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5 CHAIRMAN DO: So let's go to the public hearing
6 at this time, item number 37. Madam Clerk, please go
7 ahead and read the item.

8 CLERK OF THE BOARD: For the County Executive
9 Office public hearing to consider input on proposed
10 2021 redistricting maps. Select map proposal to be
11 published on November 17th, 2021 for formal adoption
12 on November 22nd, 2021.

13 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you. Let me get situated
14 here. We got a lot of paperwork on this item so I
15 don't want to get all mixed up up here.

16 For the public, we have had four modifications
17 submitted by myself and three of my colleagues. And
18 so what I -- um, we're going to open up the public
19 hearing in a minute here.

20 The process is after public hearing, I'm sorry,
21 public comments, um, then I -- and in closing of the
22 public hearing -- then I will turn to you,
23 colleagues, to make the appropriate as you see fit.

24 I will, um, go by order of district, about
25 numerical order. I will go last just to take the any

1 and unfair advantage I may have out of the equation.

2 Okay.

3 So we will then -- when we entertain motions
4 we'll start with district 2 and 3 and then so on from
5 there.

6 Okay. So that's how we will proceed. Did you
7 read the item already, Madam Clerk?

8 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Yes, I did.

9 CHAIRMAN DO: Okay. So I'm going to open public
10 hearing at this time. Please call the speakers. How
11 many we have?

12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, we have
13 received 40 requests to speak and County Counsel has
14 two comments to read into the record.

15 CHAIRMAN DO: Did you say 40?

16 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Uh-huh.

17 CHAIRMAN DO: So I give each speaker three
18 minutes, um, so we are now 10 to 11:00 that will take
19 us to 1:00. Okay. Let's go ahead and start.

20 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The first three speakers are
21 Mayor Fred Minegar, Councilwoman Janine Heft,
22 Councilmember Don Sedgwick.

23 FRED MINEGAR: Good morning, Chairman Do,
24 Supervisor Chaffee, Supervisor Wagner, Supervisor
25 Bartlett, and Supervisor Foley. I'm Mayor Fred

1 Minegar representing 66,400 residents of the
2 beautiful city of Laguna Niguel.

3 Before I start talking about the specific item I
4 wanted to thank and appreciate what you do as be --
5 as representing people of Orange County. It's a
6 tough job for all of you. I've been sitting here
7 listening to you and I wish you all the best.

8 Um, last month and again this month on November
9 12, 2021 on behalf of the entire City Council of
10 Laguna Niguel I submitted letters to Orange County
11 Board of Supervisors expressing my concerns about
12 redistricting.

13 I'm here to follow up on my previous letters
14 expressing my concerns about the proposed
15 redistricting maps.

16 Several of these proposed maps break up South
17 Orange County into two or more districts. There are
18 11 cities in South Orange County, Aliso Viejo, Dana
19 Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills,
20 Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, um, Mission Viejo, Rancho
21 Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan
22 Capistrano.

23 All these 11 cities that I mentioned they have a
24 lot of commonalities that should preclude them from
25 being split into separate supervisorial districts.

1 For example, many of these South Orange County
2 cities contract with Orange County Fire Department,
3 Fire Authority, Orange County Sheriff's Department
4 for emergency services, all these 11 cities have the
5 same kind of school system.

6 For example, we are a part of Capo Unified School
7 District. Other cities in South Orange County are
8 part of Saddleback Valley Unified School District.
9 And the City of Laguna Beach is a part of Laguna
10 Beach Unified School District.

11 Additionally all the 11 South Orange County
12 cities fall within the jurisdiction of Orange County
13 community college district.

14 Furthermore, all these 11 cities that I have
15 mentioned are general law cities and have comparable
16 ideologies to the management of public services.

17 The demographics of South Orange County cities
18 are relatively homogeneous throughout the region and
19 the communities will be best served by remaining in
20 the same supervisory district.

21 I urge you to consider the similarities of all
22 these 11 cities that I mentioned and continue to have
23 them remain together in a cluster in a collective
24 district.

25 Thank you very much for all of your hard work on

1 the redistricting process and for always being
2 mindful of the needs of the entire county.

3 Sincerely, Fred Minegar, mayor city of Laguna
4 Niguel. And thank you for giving me time to talk
5 about this --

6 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you, your time is up.

7 FRED MINEGAR: -- item. Thank you.

8 JANINE HEFT: Good morning, supervisors. Most of
9 you already know me. I'm Laguna Hills Councilwoman
10 Janine Heft, and I'm speaking today on behalf of both
11 my city as well as South Orange County cities that
12 were not able to be here to save South Orange
13 County's representation and keep the fifth the fifth
14 by adopting either proposal 2A1 or 2A.

15 The 11 South Orange County cities south of the El
16 Toro Y have always been considered a community of
17 interest. And after talking to over a dozen of my
18 South Orange County colleagues no one wants to see
19 the fifth be torn into pieces which is many of the
20 options that have been presented effectively do.

21 There are many reasons we need to keep South
22 Orange County together as one community of interest
23 and here are just a few: One, all cities and maps in
24 2A1 and 2A are contract cities for the Orange County
25 Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire

1 Authority; two, all cities in these two maps are
2 served by just two public schools, Capistrano and
3 Saddleback Valley; three, all these cities are
4 located in a contiguous area between -- between the
5 5, 405 Y and the San Diego County border; four, all
6 these cities have only one freeway as their main art
7 material, the 5 Freeway; and, five, all these cities
8 are small to medium size communities. My city is
9 only 32,000 people composed mostly of residential
10 neighborhoods.

11 If they are split in half and thrown in with
12 large cities like Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, or
13 Irvine, they will be completely marginalized.

14 Also according to the redistricting criteria for
15 drawing supervisorial district lines, the County of
16 Orange lists its second priority and I quote, "That
17 the geographical integrity of local neighborhoods or
18 community of interest shall be respected in a manner
19 that minimizes its division."

20 But several proposals especially 4C1 would split
21 not only South Orange County but split my little city
22 of Laguna Hills into three parts and my neighboring
23 city of Aliso Viejo into two parts.

24 Sometimes you to have make the maps bigger to see
25 these divisions and how they really, you know, tear

1 apart my city and other cities in Orange County,
2 South Orange County.

3 Proposals 2A1 or A would preserve the integrity
4 of these cities and ensure that South Orange County
5 residents would maintain their voice with the Board
6 of Supervisors so that their specific needs including
7 fire protection, public safety, and other central
8 services can be effectively addressed.

9 All of you were once local city leaders yourself
10 and I know you understand how important it is to have
11 a voice in county government.

12 So I will you will agree that the voters of South
13 Orange County should not be disenfranchised by
14 breaking them into two or more districts as proposed
15 by the other maps.

16 Please support either proposal 2A1 or 2A to make
17 sure that South County does not lose its
18 representation and that my city of Laguna Hills is
19 not cut into pieces. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

21 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The next three speakers are
22 Councimember Don Kaski, Councimember Thai Phan, and
23 Diane Harkey.

24 DON KASKI: Good morning. Um, I'm Don Kaski and
25 I'm a newly appointed City Council person from the

1 city of Laguna Hills.

2 And last two speakers I think spoke very plainly
3 and succinctly about why this is so important to us
4 not to break up these cities. We have 11 cities.
5 I've live there for 40 years, by the way. And those
6 contract cities all work together almost as if we
7 were one city in many respects.

8 And we we contract with the sheriff. We contract
9 with the fire department. Janine -- Counselman Heft
10 just mentioned to you our relationship with two
11 school districts.

12 The fact is and in many respects it's all worked
13 very well and yell you're -- you're going to be
14 making decisions here that will affect every
15 district. And we -- we really implore you to let our
16 cities stay together in one district.

17 And so I also will just re-echo we ask you to
18 select scheme 2, 2A, or 2A1 because they do
19 essentially keep -- it keeps us mostly together, and
20 that's what we're asking. Thank you so much.

21 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

22 THAI PHAN: Good morning, Chairman Do,
23 supervisors, I am a little nervous here more nervous
24 than I am in court. My name is Thai Viet Phan. I am
25 a councilmember representing ward 1 in the city of

1 Santa Ana.

2 I'm here today to urge you to support map A, 2A1.
3 I was the first Vietnamese American elected to
4 represent residents in Santa Ana. And we did that
5 because we settled a California Voting Rights Act
6 lawsuit showing that Vietnamese, specifically Asian
7 residents in Santa Ana, were not being represented.

8 Similarly the City of Garden Grove also set a
9 California Voting Rights Act lawsuit going to
10 districts because Latino residents there were not
11 being represented.

12 Maps 2A1 is the only map that's ensures that the
13 Vietnamese community in Santa Ana who historically
14 belong with the Little Saigon community will be with
15 an Asian plurality district.

16 Map 2A1 is the only map that ensures that the
17 Latino residents in Garden Grove will be represented
18 in the Latino majority district.

