



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 743
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

3:30 PM

Present: Chair Pedersen, Vice Chair Holoman, Commissioner Andrade, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Ollague, Commissioner Choi, Commissioner Escandon, Commissioner Friedman, Commissioner Acebo, Commissioner Hollister, Commissioner Hatanaka, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Hoffenblum, Commissioner Sun and Commissioner Mejia

Excused: Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Napolitano and Commissioner Tse

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Call to Order by Chair Pedersen. (11-1242)

Chair Pedersen called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2011. (11-1220)

Commissioner Reyes requested that the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting be amended to include a more descriptive account of public comments. Commissioner Reyes also requested that moving forward, public comment descriptions in the minutes should be more detailed.

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Hoffenblum, unanimously carried, the minutes of March 2, 2011 meeting were approved as amended to include a more detailed account of Public Comments.

3. Procedural Matters.
Discussion of meeting protocols, including members/alternate duties, speaker sign-in forms, and duration of public comments. (11-1222)

Chair Pedersen addressed the following procedural matters and meeting protocols:

Members/Alternates Duties:

- **Alternate Committee members may actively participate and discuss items on the agenda.**
- **Alternates may not make motions, second motions or vote on items, unless they are acting in the absence of a regular member.**

Procedural Matters:

- **Committee members shall provide notification of their absences and should advise the Chair which alternate will be voting in their place.**
- **Members of the public are requested to complete sign-in forms to address the Committee.**
- **The time period for Public Comment and addressing other matters on the agenda will be 3 minutes for members of the public to address the Committee.**

After discussion, Angie Montes, Chief of Commission Services informed the Committee that Commission Services staff will be conducting quorum calls for future meetings and notifying the Chair of a quorum.

On motion of Chair Pedersen, by Comment Consent, there being no objection, the Committee approved a time period for Public Comment allowing up to 3 minutes for the members of the public to address the Committee.

- 4. Report on Release of Unadjusted Data as Official PL 94-171 Redistricting Data. The Census Bureau released census data for the State of California at the census tract level on March 8, 2011. A report on the initial analysis of what this data indicates will be given. (11-1225)**

Frank Cheng, Manager, Chief Executive Office, made a presentation on the Release of Unadjusted Data as Official PL 94-171 Redistricting Data.

The Census Bureau Data released on March 8, 2011 reveals:

- **The State of California's population is approximately 37.2 million people.**
- **There were population changes from 2000-2010 by race/ethnicity on a Statewide basis.**
- **The current population in Los Angeles County is 9,818,605.**
- **The voting age population is about 75 percent of the total population based on the 2010 Census Data.**

Mr. Cheng further discussed:

- The total population per Supervisory District in the County of Los Angeles, and the breakdown by race/ethnicity.
- The ideal population per Supervisory District, which is calculated by taking the current population in LA County divided by five is 1,963,721.

- The following are the deviation of current population versus ideal population by District:

First District -3.60%
Second District -0.95%
Third District +0.42%
Fourth District -2.23%
Fifth District +6.37%

John Hedderson, consultant, discussed the eight Department of Justice (DOJ) race/ethnicity categories, and reported the following:

Beginning in 2000, persons were able to check more than one race/ethnicity on the Census form, which led to over 100 different race/ethnicity combinations. Thereafter, the DOJ recommended a set of standard race categories and aggregated them into smaller, more manageable categories. This is the standard that has been used in previous redistricting efforts and it is recommended that the same categories be used in the current redistricting project.

Commissioner Reyes requested the deviation per district from the 2000 Census, and possibly a map with each Supervisory District represented by a different color. Commissioner Reyes noted that seeing the population changes from 2000 to the present would be useful.

Commissioners Acebo and Ollague agreed that the historical data on population changes from 2000 to the present would be helpful.

Mr. Cheng stated that reports from 2000 containing deviation per District information were distributed to the BRC members at the last meeting.

Martin Zimmerman from the Chief Executive Office, stated that staff will report back to the Committee with data regarding ethnic changes in population from 2000 to 2010, and what the deviations were ten years ago.

Allan Clayton, a member of the public, addressed the Committee regarding the issue of deviation. He commented that he was part of four major redistricting efforts which have taken place in Los Angeles County (Board of Supervisors, Local Agency Formation Commission, City Council and City Council School District). Mr. Clayton stated that the Committee should consider that deviations over ten percent may be considered suspect and deviations under ten percent may be considered a safe harbor, and keeping cities and communities together gives the Committee more options. He also stated that the Committee should look at citizen voting age population and registered voters, and Spanish surname data.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

- 5. Review and Approval of Data to be Used and Reports to be generated**
Staff will discuss and recommend for approval by the BRC, the following items:
- a. Data to be used in Redistricting Database
 - b. Format of Reports on Proposed Plans

Staff will provide the data categories that will be included in this year's redistricting data set and the format and content of the analytical reports that will be generated for the Benchmark Plan (current boundaries) and each proposed plan submitted during the redistricting process. Information regarding prior data and reports from the County's 2001 redistricting process will be provided as well. (11-1226)

