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## COMMISSIONERS APPROVED FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

LOS ANGELES – After a lengthy selection process, the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) finalized the names of the 14 Commissioners who will be responsible for adjusting the district boundaries for electing the Board of Supervisors, based on the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau data.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk received 741 applications by September 8, 2020 and narrowed the applicants to a pool of 60 most qualified names. The Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller conducted a random drawing at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on November 24, 2020, selecting 1 Commissioner from each of the 5 existing Supervisorial Districts and 3 Commissioners randomly drawn from the remaining 55 applicants. The 8 randomly selected Commissioners met between December 14 and December 28, 2020, to select the final 6 Commissioners from the remaining 52 qualified applicants. The 2021 CRC Commissioners are:

Commissioners	Supervisorial District	Los Angeles County Residency
Apolonio Morales	4	Whittier
Brian Stecher	3	Santa Monica
Carolyn Williams	2	Hawthorne
Daniel Mayeda	2	Culver City
David Holtzman	5	Burbank
Doreena Wong	3	Los Angeles
Hailes Soto	4	Downey
Jean Franklin	2	Long Beach
John Vento	5	Palmdale
Mark Mendoza	5	La Verne
Nelson Obregon	1	Los Angeles
Priscilla Segura	1	Los Angeles



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Commissioners	Supervisorial District	Los Angeles County Residency
Priya Sridharan	5	South Pasadena
Saira Soto	1	Los Angeles

The Commissioners reflect the County's diversity:

- 8 Democrats, 2 Republicans, and 4 who are either No Party Preference or affiliated with other political parties
- 6 females and 8 males
- Age ranges between 31 and 73
- 6 Latino/Latina, 3 Asian, 3 White, and 2 Black representatives
- Geographic representation

The CRC is unlike past practices when the Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory Boundary Redistricting Committee to study proposed changes to the boundaries and could make revisions before adopting the final redistricted boundaries.

Today, the CRC is <u>independent</u> of the Board of Supervisors as a result of the California Legislature Senate Bill 958, which passed in 2016. The CRC's redistricting efforts follow the Federal Decennial Census and must be completed by December 15, 2021. This redistricting can shape a community's ability to elect the representative of their choice and to:

- Rebalance district populations so they are reasonably equal in population
- Meet the constitutional principal of "one person, one vote"
- Ensure districts are geographically contiguous, taking into account topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, and community of interest of the Supervisorial Districts

During this next year, the CRC will be conducting a series of public hearings and meetings to solicit community input regarding future supervisorial district boundaries.

The assigned CRC staff are Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., of KH Consulting Group in Los Angeles, and Independent Legal Counsel, Holly O. Whatley, Esq. of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC, in Pasadena.

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