19 I am real excited because it's not often that
20 when we come to redistricting that there is
21 bipartisan support for a map.

22 And today 2A1 is that map. It ensures that we
23 have an Asian plurality district that brings together
24 immigrant communities to ensure that we have a voice
25 on this dais that Little Saigon is not jammed packed

1 into a district with Beach Cities.

2 I -- I love my colleagues in Huntington Beach,
3 however, Vietnamese refugees trying to make it work,
4 we're a working class community and we don't belong
5 in a Beach City district.

6 Moreover, those other maps will dilute the Asian
7 American vote here in Orange County. Santa Ana
8 settled that Voting Rights Act lawsuit and we are not
9 going back.

10 The only map before you that ensures that south
11 county cities are fairly represented, that the Asian
12 American community is fairly represented, and that the
13 Latino community is fairly represented is Map 2A1.

14 So I hope that all of you can support a map that
15 ensures communities of interest stay together, that
16 ensures that we meet the requirements of Section 2
17 and the Federal Voting Rights Act, the California
18 Voting Rights Act and is honestly the right thing to
19 do.

20 And with that, um, I hope you support Map 2A1.
21 Thank you.

22 DIANE HARKEY: Good morning. Dianne Harkey,
23 resident of Dana Point, former elected but nothing
24 anymore.

25 I -- I appreciate the work you've gone through.

1 This is really the tough -- a tough decision and it
2 will be your legacy decision for the County of Orange
3 make no bones about it. There's nothing else you
4 will do that will effect and impact our county more.

5 I am here to support Map 2A1 because it keeps
6 south county together. It's very important.

7 As you've already heard we have OCFA and the
8 sheriff is contract cities our waters -- with the
9 exception of Lake Forest -- we are all governed by
10 Region 9, San Diego Regional Water Quality Board, not
11 Santa Ana. We get our water supply -- we can't get
12 it from ground water. Ground water is north of the Y
13 for the most part, central and northern Orange
14 County.

15 So our transportation, some of these maps would
16 split it so that part of South Orange County would
17 have virtually no representation on OCTA. And I
18 don't think that works because we do have a lot of
19 issues down there.

20 Our streets are not grid pattern. They can't be.
21 They're hilly. They're like spaghetti. And so to
22 try to fit these north/south routes and east/west
23 routes is very, very difficult.

24 We formed a south Orange County major investment
25 study that keeps South Orange County on the map for

1 funding for future needs. We also have an economic
2 coalition for South Orange County that has been there
3 really to be the voice of those areas south of the Y.

4 It's really important to us that we have
5 representation, and I know you're doing the best you
6 can. You've already heard about our school
7 districts. You know, there's just so many
8 commonalities.

9 So I hope that you will support Map 2A1, keep our
10 cities together, allow us to have a voice in South
11 Orange County and, um, thank you very much. I know,
12 like I said, this has been a very tough decision and
13 it's been grueling for all of you but I'm hoping my
14 voice will help to move you a little bit in the way
15 to support my area.

16 I've been there 40 years living in the same city.
17 I love the city. I've served it on the assembly --
18 or the -- the area. I've served it in the assembly.
19 I've served it on Board of Equalization. I was a
20 mayor.

21 So I -- I know the issues, and I know them
22 backwards and forwards and I really hope you will
23 keep us together. Thank you.

24 CLERK OF THE BOARD: The next three speakers are
25 Mel Beale, Ed Choy, and Kathy Hahn.

1 MEL BEALE: Good morning, Chairman and Council
2 members -- supervisors -- excuse me -- um, my name is
3 Mel Beale. Sorry. Thank you. From Newport Beach
4 and I also represent the Airport Working Group of
5 Orange County who most of you are familiar with.

6 I come today not to look at a particular map
7 because there are dozens of other interests here and
8 I can't speak to all those. And you have many issues
9 to balance and redistricting. I understand that and
10 I respect that.

11 That being said, regardless of the politics and
12 issues that you address and I've detailed this in a
13 letter which has been distributed to you, the needs
14 of the various local communities a most critical
15 requirement for Orange County redistricting is to
16 ensure that the John Wayne Airport remains in the
17 same district as the citizen of those communities of
18 interest most impacted by its operations including
19 residents of Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and other
20 corridor cities.

21 For almost 40 years the Airport Working Group of
22 Orange County, AWG, if you know it as that way, the
23 city administration of Newport Beach and other
24 community groups have worked closely with the county
25 and John Wayne Airport management to build a truly

1 collaborative framework to address issues which arise
2 and which must be dealt with a fair and equitable
3 manner. And I appreciate the work we've all done
4 together with the county and with the airport.

5 The only way this model can continue to be
6 successful is for the political boundaries of any new
7 district include the physical airport and those local
8 communities, Newport Beach, et al, which AWG supports
9 as one of the most important real community of
10 interest entities serving the broader population.

11 Please ensure this remains the case for the final
12 approved district plan. I repeat, we must, we must
13 keep John Wayne in the same district as the departure
14 corridor cities Newport Beach, Costa Mesa and others.

15 I appreciate your time and please consider that
16 as you look at the other options available. Thank
17 you so much.

18 ED CHOY: Good morning, um, the Board of
19 Supervisors. Um, always appreciate the hard work
20 you're putting in for our Orange County area.

21 My name is Ed Choy, Pastor Ed Choy, um, I serve
22 at a church in Thanksgiving, a church in the city of
23 Buena Park. I also live in the city of Fullerton. I
24 also serve on the advisory board on the Navigation
25 Center that which is a homeless shelter, um, in the

1 city of Buena Park. And, um, I also volunteer my
2 time as a Police -- Buena Park police chaplain since
3 I was a retired Army chaplain.

4 And so I come before you today on behalf of the
5 Korean American Federation of the Orange County that
6 represents the Korean American community in Orange
7 County.

8 I have lived in Orange County area for almost all
9 my life, and I write this letter in support of
10 plan -- or the map of 5A or 5B, um, and because it
11 reflects the concept of equality and the community of
12 interest that best represents the Korean American
13 community.

14 Today many people say that Buena Park is now the
15 second K Town or Korean Town. For those who know in
16 L.A. there's a Korean Town but because of businesses,
17 residents of Koreans who live and work there, um,
18 Buena Park has become now what we call it Second K
19 Town.

20 Um, and the reason why I'm bringing this up is
21 because the proposal for Map 2 has a significant flaw
22 particularly because it separates Buena Park from the
23 other as, you know, the North Orange County cities
24 including Fullerton, Brea, La Habra and Anaheim. And
25 instead it puts Buena Park with Garden Grove,

1 Westminster, and Fountain Valley where my deep love
2 and care and support for the Vietnamese American
3 community.

4 Um, you know, when the Army -- I served with many
5 those who are Vietnamese Americans and I have the
6 utmost respect, love, and care for the Vietnamese
7 people, the Vietnamese community, um, and much
8 affection towards them, um, because we're both people
9 who struggle with war against communism in North
10 Korea and with North Vietnamese.

11 But that being said, as you know not all Asians
12 are the same. Okay. We share -- even though we
13 might be Asian in descent but we don't share the same
14 kind of community, language, even political climate,
15 or cultural views, even religious backwards.

16 But in the past 10 years most of the Korean
17 Americans in Garden Grove have moved their residency
18 and businesses to North Orange County which includes,
19 like I said, Buena Park --

20 CHAIRMAN DO: Your time is up, sir. Please wrap
21 it up.

22 ED CHOY: Can I get one more minute, sir?

23 CHAIRMAN DO: No, you can't.

24 ED CHOY: So my --

25 CHAIRMAN DO: One more sentence. Please wrap it

1 up.

2 ED CHOY: So let me wrap it up. Okay. Again,
3 thanks for your time. I'll wrap it up. Okay, sir.
4 All right. So, um, what I'm proposing --

5 CHAIRMAN DO: No, you cannot --

6 ED CHOY: (Inaudible)

7 CHAIRMAN DO: Sir.

8 ED CHOY: -- community --

9 CHAIRMAN DO: Wrap it up.

10 ED CHOY: -- supervisors would you please vote
11 for plan -- or map 5A or 5B?

12 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

13 ED CHOY: Which best represents the Korean
14 American community.

15 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you. Your time is up.

16 ED CHOY: Thank you for your time and have a --

17 KATHERINE HAHN: Hi, my name is Katherine Hahn
18 and I have been a Korean American resident of Newport
19 Beach for 40 years.

20 I would like to voice my strong objection to the
21 proposed Map 4C1. I believe this map violates the
22 California Fair Maps Act in politically targeting a
23 sitting candidate.

24 This map also dilutes the API and Latino, um,
25 representation much more than the other maps.

1 Lastly, Map 4C1 unnecessarily splits 14 cities
2 across different supervisor districts. When
3 possible, I believe cities should be kept intact in
4 the same supervisor district.

