



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – February 24, 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 7:03 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	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.





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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: Two written letters received and posted on the CRC website prior to the meeting:

- A written letter from a coalition focused on Los Angeles County redistricting
- A written letter from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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

- Julia A. Gomez, ACLU SoCal, regarding official selection of Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough as the CRC Executive Director and the sharing of Commissioner email addresses
- Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project CA, regarding the desire for more than 7 public hearings

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 February 10, 2021, LA County CRC meeting. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

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
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

The Commissioners asked for clarification on certain sections of the Bylaws.

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

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners requested greater clarification in the Bylaws regarding the drawing or redrawing of lines (Section 3.05) and communications (Section 4.08, subd. (c)(1)-(3)) and fine-tuned the language. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Bylaws with changes to Section 3.05 and Section 4.08, subd. (c)(1)-(3). An amended motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Bylaws as originally moved except for a proposed change to language in Section 4.08, subd. (c)(3). The amended motion was approved.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Amendment Made:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Amendment Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Outcome:	Approved

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6b. Receive Report on LA County CRC Budget – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

Lorayne Lingat, County of Los Angeles Executive Office, and County Program Manager assigned to the LA County CRC, presented an overview of the CRC budget and the selection process for retaining Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., President, KH Consulting Group as LA County CRC Executive Director.

Ms. Lingat agreed to share the Statement of Work for the CRC Executive Director position that was prepared to solicit bid responses and the contract the County entered into with KH Consulting Group to retain its services.





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Dr. Kraetsch Hartsough shared the presentation she had given before the County’s selection panel, which provided an overview of KH Consulting Group and her background.

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

6c. Receive and Consider Approval of Public Outreach Plan (continuation) – Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Commissioner Apolonio Morales, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Outreach, and Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, presented the Public Outreach Plan, including a language modification to the mapping criteria on page 22.

Public speaker comment. There were three public speakers:

- Julia A. Gomez, ACLU SoCal, referenced the public written letter submitted by the Los Angeles County Redistricting Coalition to ensure outreach to immigrant communities, and not just voters, are included in the outreach
- Kiyana Asemanfar, California Common Cause, emphasized the importance of Commissioner training in community engagement
- Erika Schwerdt, Strength Based Community Change (SBCC) in the Antelope Valley shared that SBCC is community based and had been actively involved in 2020 Census

Commissioner discussions. The Commissioners discussed the Public Outreach Plan, including its timing and impact, given the extension of delivery of the Census 2020 data. A motion was made to approve the Public Outreach Plan with the new criteria language on page 22. The motion was approved.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Outcome:	Approved

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Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, indicated that the next step would be to develop a PowerPoint presentation for use in public outreach. Co-Chair Carolyn Williams indicated that she has already been approached to make a presentation on the CRC but that the request has been postponed.

6d. Updates from Other Ad Hoc Working Groups – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

6d.i – Commissioner Priya Sridharan, Leader, Redistricting Mapping & Demography

This Ad Hoc Working Group will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021, to focus on preparing a Statement of Work and defining a selection process for retaining a demographer for the CRC.

6d.ii – Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Subject Matter Experts/LA County CRC Education

Commissioner Mendoza presented the Commissioner Educational Plan, including proposed topics and speakers and recommended that the first speakers be Justin Levitt, Esq., Loyola Marymount University Law School, on March 10, 2021, and Kathay Feng, Common Cause on March 24, 2021.

The Commissioners agreed to these speakers. The Co-Chairs requested that the Ad Hoc Working Group – Education develop a proposed honorarium or fee schedule for speakers.

6d.iii – Commissioner John Vento, Leader, Values

Commissioner Vento presented the draft values that his Ad Hoc Working Group had developed. The Commissioners discussed the draft values and suggested the consideration of such values as independence, equity for the hardest to reach, and “to serve.” The Ad Hoc Working Group – Values will return with a revised list of draft values.

6d.iv – Commissioner David Holtzman, Leader, Legislature and Updates on Other Redistricting Commissions

Commissioner Holtzman shared his observations of the San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) meetings. He had prepared a comparison of the statutory requirements of the San Diego IRC with the LA County CRC. He said he would report back on a potential new California Senate Bill that might be relevant to redistricting deadlines.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Holtzman suggested that the Commissioners discuss how substantially they want to redraw the supervisorial district boundaries – what he described as the “Zev Yaroslavsky” approach.





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8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough indicated that: 1) KH is working developing a toolkit for Commissioners to use during public outreach presentations, 2) the posting schedule of the Agenda and supplemental materials on the CRC website, and 3) the need to update the Calendar for the Year, given the new target date of September 30, 2021, for Census 2020 data.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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