



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)  
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – March 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 7:04 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	No <sup>1</sup>	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair 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	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

Co-Chair Williams announced that Thai V. Le will serve as the Clerk for the LA County CRC.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

<sup>1</sup> Arrived late





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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 speaker comment:** No public oral comments were made.

**Public written comment:** No written letters were received.

## 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 24, 2021, LA County CRC meeting. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes. Thai V. Le, the Clerk, indicated that he will call roll call in a rotating alphabetically order of the Commissioners from this point on.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Stecher
Outcome:	Approved

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## 6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Co-Chair Mayeda introduced these Agenda Items.

### 6a. CRC Education – Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Education

Commissioner Mendoza introduced Justin Levitt, Esq., Loyola Law School faculty. Justin Levitt presented an overview of redistricting mapping criteria and the Voting Rights Act and answered Commissioners' questions.

**Public speaker comment:** Pablo Mendoza proposed the need for a second Latino district in Los Angeles County.





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## 6b. Updates from Ad Hoc Working Groups – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

### *6bi. Commissioner Apolonio Morales, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Outreach*

Commissioner Morales provided an overview of the 2 workshops for: a) Community Based Organizations (CBOs)/ Faith Based organizations (FBOs) and b) cities, other governmental agencies, and educational enterprises slated for April. He proposed Public Forums prior to the Public Hearings with a draft calendar for conducting them in May-June 2021.

**Public speaker comment:** Julia A. Gomez, ACLU SoCal, asked if the public forums would be virtual and observed that individuals attending the different public forums and public hearings will come from different supervisorial districts. She requested that the ACLU and League of Women Voters be invited to speak at the Public Forums.

### *6bii. Commissioner Priya Sridharan, Leader, Redistricting Mapping & Demography*

Commissioner Sridharan provided an overview of the RFP/Statement of Work for retaining the services of a Demographic & Mapping Consultant. There were discussions if specialized expertise may be needed for voter polarization analysis. A request was made for demographers interested in bidding to send resumes and contact information to the CRC Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, at [ghartsough@crc.lacounty.gov](mailto:ghartsough@crc.lacounty.gov)

**Public speaker comment:** Julia A. Gomez, ACLU SoCal, suggested that the RFP for a Demographic and Mapping Consultant indicate the potential need to extend the timeline for the work in the event of further delays with the 2020 Census data.

### *6biii. Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Education*

Commissioner Mendoza presented proposed guidelines for a payment policy (speaker fees or honoraria for speakers); the Ad Hoc Working Group – Education proposed that:

- It will endeavor to secure speakers who are willing to donate their time.
- If not au gratis, the CRC can pay a speakers’ fee or honorarium up to \$1,000 per speaker.
- No payments, honorariums, or donations will be paid to nonprofit organizations.

The Commissioners discussed the proposal. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the motion.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Vento
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Franklin
Outcome:	Approved





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Commissioner Mendoza presented a roster of next speakers.

### *6biv. Commissioner John Vento, Leader, Values*

Commissioner Vento presented the latest version of the draft CRC values from the Ad Hoc Working Group – Values. Commissioner Saida Soto proposed an additional value: “Equity: We will eliminate potential barriers and target outreach efforts to increase the engagement of communities that have historically been excluded in the redistricting process.” The Commissioners discussed the proposed additional value.

Commissioner Wong proposed a consolidation of the wording for a revised “Inclusion & Equity” value. The result was the following proposed values:

- **Accountability:** We are accountable to the process and each other to serve all the constituents of Los Angeles County.
- **Transparency:** We are committed to openness in all aspects of the redistricting process.
- **Objectivity:** We are careful, intentional, fair-minded, and impartial and will actively resist undue influence in establishing supervisorial district boundaries in an equitable manner.
- **Integrity:** We are honest, truthful, ethical, principled, respectful, and professional.
- **Inclusion & Equity:** We seek to create and foster a true sense of belonging and eliminate potential barriers by being purposeful, deliberate, and effective in comprehensive public outreach, engagement, and feedback.

The Commissioners made a motion and approved the values.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Orpinela-Segura
Outcome:	Approved





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## *6bv. Commissioner David Holtzman, Leader, Legislation and Updates on Other Redistricting Commissions*

Commissioner Holtzman provided an update on legislative matters.

### **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

### **8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough had none.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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