5 I would strongly encourage the Board of
6 Supervisors to vote no on Map 4C1. I would encourage
7 the Board of Supervisors to vote yes on any of the
8 following maps, 2A1, 5, 5A, or 5B. Thank you.

9 CHARLENE KASNER: Good morning. I would like to
10 thank you for all your hard work and dedication that
11 you are doing for this redistricting effort for all
12 of us in Orange County.

13 My name is Charlene Kasner. I am a resident of
14 Garden Grove and I am with Pacific Islander Health
15 Partnership. We advocate for good health, well-being
16 for the native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
17 communities.

18 I am here in support of proposals 5, 5A, or 5B.
19 We support 5, 5A, or 5B because they respect all
20 Asian American and native Hawaiian and Pacific
21 Islander communities including Vietnamese Americans
22 in Garden Grove, Westminster; native Hawaiians and
23 Pacific Islanders, um, excuse me -- Korean Americans
24 in Buena Park, Fullerton and diverse Asian American
25 populations in Irvine.

1 As a reminder by law the maps should not center
2 around partisanship. To ensure fair representation
3 for all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, please
4 support proposals 5, 5A, or 5B. Thank you very much.

5 KIMBERLY HALL BARLOW: Good morning, Supervisors.
6 Kimberly Hall Barlow here on behalf of the City of
7 Costa Mesa. I am its city attorney. You have
8 received letters from, I think -- I know the mayor
9 and I believe most of the other council members, um,
10 advocating for keeping Costa Mesa together. That is
11 a critical point for the City of Costa Mesa that no
12 districts, um, be adopted that would split the city
13 in any way even with seven residents in one districts
14 since that is an area of upcoming of growth in the
15 City of Costa Mesa. So that's number one priority.

16 Number two is to maintain Costa Mesa together
17 with Huntington Beach and Newport Beach. You heard
18 earlier about the -- the common interests of cities
19 of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa with respect to the
20 airport. They share school districts. They have
21 many, um, long-standing contractual and border
22 relationships with Newport Beach and Huntington
23 Beach. And to be divided into different districts
24 would be a disservice not only to Costa Mesa but to
25 Newport Beach and to Huntington Beach as well.

1 Um, I notice that the recommended action is to
2 select a map or maps for publication so that you can
3 then select one.

4 It really would not be proper to select a single
5 map today even though there's only one that we
6 support because you are required to publish for seven
7 days before you adopt. Leaving one map on the table
8 is is essentially adopting a map today.

9 Um, it also appears or could appear to many that
10 moving Costa Mesa out of District 2 in many of the
11 configurations that are offered by the other maps
12 would be done for a -- to favor or discriminate
13 against a political party, that would be very
14 inappropriate.

15 Um, finally I want to note that Costa Mesa is in
16 the central SPA. It's not in the southern SPA. So
17 it's not part of the south county cities who
18 understandably want to maintain their integrity in
19 one district.

20 So on behalf of the City of Costa Mesa we
21 respectfully request that when you do select a map
22 that it be Map 2A1. Thank you very much.

23 JONATHAN PAKE: Good morning, Members of the
24 Board, my name is Jonathan Pake. I was born in
25 Fullerton, live in Brea and am a life-long resident

1 of Orange County.

2 I serve as the executive director of the Orange
3 County Civic Engagement Table or OCCEA, a non-
4 partisan Asian American, Pacific Islander, Latinx,
5 Labor Environmental Justice Alliance based in Garden
6 Grove that is dedicated to engaging county residents
7 year around to build and to help build an Orange
8 County that serves everyone equitably and with
9 justice.

10 OCCEA helped establish the People's Redistricting
11 Alliance, a coalition of 16 community based
12 organizations whose goal is to center low-income
13 communities of color and working families in both
14 state wide and local redistricting processes.

15 Our proposal, Proposal 5, centers federal voting
16 rights at compliance and communities of interest that
17 reflect the needs of the county's most impacted
18 residents. Our map 1 draws an effective Federal
19 Voting Rights Act district around cohesive Latinx
20 communities in and around Santa Ana. Two, keeps low
21 income immigrant communities with common needs and
22 concerns together in South Fullerton and West
23 Anaheim.

24 Three, maintains the integrity of Little Arabia
25 and West Anaheim. Four, keeps predominantly low

1 income refugee communities in West Garden Grove,
2 Westminster, and North Fountain Valley together.

3 Five, keeps Pacific Islander communities whole in
4 Garden Grove. Six, maintains the integrity of the
5 disproportionately immigrant cities of Irvine and
6 Costa Mesa, draws them together in the same district
7 and separates them from more affluent communities,
8 Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills.

9 And finally, complies with the California Fair
10 Maps Act and the California Constitution that would
11 ensure that no district specifically favors or
12 discriminates against a particular political party.

13 It's important to note that our map does not
14 fracture a Latinx communities outside Santa Ana where
15 adjacent Latinx communities of interest can be drawn
16 together, they are.

17 For example, Latinx communities in east Garden
18 Grove and parts of Tustin are drawn into the new
19 Federal Voting Rights Act district with the
20 adjacent -- with the adjacent city of Santa Ana.

21 To the north Latinx communities in north Buena
22 Park are drawn together with west Anaheim and south
23 Fullerton. This allows for fair representation for
24 one of Orange County's largest communities.

25 Proposal 5A and 5B makes minor modifications to

1 our original map. Because these changes maintain the
2 integrity of our communities of interest and do not
3 compromise the spirit of our work.

4 We also support proposals 5A and 5B. To ensure a
5 fair map that reflects the interest of all Orange
6 County residents we ask that you support proposals 5,
7 5A, or 5B. Thank you.

8 JULIA GOMEZ: Good morning, Members of the Board
9 of Supervisors. My name is Julia Gomez and I'm a
10 staff orange at the ACLU of Southern California.

11 Yesterday the ACLU sent the Board a letter
12 raising serious concerns with the extreme
13 partisanship of some of the draft supervisorial maps
14 and we urge you to review the letter if you haven't
15 already before taking a vote on a final map and
16 reject all versions of Proposals 2 and all versions
17 of proposal 4 as well as reject proposals 5A, dash, 1
18 and 5A, dash, B1.

19 We urge you to instead support proposal 5, 5A or
20 5B. As we've continuously emphasized to the Board
21 throughout this process, the Fair Maps Act explicitly
22 prohibits partisan jerrymandering and provides that
23 the Board, quote, "Shall not adopt a supervisorial
24 map that discriminates" -- excuse me -- "shall not
25 adopt supervisorial district boundaries for the

1 purpose of favoring or discriminating against a
2 political party. The California Constitution also
3 prohibits partisan gerrymandering. It prohibits the
4 Board from discriminated against Democratic voters
5 because of their party affiliation. It prohibits the
6 Board from, um, impeding on fair and free elections
7 such that the Board should not adopt a map that is --
8 that determines who will be elected for the Board of
9 Supervisors and instead allows the will of the voters
10 to decide.

11 And it prohibits the Board from infringing on the
12 free speech and association rights of voters
13 including Democratic voters who have chosen to
14 associate with the Democratic party and express their
15 free will by voting for Democratic candidates.

16 For at least the past decade Democratic voter
17 registration in the county has been turning upward.
18 And Democratic voters now make up 37.1 percent of all
19 active registered voters. They are the largest
20 amount of voters by Democratic by party in the
21 county.

22 Nonetheless, as we highlight in detail in our
23 letter all versions of proposal 2 and all versions of
24 proposals 4 include a partisan advantage for
25 Republican voters in at least three of the five

1 districts, when again they only constitute 33 percent
2 of all registered voters and that is turning
3 downwards.

4 Um I also want to highlight that sips I see that
5 my time is running out that it's not just about voter
6 registration. If you look at past state-wide
7 elections including the 2018 election and even the
8 most recent recall election, the highest share of
9 voters in the county continues to be and is
10 increasing to be in the preference of Democratic
11 candidates. And we urge you to reject maps. Again
12 approve all versions of Proposal 2, all versions of
13 Proposal 4 as well as proposals 5A, dash, 1 and 5A,
14 dash, B.

15 Um, and one last point I make is that the Supreme
16 Court of the United States has made clear that state
17 courts are fairly well suited to adjudicate these
18 types of cases.

19 These are not illusory rights. These are rights
20 that can be enforced in court, and we urge you to do
21 what's right and not make the same mistake as in
22 2011. Thank you.

23 SUSAN CHANG: Good afternoon. My name is Susan
24 Chang and I'm speaking on behalf of AHRI for Justice.
25 Our organization serves low-income individuals and

1 families, undocumented workers, young people, and
2 survivors of domestic violence through our many
3 programs such as civic engagement, youth organizing,
4 and direct legal services.

5 In addition, we're a member of the People's
6 Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 15 community-
7 based organizations established to promote a greater
8 community voice in state wide and local redistricting
9 processes here in Orange County.

