



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC) CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – February 10, 7:00 pm VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Thai V. Le, KH Consulting Group (KH) staff for the County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC), took roll call with the following Commissioners present:

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Excused	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Excused ¹	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made, and the Agenda was approved.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin		
Outcome:	Approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan

¹ Arrived at 8:20 p.m.





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Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Excused	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Excused	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

4. PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL

This is the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to state law, the Commission may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

Public written comment: An email from VICA and a written letter from a coalition focused on Los Angeles County redistricting were submitted and posted prior to the meeting.

Public speaker comment: There were two public oral comments on Agenda Item #4. Please refer to the meeting recording for specifics:

- Karen Diaz, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), spoke on the importance of LA County CRC’s independence and selection of a demographer.
- Kiyana Asemanfar, Common Cause LA, spoke on the importance of LA County CRC’s independence, selection of the “line drawer,” public outreach and community engagement, and commissioner training.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the LA County CRC Executive Director to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a Commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

The Commissioners discussed the minutes for the January 27, 2021, LA County CRC meeting. Commissioner Holtzman requested that the nature of the oral public comments be briefly cited in the minutes and that the language to his proposed additional items cited under “Item 7: Future Agenda Items” be modified. The Commissioners made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021, minutes with Commissioner Holtzman’s modifications.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Outcome:	Approved

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Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Excused	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Excused	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6a. Appointment of Ad Hoc Working Groups – Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., LA County CRC Executive Director, presented an overview of the proposed ad hoc working groups.

Public speaker comment. There were no public comments on this Agenda item.

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners discussed and made some modifications. Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda announced which Commissioners would lead each ad hoc working group. The ad hoc working groups include:

Proposed Ad Hoc Working Group	Proposed Members
Public Outreach	Commissioner Apolonio Morales, Leader Commissioner Doreena Wong Commissioner Hailes Soto Commissioner Jean Franklin Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura Commissioner Saira Soto
Redistricting Mapping Tools & Demography	Commissioner Priya Sridharan, Leader Commissioner Brian Stecher Commissioner David Holtzman Commissioner Doreena Wong Commissioner Nelson Obregon
Subject Matter Experts/ LA County CRC Education	Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader Commissioner John Vento





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Proposed Ad Hoc Working Group

Proposed Members

Values

Commissioner John Vento, Leader

Commissioner Mark Mendoza

Commissioner Apolonio Morales

Commissioner Carolyn Williams

Legislature and Updates on Other
Redistricting Commissions

Commissioner David Holtzman, Leader

Commissioner Brian Stecher

6b. Receive and Consider Approval of Public Outreach Plan – Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, introduced Carlos De Alba, Marketing, Media, and Outreach Consultant, who will serve as staff during the implementation of the Public Outreach Plan. She thanked the ad hoc working group on public outreach for their input and gave a brief overview of the proposed outreach strategy. The outreach strategy builds on the identified organizations and their networks involved in Census 2020 and expands that network to include other organizations, such as churches and religious and other organizations that had not been as fully engaged in the Census efforts. As the public outreach efforts are launched, the organizations involved will likely expand.

Public speaker comment. Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project CA, submitted a written public comment, which Thai V. Le read aloud for the Commission: *“Redistricting is important to low-income communities of color that have been left out of processes designed for them. These disenfranchised communities include folks like me – an immigrant, a nonvoter – who care deeply about our democracy but will not appear on the RR/CC voter files. All of our communities should be included in the outreach for a process designed to draw lines that will affect THEM. The 2020 Census campaign in LA County was a GRASSROOTS campaign not led by the BOS. This was a people led campaign. We hope to see that same spirit of collaboration for the redistricting process for L.A. County.”*

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners discussed the outreach strategy as further input to the ad hoc working group on public outreach. The ad hoc working group will meet and refine the Public Outreach Plan further for consideration at the next LA County CRC regular meeting. Commissioner Hailes Soto indicated that he had prepared a list of the ideas that the Commissioners had raised for the ad hoc working group.





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6c. Overview and Soft Launch of the Website – Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, walked the Commissioners through the LA County CRC website: redistricting.lacounty.gov She described the soft launch because the website is a “work-in-progress;” additional elements will be added as approved (e.g., Bylaws, Public Outreach Plan) or available (mapping tools). The larger launch of the website will occur once the LA County CRC approve the Public Outreach Plan and the outreach is expanded, particularly in soliciting participation in the proposed workshops and public hearings.

Written public comment. Kiyana Asemanfar, Common Cause LA, provided this written comment through Q&A: *“Thank you so much to the County staff who created this website. I wanted to share that ensuring that CRC materials are easily accessible is important - labeling each document separately under the meeting, instead of including all supporting materials in one large PDF, will help members of the public access and review important commission documents. Ensuring that language translations of the website are available is also very important – I would suggest consulting with community groups to make sure the translated website materials are accessible and clear to limited English proficient voters. Lastly, not everyone who signed up for notices has been receiving meeting notices through the listserv, and the notices have also arrived from various email addresses and names. Ensuring that the list serve notices are working correctly is critically important so the public can fully rely on the email notifications to be notified about CRC meetings and activity.”*

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners discussed the website and agreed to submit proposed modifications to the LA County CRC Executive Director.

6d. Overview of Public Records Act (PRA) – Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Holly O. Whatley, Esq., LA County CRC Independent Legal Counsel, conducted training for the Commissioners on the Public Records Act (PRA).

Public speaker comment. There were no public comments on this Agenda item.

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

6e. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Bylaws (continuation) – Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda and Holly O. Whatley, Esq., LA County CRC Independent Legal Counsel

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda explained that an ad hoc working group of Commissioners Holtzman, Stecher, and himself met with Holly Whatley, Esq., LA County CRC Independent Legal Counsel, to develop a consolidated





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set of draft Bylaws. Holly Whatley presented an overview of the key areas that required Commissioner review and consideration.

Public speaker comments. Two members of the public spoke:

- Julia A. Gomez, ACLU SoCal, made two suggestions:
 - Draft Bylaws Section 6.01. She suggested the LA County CRC extend the number of days to 7 to 14 days notification for meetings.
 - Draft Bylaws Section 4.08(c)(2). She suggested language to be added at the end of this section of the draft Bylaws: *“Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting a Commissioner from communicating outside of a public meeting with a member of the public, an organization, or an interest group regarding best practices, accessibility, education, and outreach.”*
- Kiyana Asemanfar, Common Cause LA, agreed that the Commissioners should limit conversations outside of public meetings to educating the public (and not about line drawing). She supported Julia Gomez’s suggested language change to the draft Bylaws and emphasized the importance of Commissioners’ communications for education and outreach purposes.

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners discussed the latest draft Bylaws for further clarification. To give the Commissioners and the public ample time to review, analyze, and comment on the draft Bylaws before final votes to approve the Bylaws, this item will be continued at the next LA County CRC regular meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Morales suggested that it would be useful for Commissioners to get to know grassroots groups by setting aside 5-minutes of the meetings for these groups to make presentations.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough did not have any further matters to report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Mayeda
Motion Seconded:	Co-Chair Williams





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The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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