to choose Proposal 2.
20 Thank you so much for your time.

21 FIAZ NOABI: Hello, my name is Fiaz Noabi and I
22 serve as the policy and advocacy manager at the
23 council on American Islamic Relations Los Angeles
24 office.

25 I am also a proud resident of Orange County. I'm

1 here on behalf of the People's Redistricting Alliance
2 and I want to really thank the efforts of the
3 redistricting commission and the Board of Supervisors
4 for really taking your time to hear the concerns of
5 concerned citizens.

6 I wanted to comment on the Arab Middle Eastern
7 Muslim and South Asian community of interest that
8 crosses -- crosses county lines between Orange and
9 Los Angeles counties. This AMEMSA community of
10 interest includes Buena Park, south of the 5 Freeway,
11 La Palma and Cypress and Orange County and Cerritos
12 and Artesia and Los Angeles county.

13 As part of their daily lives AMEMSA communities
14 in Orange County cross into Los Angeles County to
15 shop and ethnic markets, dine in restaurants, worship
16 and access social services in Artesia and Cerritos.

17 This community of interest should be kept whole
18 in an Orange County based district but was divided in
19 nearly all visualizations as we saw.

20 We ask that the commission work to correct this.
21 Across all levels we support the maps we submitted as
22 part of the People's Redistricting Alliance which
23 have been drawn to respect numerous communities of
24 interest including ours.

25 Once again I want to thank the commission and I

1 want to thank all the Board of Supervisors to take --
2 for taking in the consideration of our communities.
3 Thank you very much.

4 CURTIS HEBERT: Hello. My name is Curtis Hebert
5 and I am here really as an introductory person for
6 the next person which is my wife. Neither one of us
7 live in Los -- in Orange County but we have many
8 friends who do and we understand that there is a
9 tremendous need for Prop 2 to go -- to go forward.
10 And we believe it's going to be prosperous for the
11 Asian Pacific Island community and so we are very
12 much for that. Thank you very much.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a retired professor
14 at Azusa Pacific University.

15 Honorable Board of Supervisors, we thank you for
16 seeking inputs in selecting the next district map. I
17 believe that district boundaries must be drawn to
18 best represent our community.

19 I support Proposal 2 for it create the strongest
20 Asian Pacific Islanders district of any proposal
21 unifying and focusing on our common needs. Common
22 needs while building more proficient more
23 communication and optimizing business opportunities
24 for the success of the community orange County.

25 Such community needs to have Proposal 2

1 redistricting map which connects Orange County's
2 growing northern, western, Asian Pacific Islander's
3 communities including Hispanic community especially
4 in cities like Garden Grove, Fullerton, Westminster,
5 and Fountain Valley. To minimize District 4 division
6 our community will highly respect our API
7 demographics of these areas.

8 I believe that our integrating will increase and
9 produce the best results for prosperity and harmonize
10 lifestyle in Orange County. Thank you so much for
11 listening.

12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, that was the
13 last speaker but County Counsel does have two
14 comments to read into the record.

15 COUNTY COUNSEL PAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 Pat Davis of Anaheim rights, "This is some of the
17 most important work you're doing. How you recognize
18 and apply boundaries to value and uplift communities
19 is essential. Unfortunately your past practices,
20 comments, and behavior towards our diverse community
21 doesn't give me much hope as to how you will approach
22 this with equity and fairness. I would love to be
23 proved wrong."

24 Felicity Figueroa of Irvine writes, "The People's
25 Redistricting Alliance of Orange County, PRA, is a

1 multi-racial coalition of a community based
2 organization and residents. They have drawn a
3 redistricting map that centers the lived experiences
4 and priorities, the needs of our most vulnerable
5 communities, those that have been historically
6 marginalized by local government.

7 This map will empower low income communities and
8 working families, sectors of our population that have
9 been ignored and denied representation for far too
10 long. The OCPRA map has made communities of interest
11 its top priority when drawing lines considering the
12 important testimonies from residents of communities
13 that have been harmed by the current configuration.

14 For this reason I wholeheartedly support the OC
15 People's Redistricting Alliance supervisorial map.
16 This map will correct the problems with the current
17 configuration while complying with the legal
18 requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Fair Maps
19 Act.

20 The current map configuration has disfranchised
21 communities of color by prioritizing the interest of
22 one political party over all the rest.

23 It's finally time to rectify this unjust,
24 undemographic, and illegal imbalance. Adopt the PRA
25 map today.

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And finally Charles of Victoria of Irvine writes,
"My name is Charles Victoria and I'm a resident of
Irvine. The way the current districts are set up
it's a partisan effort to disenfranchise communities
of color. The map from the OCPRA is influenced by
input by the community on how to improve the
situation.

I urge you to adopt the OC People's Redistricting
Alliance map. And Mr. Chairman, that's it. Thank
you.

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