10 The communities of interest we serve consist of
11 Asian American, Latinx, Pacific Islander undocumented
12 and immigrant communities, LGBTQ folks and low-income
13 communities of color.

14 Many of these communities face similar issues due
15 to the lack of resources provided such as lack of
16 affordable housing due to gentrification and lack of
17 rent control and even lack of resources and support
18 when cities were shut down due to stay-at-home orders
19 back in March last year.

20 Many of our base members come asking for housing
21 assistant services and mutual aid fund.

22 Residents want nothing more than to have their
23 fair share of resources so their communities can
24 thrive. Many of the students we work with want to
25 see ethnic studies implicated -- implemented in K

1 through 12 schools. They want community gardens,
2 affordable housing, and accessible mental health
3 resources. And yet resources are spent on creating
4 more unaffordable housing, new parking structures,
5 and businesses.

6 Due to how the lines are currently drawn,
7 resources are not being allocated to the communities
8 in need. I'm worried about some of the maps that are
9 submitted and concerned that some of these maps have
10 not been drawn in good faith and are drawn to favor
11 political parties rather than community needs.

12 Again and again the needs of our underserved
13 communities such as Asian American, Latinx, Pacific
14 Islander, immigrant and low-income communities of
15 color are not addressed.

16 In order to ensure that our communities are
17 represented, I urge the Board to adopt Map 5, 5A, or
18 5B thank you for your consideration in making Orange
19 County residents feel represented.

20 KRISTINA NGUYEN: Hello, and good morning. My
21 name is Kristina Nguyen. I am a resident of Irvine
22 and I am with the Orange County Asian of Pacific
23 Islander Community Alliance, OCAPICA, an organization
24 based in Garden Grove.

25 We serve the broader Orange County community with

1 community-based programs aimed to improve and expand
2 the community's opportunity through service,
3 education, advocacy, organizing, and research.

4 We are also dedicated to enhancing the health and
5 social and economic well-being of Asians and Pacific
6 Islanders in Orange County, California.

7 I am here in support of Proposal 5, 5A, and 5B.
8 We support -- we support Proposals 5 and 5A because
9 it puts forth a cohesive and whole Irvine.

10 Proposal 5B is a compromise that citizens of
11 Irvine are willing to support.

12 These proposals consider the Asian American and
13 Pacific Islander communities in Orange County such as
14 the Vietnamese Americans in Garden Grove and
15 Westminster, native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders
16 in Garden Grove, Korean Americans in Buena Park and
17 Fullerton and the diverse American -- Asian American
18 population in Irvine.

19 We ask the commission to consider the Fair Maps
20 Act when choosing a final map as we have concerns
21 over partisan maps.

22 The redistricting process is one that should
23 prioritize the community and their voices first. As
24 a resident of Irvine we urge you to keep the
25 communities of Irvine whole and together as possible.

1 To ensure fair representation for Asian Americans
2 and Pacific Islanders, please support Proposal 5, 5A,
3 or 5B. Thank you.

4 Sydney PANDIS: My name is Sydney Pandis and I a
5 program coordinator for the Orange County Asian and
6 Pacific Islander Community Alliance, OCAPICA, an
7 organization dedicated to serving the broader Orange
8 County community by addressing public health,
9 economic inequity, and social justice.

10 I am here in support of Proposal 5, 5A or 5B. We
11 support proposals 5 and 5A because it puts forth a
12 cohesive Irvine. Proposal 5B is a compromise that
13 the citizens of Irvine are willing to support.

14 These proposals consider the Asian American and
15 Pacific Islander communities in Orange County such as
16 the Vietnamese Americans in Garden Grove and
17 Westminster, the native Hawaiians and Pacific
18 islanders in Garden Grove, Korean Americans in Buena
19 Park and Fullerton and the diverse Asian American
20 population in Irvine.

21 Proposals 5A and 4C divide Asian communities
22 within Irvine.

23 We have concerns over partisan maps and urge the
24 commission to consider the Fair Maps Act. In order
25 to ensure fair representation for all Asian Americans

1 and Pacific Islanders and to keep Irvine whole please
2 support Proposal 5, 5A or 5B. Thank you.

3 MANNY DELEON: Hello, good morning. My name is
4 Manny Deleon. I am a resident of Irvine and I'm with
5 Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community
6 Alliance or OCAPICA, an organization based in Garden
7 Grove dedicated to enhancing the health, social, and
8 economic well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific
9 Islanders in Orange County.

10 I am here today in support of Proposal 5, 5A, and
11 5B. We support proposals 5 and 5A because it puts
12 forth a cohesive and whole Irvine.

13 Proposal 5B is a compromise citizens of Irvine
14 are willing to support. These proposals consider
15 Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in
16 Orange County such as the Vietnamese Americans in
17 Garden Grove and Westminster, native Hawaiians and
18 Pacific Islanders in Garden Grove, Korean Americans
19 in Buena Park and Fullerton, and the diverse Asian
20 American population in Irvine.

21 In effort to understand community needs over
22 concerns over partisan maps, please consider the Fair
23 Maps Act. To ensure fair representation for all
24 Asian American and Pacific Islanders and to keep
25 Irvine whole, please support Proposal 5, 5A or 5B.

1 Thank you.

2 KAYLA: Hello. My name is Kayla, and I am a
3 staff member with OC Environmental Justice. We are
4 part of the People's Redistricting Alliance and as an
5 environmental justice organization, we are explicitly
6 concerned about the maps proposed and how they break
7 up environmental justice communities throughout
8 Orange County.

9 These configurations break up the influence in
10 environmental justice concerns in south Fullerton and
11 west Anaheim and even some of the environmental
12 justice interests in Irvine around the airport.

13 In a case our communities across the county are
14 heavily impacted by housing and security, rent,
15 police brutality and health concerns from soil led
16 poisoning of our kids, water quality poisoning our
17 families or air quality poisoning us at our work
18 place.

19 This needs to stop and we need to have adequate
20 representation which leads us to our concerns over
21 the proposed and altered maps.

22 These partisan maps are breaking our communities
23 and breaking the law for all reasons mentioned by the
24 ACLU. Please comply with federal and state laws and
25 follow the community maps 5, 5A, or 5B. These are

1 the only maps that preserve our communities. Thank
2 you.

3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, the next three
4 speakers have requested a translator so their time
5 will be doubled to six minutes.

6 The next three speakers are Blanca Rueles, Alma
7 Chavez, and Irene Bautista.

8 CARMEN ALVARADO: Hello, good morning, Board of
9 Supervisors. My name is Carmen Alvarado and I
10 represent Orange County Congregation Community
11 Organization. Our work is centered in organizing
12 low-income communities of color and OCCCO works to
13 develop grass roots leaders across the county to
14 bring forward systemic change to the most
15 marginalized communities.

16 Today I'm here in support of Proposal 5, 5A, and
17 5B. We support proposals 5 and 5A because it puts a
18 cohesive and whole Irvine. And Proposal 5B is a
19 compromise that the citizens of Irvine are willing to
20 support.

21 Um, in addition not only do these maps draw
22 federal Voting Rights Act districts around
23 communities of interest, um, in Santa Ana but they do
24 it in a way that ensures all Latinx communities in
25 Orange County have a voice.

1 Um, as you know Santa Ana is the home of the
2 largest most established Latinx community in Orange
3 County. Um, and this community has a lot in common
4 with nearby Latinx communities in east Garden Grove
5 and parts of Tustin and should be in the same district
6 as the similarly Latinx communities in south
7 Fullerton have a lot in common with those in Buena
8 Park and west Anaheim.

9 So they should also be within that same district.
10 Um, many of the other maps leave the Latinx
11 communities outside of Santa Ana without a voice.
12 And proposals 2 and 2A isolate Latinx communities in
13 Buena Park, south Fullerton, east Garden Grove, and
14 Tustin rather than draw them together with similar
15 Latinx communities nearby.

16 Proposal 4, 4A and 4B isolate Latinx communities
17 in east Garden Grove.

18 So please take into account the Fair Maps Act
19 when making your decision to ensure fair
20 representation for Latinx community via fair map that
21 is compliant with state and federal law.

22 So please support proposals 5, 5A, 5B. Thank you
23 so much.

24 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Okay. Mr. Chairman, now the
25 timer will be doubled for the next three speakers.

1 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: Good --
3 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
4 THE INTERPRETER: Good --
5 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
6 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning, Orange County
7 Board of Supervisors. My name is --
8 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
9 THE INTERPRETER: Blanca Rueles. And I go to the
10 congregation in one of the local churches.
11 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
12 THE INTERPRETER: I've been part of this
13 community for the past 34 years and this
14 redistribution -- redistricting is very important to
15 me.
16 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
17 THE INTERPRETER: Because it will affect my
18 community in the next 10 years.
19 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
20 THE INTERPRETER: And the time that I have lived
21 here the community Latin has grown and we need
22 representation in this county.
23 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)
24 THE INTERPRETER: And to have a voice through our
25 vote without dividing us.