Frank Cheng, Manager, Chief Executive Office presented and responded to questions. In addition, Martin Zimmerman, Chief Executive Office, John Hedderson, consultant, Kenneth Bennett, representing the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and Nick Franchino, representing the Regional Planning Department, responded to questions:

- a. **Data to be used for the 2011 Decennial Redistricting of Los Angeles County.**
 1. **2010 Census PL94 Redistricting Data**
 2. **Data Analysis from PL94**
 3. **Election Data from Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (Primary, General, and Presidential Elections)**
 4. **Election Data Analysis**
 5. **Socio-Economic Data Analysis**
 - **Household Income by Census Tract**
 - **Self-Reported Value of Homes by Census Tract**
 - **Homeowners/Renters by Census Track**

Commissioner Reyes asked what the criteria was for selecting the election data results listed in Tab 7. Commissioner Hoffenblum also commented that he was concerned about whether certain proposition's election results for propositions were included over others.

Kenneth Bennett, responded to questions related to the Elections and Propositions data, and noted that the election data results were recommended by consultant David Ely, who was not here today, but could answer questions at a later date.

Nancy Takade, County Counsel, informed the Committee that what has been presented are the basic data sets for use in redistricting. If there are special requests or other election results the Committee would like to consider, they could propose additional data sets. However, limitations include time constraints to convert the data into a format that we are using.

A question was also raised as to whether citizenship data will be included. John Hedderson indicated it would be.

Nancy Takade responded to Chair Pedersen's inquiry relating to a timeline to revise or add additional data.

Discussion was held regarding the use of election data associated with the City of Los Angeles; and the use of reference layer data, such as Congressional Districts, School Districts, Communities and Unincorporated areas. In response, Martin Zimmerman stated that a separate report on reference layers will be produced and provided to the Committee.

Frank Cheng, Manager, Chief Executive Office and John Hedderson, also presented information on the following:

- b. Format of Reports on Proposed Data Plans**
 - Benchmark Report
 - Proposed Plan Report

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Acebo, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the reports as a basic set subject to modification or correction by the Committee; and continued 5(a) to the meeting of March 30, 2011 for further discussion and follow up.

6. Status of Redistricting Software.

An update will be provided regarding the status of the free redistricting software, ESRI, and when it will be made available to the public. (11-1227)

Mark Greninger, Senior Associate for the Chief Information Office (CIO) made a verbal presentation on the Redistricting Software.

- **Contract is in place with ESRI.**
- **The Working Group is moving forward with putting the data on the website.**
- **Upon finalization by the Committee, the data sets will be uploaded into the application.**
- **The CIO is coordinating with the Board Offices to finalize the Redistricting Units and community names.**
- **April 15, 2011 is the proposed launch date for the Redistricting tools.**

Commissioner Holoman inquired regarding the Committee's access to the redistricting tools on the website prior to it being released to the public. The Chair recommended that those Commissioners who would like a demo, to contact their appointing district and coordinate the demo through the District Office.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the status report was received and filed.

7. Status of Website.

An update regarding the status, content, and public launch date of the County's redistricting website will be provided. Staff will also identify language access efforts undertaken pursuant to the Committee's request. (11-1228)

Martin Zimmerman, Chief Executive Office, made a verbal presentation on the status of the Redistricting Website.

- **"Soft-launch" was on March 11, 2011 to work out any issues.**
- **Issuance of a Press Release announcing the Redistricting Website's availability.**
- **A language accessibility feature is available on the website.**

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the status report was received and filed.

8. Report Back on Legal Issues.
County Counsel will discuss the interplay between the Los Angeles County Charter and the 14th Amendment, Voting Rights Act and California Elections Code. (11-1229)

Nancy Takade, County Counsel, made a verbal presentation.

Ms. Takade discussed that it was difficult at this early juncture in the redistricting process to isolate out one provision as being more important than any other provision. In the redistricting process, the Committee will consider the totality of circumstances, and consider a number of factors, including the 14th Amendment, the Voting Rights Act, and the County Charter Provisions. The California Constitution allows for a county charter, and as a County, we follow our County Charter provisions. As part of the redistricting process, the Committee may consider social policies established by the people of California, in conjunction with the requirements set forth in the California Constitution, the California Elections Code, the County Charter, what is required and needed under the 14th Amendment and the Voting Rights Act, and balance those requirements with community input that is received during the process, as well as with other social and political considerations.

Alan Clayton, addressed the Committee and asked that the Committee consider specifically Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the United States Constitution, look at the issues of traditional redistricting, and that the incumbents should not be protected at the expense of the minority community.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Items not posted on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee. (11-1230)

Martin Zimmerman announced the Redistricting Website address, as follows: <http://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-1231)

Allan Clayton commented on one of the things that was helpful during the last Redistricting process was the creation of defined map areas that were not included in the census data such as East Whittier, West Whittier, East Los Angeles, Islands in certain areas, and if the County could provide that information again that would be helpful. Mr. Clayton also inquired as to how long persons would have to create a map.

The Chief Executive Office indicated that a list of these areas would be available and that persons would have approximately a month and a half to create and submit a map.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of March 16, 2011. (11-1233)

By Common consent, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.