1 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)

2 THE INTERPRETER: That's why I'm here to support
3 the proposals of maps 5, and 5A, and 5B.

4 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)

5 THE INTERPRETER: Because they not only represent
6 the Santa Ana communities but every other Latin
7 community in the surrounding areas.

8 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)

9 THE INTERPRETER: Which are very similar to maps
10 2A, 4A, and 4B.

11 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)

12 THE INTERPRETER: Because they leave communities
13 like North Tustin, east Garden Grove, south
14 Fullerton, and Buena Park divided without any voice
15 for the Latino community.

16 BLANCA RUELES: (Spanish spoken)

17 THE INTERPRETER: Please I ask you to support
18 proposals propositions 5, 5A, and 5B to protect the
19 democracy of the community of the Latin community.
20 Thank you again.

21 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

22 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning, Orange County
23 Board of Supervisors.

24 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

25 THE INTERPRETER: My name is Alma Chavez and I'm

1 leader of the OCCCO organization.

2 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

3 THE INTERPRETER: I have lived in the city of
4 Fullerton for the past 21 years.

5 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

6 THE INTERPRETER: And I attend the Santa Maria
7 Church in Fullerton.

8 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

9 THE INTERPRETER: It is very important to me the
10 redistricting issue.

11 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

12 THE INTERPRETER: Which could affect my community
13 for the next 10 years.

14 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

15 THE INTERPRETER: For the time that I have lived
16 in this community, the Latin community has grown.

17 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

18 THE INTERPRETER: That's why I'm here supporting
19 the proposal of maps 5, 5A, and 5B.

20 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

21 THE INTERPRETER: I support these proposals
22 because they represent all the Latin -- all the
23 communities especially the Latin community.

24 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

25 THE INTERPRETER: Not only in Santa Ana but the

1 surrounding cities which could be the most affected
2 ones.

3 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

4 THE INTERPRETER: These maps will be the most
5 fair of maps.

6 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

7 THE INTERPRETER: Other maps such as map 2A, 4A,
8 and 4B will leave the Latin communities --

9 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

10 THE INTERPRETER: --- Buena Park, south Fullerton
11 will be the most affected ones.

12 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

13 THE INTERPRETER: And in south Fullerton I will
14 be -- and we will be, um, mostly affected by this.

15 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

16 THE INTERPRETER: And we will have no voice to
17 represent our communities in the City of Garden Grove
18 and Tustin.

19 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

20 THE INTERPRETER: If we are to be separated by
21 nearby communities with which we have common
22 interest.

23 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

24 THE INTERPRETER: I'm not only asking this as a
25 community leader but also --

1 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

2 THE INTERPRETER: -- as a mother of five I'm here
3 fighting for the rights of my five children.

4 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

5 THE INTERPRETER: I am here as a mother,
6 grandmother, and citizen of the community. This is -
7 - that is why --

8 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

9 THE INTERPRETER: -- I'm here asking you to
10 please support Proposition 5, 5A and 5B.

11 ALMA CHAVEZ: (Spanish spoken)

12 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you for listening to me.

13 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

14 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning, Orange County
15 Board of Supervisors.

16 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

17 THE INTERPRETER: My name is Irena Bautista. I'm
18 a community leader with OCCCO.

19 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

20 THE INTERPRETER: I live in Garden Grove and I
21 attend Episcopal Del Macia church in Santa Ana.

22 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

23 THE INTERPRETER: I've been part a member of this
24 community for the past 20 years.

25 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

1 THE INTERPRETER: And I'm very -- it's very
2 important to me this redistricting because it could
3 affect my community in the following 10 years.

4 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

5 THE INTERPRETER: In the time that I have lived
6 here, the Latinx community has grown a great deal and
7 we deserve representation at county level.

8 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

9 THE INTERPRETER: That is why I support
10 proposition 5, 5A, and B because we all deserve
11 respect in the Latinx communities.

12 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

13 THE INTERPRETER: Not only in the city of Santa
14 Ana but the surrounding cities.

15 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

16 THE INTERPRETER: Because people like me which
17 will be the most affected ones.

18 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

19 THE INTERPRETER: Other maps such as 2A, 4A, and
20 4B --

21 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

22 THE INTERPRETER: -- leave communities like the
23 ones in Buena Park, south Fullerton --

24 IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

25 THE INTERPRETER: -- east Garden Grove and

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Tustin --

IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: -- without a voice with the communities which we have shared interest.

IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: I ask you please to support proposals --

IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: -- 5, 5A, and 5B.

IRENA BAUTISTA: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you and God bless you.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, the timer will be reset for three minutes.

CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

BETTY CHU: My name is Betty Chu, and I live in the, um, District 3.

I urge all of you to vote for the Map Proposal 2 and I have sent each of you by e-mail this time my comments regarding the unconstitutionality of Proposition 5, 5A, and 5B as well the reasons why Proposition 2 meets the criteria of all the Constitutions and the laws and the particularly the Voting Rights Act.

And, um, Proposition 5, 5A, and 5B have -- has reduced the district of influence of the Asians from

1 38.4 percent to 32.2 percent.

2 But in that same district, the Hispanic area of
3 influence is over 80 -- 38 percent. So you see.
4 That is no area of influence if you're influence is
5 overcome by someone else's influence.

6 The, um, District 5 which is the minority
7 Hispanic, um, majority Hispanic minority voting
8 district, the highest percentages also appear in
9 District 5 of propositions 5, 5A, and 5B.

10 Um, but -- however, District 2 in Proposition 2
11 also has that 67.9 percent.

12 So we do not in any way hamper the rights of
13 other minorities in respect to having a
14 majority/minority district nor do we hamper any of
15 the rights of the majority voting districts.

16 The spread of the five maps is all over 9.5
17 percent which is a great number of times over the
18 1.95 percent of Proposition 2 which is the lowest.

19 And if you talk about the splits of the cities,
20 the splits are about the same. The Proposition --
21 Proposal 5 have splits of -- of cities up to 15 and
22 16 parts similar to that of Proposal 2.

23 However, Proposal 2 only splits singly in all of
24 the cities that are split, whereas in Proposal 5 they
25 are split sometimes three times and sometimes four

1 times -- I'm sorry -- into three parts or four parts.

2 It is to be noted that the reason 32.2 percent is
3 so low is in your packet. And therefore it's
4 unconstitutional.

5 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you. Your time is up.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: First of all, I urge
7 support of Proposal Number 2.

8 Second of all, um, two weeks ago I also asked the
9 question, um, whether a public hearing had to be
10 after 6:00 o'clock on a week night or on a weekend.

11 I was actually given the answer by Lisa
12 Bartlett's office the other day that, um, the public
13 hearings in August satisfied that requirement of
14 afternoon -- of having district meetings.

15 But, however, when I look at AB849 and again I
16 just am looking what I read -- it says that the
17 public hearings have to adhere to the standards after
18 the maps were drawn, is my interpretation of AB849
19 and the maps weren't drawn that I remember. I think
20 November 2nd is when it was -- they were produced for
21 the council -- for the, um, public to see.

22 So that's November 2nd. I don't see a meeting
23 that takes place on a weekend or after 6:00.

24 Again, I'm only looking at what I'm reading and
25 that would be great to have somebody now give me the

1 answer to that.

2 Also I'm not sure about how all the people in
3 that room over there are there, um, and they're able
4 to go there but we cannot sit in there or even sit up
5 here.

6 Other people came in today. I know there were
7 mayors and dignitaries that were able to sit in that
8 room. Did they not have COVID? I'm just asking the
9 question if we have more germs than everybody there.

10 So I think you're smiling at me, Don.

11 Um, just asking the question why we can't be up
12 here. There's a whole room full of people over there
13 sitting close together. Maybe we just have more
14 infection rate, the public people.

15 VINCENT TRAN: All right. Good morning, Board of
16 Supervisors. My name is Vincent Tran. I am a
17 resident of Fountain Valley and a part of VietRISE, a
18 non-profit based in Little Saigon.

19 I'm here to support maps 5, 5A, and 5B. These
20 maps are the only maps proposed that have been
21 received extensive feedback and was created by
22 diverse communities and maintains communities of
23 interest together.

24 They respect all Asian American and Pacific
25 Islander communities including Vietnamese Americans

1 in Garden Grove and Westminster, native Hawaiians,
2 and Pacific Islanders in Garden Grove, Korean
3 Americans in Buena Park and Fullerton and diverse
4 Asian American populations in Irvine.

5 In addition, a large population of Vietnamese
6 seniors live within mobile home parks in Westminster,
7 Midway City, and Garden Grove. And they should be
8 kept together within the same district rather than
9 separated.

10 The maps to reflect districts that unite our
11 communities who are facing similar systemic issues
12 and require the same language needs and maximize the
13 representatives accountability to them such as
14 addressing skyrocketing rent increases and the
15 displacement of immigrants and refugees.

16 I'm concerned that as we reach the end of this
17 process the voices of interest of politicians are
18 outweighing the needs of Orange County residents.

19 For the redistricting process for the people to
20 decide who they want to elect rather than elect it's
21 choosing who they want to represent.

22 Please choose maps 5, 5A, or 5B. Thank you.

23 STEVE (Inaudible): Good morning, Orange County
24 Supervisors, my name is Steve (Inaudible). I'm
25 president of Korean American Federation of Orange

1 County.

2 On behalf of the Korean American Federation of
3 Orange County that's represents the Korean American
4 community in Orange County.

5 I -- I write this letter in support of Map 5A or
6 B more specifically Map 5A or B, Map 5A or B reflects
7 the concept of equity and the community of interest
8 best and it represents the position of the Korean
9 American community in Orange County.

10 Map 2 has significant flaw particularly because
11 separate Buena Park from the other north Orange
12 County cities including Fullerton, Brea, La Habra,
13 and Anaheim.

14 Instead it put Buena Park with Garden Grove,
15 Westminster, and Fountain Valley where the Vietnamese
16 American community predominantly is. Although we
17 love and have the greatest affection to our fellow
18 Vietnamese American community we do not share the
19 same mother language or home countries have different
20 political climate and we have different cultural
21 views and we have different religious background.

22 In the past 10 years most of the Korean American
23 in Garden Grove have moved their residences to the
24 north Orange County area including Buena Park was
25 largely left in Garden Grove, Korean American

1 communities and some community organizations for
2 (Inaudible) elections residents count but not the
3 location of businesses or work place. Why that's
4 make 5A or B reflect the community of interest from
5 the Korean American perspective.

6 The Korean American in Fullerton, Brea, La Habra,
7 and Anaheim all go to major Korean supermarkets in
8 Buena Park. Korean American in Buena Park are
9 sending their children to the Fullerton Joint High
10 School district.

11 Korean American in Buena Park go to churches in
12 La Habra, Fullerton, Brea, and Anaheim, and the
13 Korean American in Fullerton and Brea and Anaheim go
14 to the churches in Buena Park.

15 On the other hand there's a very little
16 commonality that we share with the Vietnamese
17 American in Garden Grove, Westminster, or Fountain
18 Valley. Therefore the Korean American in Orange
19 County would like to urge the County Supervisors to
20 select Map 5A or B. Thank you so much.

21 JOYCE AHN: Good morning everyone. My name is
22 Joyce Ahn. I'm the president of the Orange County
23 Korean US Citizens league and I'm also a city
24 commissioner for Buena Park for cultural and fine
25 arts.

1 As a long-time Orange County resident, I came
2 here today to speak my voice. I oppose Map 2 or its
3 variations, but support Map 5A or 5B.

4 Um, Map 2 separates Buena Park from the other
5 north Orange County cities Fullerton La Habra or
6 Brea, for example.

7 Buena Park shares the Navigation Center, a
8 homeless shelter with Brea, La Habra, Fullerton, and
9 other north Orange County cities. Buena Park High
10 School consists of two-thirds of Buena Park students
11 and one third of Fullerton resident students.

12 The north end of Buena Park children go to
13 Fullerton Joint Union High School district that
14 covers Fullerton, La Habra, Brea, portions of
15 Anaheim, and Placentia.

16 Us Buena Park residents go to Trader Joes in La
17 Habra. We gas up at Costco in Fullerton. We grab
18 some coffee in Buena Park, and we also, um, shop in
19 Brea Mall.

20 Now, the other north Orange County cities are
21 neighbors who share the community of interest, they
22 come to Buena Park to the three Korean supermarkets
23 at the corner of La Mirada and Beach Boulevard.

24 Therefore, we -- I oppose Map 2 and support Map
25 5A or 5B. Um, 5B seems to represent fair equity and

1 equal representation for all people. Map 5A or B not
2 only protects the Latin community but also protects
3 Korean American community and Vietnamese American
4 community.

5 Therefore, I urge you to please choose 5A or 5B.
6 Thank you.

7 SOYLA RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, Board members.
8 My name is Soyla Rodriguez and I am the call center
9 and data manager for the Coalition for Humane
10 Immigrant Rights also known as CHIRLA.

11 We have been working with the immigrant community
12 in Orange County since 1997. And in 2019 we opened
13 our office in San Juan Capistrano.

14 In addition we are a member of the People's
15 Redistricting Alliance, a coalition of 16 community-
16 based organizations established -- um, state wide and
17 local redistricting process here in Orange County.

18 I am here in support of Proposal 5 and 5A or 5B.
19 For 35 years it's been CHIRLA's mission of achieving
20 a just society fully inclusive of immigrants.
21 CHIRLA organizes individuals, communities, and
22 coalitions in order to build power, transfer public
23 opinion, and change policies.

24 Today we are here to provide feedback on Orange
25 County districts in and around Santa Ana. Immigrant

1 communities in Santa Ana, Buena Park, Fullerton, and
2 other parts of Orange County where the global
3 epicenters of COVID 19 last year with many residents
4 who could not work from home.

5 This community lacks access to healthcare and
6 affordable housing which have been further
7 exacerbated by the pandemic.

8 We support 5, 5A, 5B because they respect all
9 Latino communities not just those in Santa Ana.
10 Other maps are concerning due to the partition nature
11 which includes 2, 2A, 4, 4A, and 4B. These maps
12 leave Latinx communities in Buena Park, south
13 Fullerton, and east Garden Grove, and Tustin without
14 a voice by separating them from nearby communities
15 which they have shared interest.

16 Please support proposals 5, 5A, and 5B. Thank
17 you.

18 KAREN DIAZ: Good afternoon, Board members. My
19 name is Karen Diaz and I'm the electoral field
20 manager for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant
21 Rights, CHIRLA.

22 Our mission is to achieve a just society full
23 inconclusive for immigrants. And today we're here to
24 support maps 5, 5A, and 5B.

25 I work as a community organizer knocking on doors

1 and talking to community voters all across Orange
2 County.

3 Um, we saw the need for engaging the community in
4 helping them get out the vote, fill in the census,
5 and now we're working with them on redistricting.

6 And through that we seen that the community
7 supports map -- the maps 5A, 5B, and 5. They not
8 only draw federal voting rights acts around
9 communities of interest in Santa Ana but does so in a
10 way that ensures all Latinx communities in Orange
11 County have a voice.

12 As you deliberate on this maps, please take into
13 consideration the proportional representation of
14 immigrant communities. We have over 153,000
15 immigrants just residing in Santa Ana. That's 46
16 percent of the population.

17 These immigrant communities have a lot in common
18 with communities in south Fullerton and west Anaheim
19 and should be in the same district.

20 Our immigrants should -- our immigrant members
21 faced intimidation last year when the Trump
22 administration, um, to fill out the census which led
23 to an undercount.

24 These communities that rely so heavily on
25 solutions from the local government, um, to address

1 affordable housing, healthcare, and education are
2 relying on -- on maps that represent them.

3 Additionally, I want to address my concerns over
4 partisan maps that leave Latinx communities outside
5 of Santa Ana without a voice.

6 These proposals are 2 and 2A which isolate
7 communities in Buena Park, south Fullerton, east
8 Garden Grove, and Tustin rather than draw them
9 together with similar communities that are Latinx
10 nearby.

11 Proposals 4 and 4A, and 4B also isolate these
12 communities in east Garden Grove.

13 Please, um, ensure fair representation for the
14 Latinx communities and immigrant communities and by
15 supporting and adopting proposals 5, 5A and 5B.
16 Thank you for your time today.

17 FAEZ NOWABI: Hello, my name is Faez Nowabi and I
18 serve as the policy and advocacy manager at the
19 council on American Islamic relations office.

20 I am a resident of the City of Orange and our
21 organization predominantly serves the AMEMSA
22 community that is the Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim,
23 South Asian, and North African communities in Orange
24 County.

25 We are here as part of the People's Redistricting

1 Alliance. And I want to urge the Board of
2 Supervisors -- the Board to -- to support maps 5, 5A,
3 or 5B.

4 We find these maps are very inconclusive of all
5 of our communities of interest. This includes the
6 Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian, North
7 African communities.

8 These maps they keep Little Arabia intact. They
9 also highlight the importance of keeping Irvine a
10 predominantly immigrant community together.

11 Also our community immigrant -- community
12 immigrant and refugee communities in Garden Grove,
13 Westminster, and Santa Ana are kept together also.

14 We also want to highlight the importance of
15 making sure that the maps that we support are non-
16 partisan maps and keep in line with the
17 California's -- California Fair Maps Act.

18 Once again we urge the Board to support maps 5,
19 5A, or 5B. Thank you very much.

20 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, the next two
21 speakers request a Spanish translator. Their time
22 will be doubled to six minutes. Areseli Robles and
23 Alejandra Luciano.

24 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

25 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. Good morning.

1 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: My name is Areseli Robles.
3 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
4 THE INTERPRETER: I've been a resident of the --
5 in the City of Santa Ana for the past 20 years.
6 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: I have been working for Latino
8 (Inaudible) for the past 16 years.
9 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
10 THE INTERPRETER: Part of my job is to organize a
11 group of, um, mothers of families.
12 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
13 THE INTERPRETER: And our purpose is to
14 understand the systems.
15 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
16 THE INTERPRETER: And to participate in civic
17 events.
18 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
19 THE INTERPRETER: I thank you for taking in
20 consideration our petition.
21 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
22 THE INTERPRETER: For proposals on maps 5, 5A,
23 and 5B.
24 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
25 THE INTERPRETER: Presented by the Coalition of

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ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: We would like for you to take into consideration the most vulnerable communities.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: People with mental discapacities.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: Adult and, um, people of older ages.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: As well as juveniles and children in the City in Santa Ana.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: We support 5A -- 5, 5A, and 5B.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: Because not only they drove districts for the federal law --

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: -- these guarantees that all the communities in the Orange County --

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: -- will have a voice.

ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

THE INTERPRETER: And we could remain united.

1 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: The community where I live --
3 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
4 THE INTERPRETER: -- we cannot keep thinking as
5 we did in the past.
6 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: Before COVID.
8 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
9 THE INTERPRETER: My community --
10 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
11 THE INTERPRETER: We are essential workers.
12 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
13 THE INTERPRETER: That we showed our face in
14 effort during this pandemic.
15 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
16 THE INTERPRETER: We're putting at risk our own
17 lives.
18 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
19 THE INTERPRETER: To better the lives of all and
20 every one of you, each one of you.
21 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
22 THE INTERPRETER: As well as of this great county
23 and this great country.
24 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
25 THE INTERPRETER: We need --

1 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: -- for you to take the best
3 decision --
4 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
5 THE INTERPRETER: -- when you consider the
6 redistricting of these maps.
7 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
8 THE INTERPRETER: -- and keep in mind that we
9 are --
10 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
11 THE INTERPRETER: -- entire -- we are entire
12 families and we need --
13 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
14 THE INTERPRETER: -- to have a better quality of
15 life.
16 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
17 THE INTERPRETER: Probably in the next two,
18 three, four or five years --
19 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
20 THE INTERPRETER: -- you might not be sitting in
21 those chairs.
22 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
23 THE INTERPRETER: -- but we as a community we
24 will continue to live here.
25 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

1 THE INTERPRETER: And we need --
2 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
3 THE INTERPRETER: -- for you to leave a legacy.
4 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
5 THE INTERPRETER: And you can make some history.
6 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: To --
8 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
9 THE INTERPRETER: -- to represent and to leave a
10 community that is well represented.
11 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
12 THE INTERPRETER: And with all the resources that
13 we need.
14 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
15 THE INTERPRETER: We do not wish for the City of
16 Santa Ana --
17 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
18 THE INTERPRETER: -- continue to be --
19 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
20 THE INTERPRETER: -- like a city that is not
21 respected.
22 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
23 THE INTERPRETER: And we are looked often as the
24 last city in the county.
25 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

1 THE INTERPRETER: I ask my representative in
2 District 1 --
3 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
4 THE INTERPRETER: -- to represent us in a
5 dignity --
6 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: -- with dignity and equality.
8 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
9 THE INTERPRETER: This is the time --
10 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
11 THE INTERPRETER: -- for all the people that came
12 here today to make our opinion.
13 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
14 THE INTERPRETER: And we wish --
15 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
16 THE INTERPRETER: -- that our petitions are
17 heard.
18 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
19 THE INTERPRETER: Because we are the ones that
20 live here day after day.
21 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
22 THE INTERPRETER: I thank you for your time.
23 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)
24 THE INTERPRETER: And I hope that God gives you -
25 - shows you the light for you guys to do something

1 historical in Santa Ana.

2 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

3 THE INTERPRETER: And that my next comment --

4 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

5 THE INTERPRETER: -- will be to celebrate --

6 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

7 THE INTERPRETER: -- that you guys have taken the

8 best decision.

9 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

10 THE INTERPRETER: And that you guys are sitting

11 in that position --

12 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

13 THE INTERPRETER: -- representing people --

14 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken).

15 THE INTERPRETER: -- for which you swore.

16 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

17 THE INTERPRETER: -- support -- to support.

18 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

19 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

20 ARESELI ROBLES: (Spanish spoken)

21 THE INTERPRETER: Have a great day.

22 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)

23 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, good morning.

24 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)

25 THE INTERPRETER: My name is Alejandra.

1 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: I'm a resident of Orange
3 County.
4 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
5 THE INTERPRETER: I'm a resident of Santa Ana.
6 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: I belong to the group of women
8 for Latino (Inaudible).
9 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
10 THE INTERPRETER: And I am here --
11 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
12 THE INTERPRETER: -- to support --
13 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
14 THE INTERPRETER: -- proposals --
15 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken).
16 THE INTERPRETER: -- A --
17 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
18 THE INTERPRETER: -- 5 --
19 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
20 THE INTERPRETER: -- 5, 5A, and 5B.
21 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
22 THE INTERPRETER: -- because --
23 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
24 THE INTERPRETER: Not only do they draw or they
25 paint federal districts --

1 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
2 THE INTERPRETER: -- for the electoral rights --
3 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
4 THE INTERPRETER: -- around the community -- the
5 Latin community --
6 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: -- and Orange County --
8 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
9 THE INTERPRETER: Please have the voice.
10 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
11 THE INTERPRETER: Because it's important.
12 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
13 THE INTERPRETER: To have a voice in the Latin
14 community --
15 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
16 THE INTERPRETER: -- and to keep the community
17 united --
18 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
19 THE INTERPRETER: -- to have accessible living --
20 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
21 THE INTERPRETER: -- to have the same
22 resources --
23 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
24 THE INTERPRETER: -- that other cities --
25 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)

1 THE INTERPRETER: And to have a voice --
2 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
3 THE INTERPRETER: -- in the county decisions.
4 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
5 THE INTERPRETER: -- and to have --
6 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
7 THE INTERPRETER: -- and to not be affected as
8 residents.
9 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
10 THE INTERPRETER: -- and we are contributing
11 working people --
12 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
13 THE INTERPRETER: -- for the taxes and to have a
14 guarantee --
15 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
16 THE INTERPRETER: -- just fair representation --
17 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
18 THE INTERPRETER: -- and to support Proposal --
19 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
20 THE INTERPRETER: -- 5 --
21 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
22 THE INTERPRETER: -- 5A --
23 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)
24 THE INTERPRETER: -- and 5B.
25 ALEJANDRA: (Spanish spoken)

1 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

2 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, the timer will
3 be reset to three minutes.

4 ANNA CHARCO: Let me turn this on. Ready, set,
5 go.

6 Hello, my name is Anna Charco. I am here on
7 behalf of Latino Health Access. Latino Health Access
8 have been probably working alongside, um, the
9 community residents for over 27 years providing
10 services that address immediate health needs while
11 providing information and facilitating opportunities
12 to increase civic participation and impact policies
13 that will help the social determinants they
14 experience.

15 I first want to thank you for your time and hard
16 work and dedication for your listening to our
17 testimonies and we are very appreciative of the -- of
18 your commitment to acknowledging our input.

19 I am here to support the Proposal 5, 5A, or 5B
20 which are supported by the supported by the People's
21 Redistricting Alliance map.

22 As you know Santa Ana is home to the largest and
23 most (Inaudible) Latinx community in Orange County.
24 And it is a major force contributing to and reshaping
25 the economic, social and cultural fabric of our

1 county.

2 All in all, we support 5, 5A, and 5B because it
3 respects the communities of interest in Santa Ana
4 which have not been taken into consideration in the
5 previous years.

6 Santa Ana is primarily composed of low-income and
7 mixed immigration status Latinx families. They are
8 extremely hard working families with many employed in
9 essential jobs that unfortunately often overlooked
10 and underpaid. This makes affordable housing
11 difficult as more than 80 percent of residents in
12 Santa Ana are tented -- are tenants spending the
13 majority of the incomes on rent.

14 Yet they share a strong sense of community with a
15 large number of community organizations and resident-
16 led groups that have come together over the years to
17 promote the Latinx culture.

18 Therefore, we strongly believe the redistricting
19 process should not center around, um, partisanship
20 but should center around communities of interest
21 based on the Fair Maps Act.

22 All in all, we support the adaptation of 5, 5A,
23 or 5B because not only do they draw Federal Voting
24 Rights Act district around communities of interest in
25 Santa Ana but they also do so in a way that ensures

1 Latinx communities in Orange County have a voice, are
2 accurately represented, and are toply captured.
3 Thank you and have a great day.

4 MELANI DEFEFETA: Malo e lelei. Greetings. My
5 name is Melani Defefeta, I am a resident of
6 Huntington Beach and I am with Pacific Islander
7 Health Partnership a non-profit organization based in
8 Garden Grove. Our organization has served the native
9 Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities by working
10 closely with Asian American non-profit organizations
11 to serve low-income communities through patient
12 navigation and programs to reduce health disparities
13 in native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders residing in
14 Southern California.

15 I'm here in support of proposals 5, 5A, or 5B.
16 We support 5, 5A, or 5B because they respect all
17 Asian American, native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander
18 communities including Vietnamese Americans in Garden
19 Grove and Westminster, native Hawaiians and Pacific
20 Islanders in Garden Grove and Westminster, Korean
21 Americans in Buena Park and Fullerton and diverse
22 Asian American populations in Irvine.

23 The partisan maps are concerning because those
24 maps make it harder for us to serve our native
25 Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities by

1 providing health access and resources to them.

2 To guaranty fair representation for all Asian
3 American, native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders,
4 please support proposals 5, 5A or 5B. Thank you for
5 your time.

6 EUSENIA TALMIRANO: Good afternoon Board members,
7 my name is Eusenia Talmirano and I'm the Orange
8 County organizer for the Coalition for Humane
9 Immigrants Rights also known as CHIRLA.

10 I have been a resident of Anaheim, the city of
11 Anaheim for over 30 years. And I'm here in support
12 of proposals 5, 5A, or 5B.

13 As an Anaheim resident working throughout Orange
14 County I've noticed the imbalance of resources not
15 only in education and in healthcare but we also lack,
16 um, imbalances within our low-income communities
17 where they lack access to higher quality education,
18 low-income clinics, and language assistance.

19 We're also lacking community classes to help low-
20 income community families not only thrive
21 economically but thrive physically and emotionally as
22 they feel safe in the welcoming community.

23 I'm here to express concern over partisan maps
24 that leave Latinx communities without representation.
25 I urge the Board to adopt map -- Map 5, 5A, or 5B to

1 give our communities an opportunity to thrive.

2 Thank you for your time and consideration.

3 KAYLA VILLEGAS: Hello, good afternoon, my name
4 is Kayla Villegas. I am the lead organizer for
5 Orange County Environmental Justice. We are part of
6 the People's Redistricting Alliance.

7 As an environmental justice org we are explicitly
8 concerned about the maps proposed and how they break
9 up environmental justice communities throughout
10 Orange County.

11 These configurations break up the influence of
12 environmental justice concerns in south Fullerton,
13 west Anaheim, and even some of the environmental
14 justice interests in Irvine near the airport.

15 In any case, our communities across the county
16 are heavily impacted by housing, insecurity rent,
17 police brutality, and health concerns from soil led,
18 poisoning our kids, um, and water quality poisoning
19 our families or air quality impacting our work place.
20 This needs to stop and we need to have adequate
21 representation which leads to our concerns over the
22 proposed and altered maps. These partisan maps are
23 breaking our communities and breaking the law for all
24 of the reasons mentioned by the ACLU.

25 Please comply with federal and state laws and

1 follow the community's maps 5, 5A, or 5B. These are
2 the only maps that preserve our communities. Thank
3 you.

4 ELIZABETH: Good afternoon, my name is Elizabeth,
5 and I'm with Orange County Environmental Justice. We
6 are part of the People's Redistricting Alliance. And
7 as an environmental justice organization we are
8 explicitly concerned about the maps proposed and how
9 they break up environmental justice communities
10 throughout Orange County.

11 These configurations break up the influence of
12 environmental justice concerns in south Fullerton,
13 west Anaheim, and even some of the environmental
14 justice interests in Irvine at the airport.

15 In any case, our communities across the county
16 are heavily impacted by housing and security, police
17 brutality and health concerns from soil, led
18 poisoning our kids, water quality poisoning our
19 families or air quality impacting our work place.
20 This needs to stop and we need to have adequate
21 representation which leads us to our concern over the
22 proposed and altered maps. These partisan maps are
23 breaking our communities and breaking the law for all
24 the reasons mentioned by the ACLU.

25 Please comply with federal -- federal and state

1 laws and follow -- follow the community maps 5, 5A,
2 or 5B. These are the only maps that preserve our
3 communities.

4 And I know that you might have been hearing this
5 multiple times, um, during the public comment but
6 it's just really important that our message gets
7 across to you guys and as representatives of our --
8 of us as elected officials, um, who we put there, it
9 is, um, not only in our best interest but in your
10 best interest to truly hear the community's concerns
11 and needs. Thank you.

12 CLERK OF THE BOARD: Mr. Chairman, our last
13 speaker is Zachary Gricky, and then County Counsel
14 has two comments to read into the record.

15 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you.

16 ALEJANDRA: Yes. My name Zachary Gricky and I'm
17 a political science student at UC Irvine. I
18 represent over 6000 students in the UCI undergraduate
19 student senate.

20 I'm here to today speak about UCI's political
21 representation in -- over the next 10 years if these
22 maps get adopted. I'd like to voice my support for
23 maps 5 and 5A as I believe these maps best represent
24 my classmates by keeping the city of Irvine together,
25 keeping our off-campus student populations together

1 and keeping UC Irvine and Irvine Valley College
2 united in one single district.

3 I hope the Board will adopt one of these maps as
4 the final map. UCI student are united by shared
5 customs and issues like a lack of affordable housing
6 near campus. And UCI students are not just clustered
7 around the main campus. We have students that live
8 off campus in central Irvine neighbors like
9 Woodbridge, the Irvine Business Complex in Irvine
10 Spectrum because they cannot afford to live near
11 campus where rents can be as high as three and a half
12 thousand dollars a month.

13 My student senate colleagues and I voted
14 unanimously to endorse maps 5 and 5A because they
15 keep Irvine whole which better keeps UCI students
16 together in a single district.

17 I also want to express my and my classmates'
18 opposition to a handful of maps that I believe will
19 divide UCI students off campus population.
20 Specifically I want to express my opposition to maps
21 2, 5A1 and 5B1 because these maps divide Irvine at
22 the 405 which I cannot reiterate enough is a
23 terrible, terrible way to divide Irvine.

24 If these maps were adopted, they would draw many
25 of UCI's off-campus students into an entirely

1 separate district from their on-campus classmates.

2 Using the 405 as a dividing line also separates
3 Irvine Valley College from the -- from the UCI main
4 campus which also dilutes the Irvine College
5 students' ability to influence their elected
6 officials.

7 These maps are the wrong way to divide Irvine.
8 And I hope that the Board will reject any map that
9 would divide Irvine along the 405.

10 If you must divide Irvine, please do it at or
11 north of the 5 like map 5B does.

12 I hope that the Board will consider our feedback
13 and adopt a map that is truly representative of all
14 Irvine and its college students. Please adopt either
15 Map 5, 5A, or if you have to, I can stomach 5B.

16 Thank you very much for your time and I hope you
17 all have a great day. Thank you so much for your
18 leadership on this. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you. County Counsel, please
20 go ahead.

21 COUNTY COUNSEL PAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
22 Felicity Figueroa of Irvine writes, "The People's
23 redistricting Alliance of Orange County, the PRA, is
24 a multi-racial coalition of a community-based
25 organization and residence. They've drawn a

1 redistricting map that centers the lived experiences
2 and priorities and needs of our most vulnerable
3 communities those that have been historically
4 marginalized by local government.

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

12 This map will correct the problems for the
13 current configuration while complying with legal
14 requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Fair Maps
15 Act.

16 The current map configuration has disenfranchised
17 communities of color by prioritizing the interest of
18 one political party over all the rest. The PRA map
19 is very similar to Proposal 5 which is why I strongly
20 support Proposal 5 and could support Proposal 5A.

21 While the other proposals unnecessarily split up
22 many communities of interest, proposals 5 and 5A are
23 the only maps that have made communities of interest
24 the top priority when drawing lines and taking in the
25 important testimonies of residents from communities

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that have been historically marginalized by the county.

For this reason I urge you to adopt Proposal 5 or 5A."

And Naz Hamid of Irvine writes, "As a resident of Irvine I would like to voice my opposition to proposed Map 4C1. I believe this map violates the California Fair Maps Act and politically targeting a sitting candidate.

This map also dilutes the AAPI and Latino representation much more than other maps.

Lastly this map unnecessarily splits 14 cities among different supervisor districts and I believe that were where possible cities should be in the same supervisor district.

I strongly support Map 5 and strongly oppose Map 4C1." That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DO: Thank you. I will close the public hearing at this time.

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