

Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) Meeting

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Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC)

Regular CRC Meeting: March 10, 2021





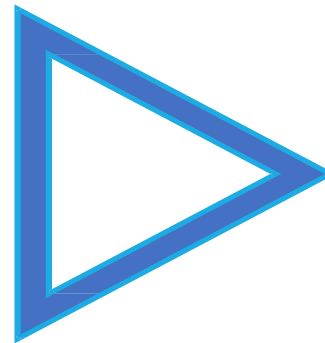
1. Call to Order



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2. Roll Call

Commissioner Jean Franklin

Commissioner David Holtzman

Commissioner Daniel Mayeda

Commissioner Mark Mendoza

Commissioner Apolonio Morales

Commissioner Nelson Obregon

Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura

Commissioner Hailes Soto

Commissioner Saira Soto

Commissioner Priya Sridharan

Commissioner Brian Stecher

Commissioner John Vento

Commissioner Carolyn Williams

Commissioner Doreena Wong





3. Approval of Agenda

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams





4. Public Comment: General

Matters Not on the Agenda – Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

If you wish to speak, provide the following information through the Q&A button at the bottom of your screen as though you were completing a Public Comment card:

- Public Comment Speaker
- Your Name
- Your Affiliation/Organization

If on a phone line, press *9 to raise your hand. Once called upon, press *6 to unmute and speak.

Each Person Gets 2 Minutes

When you speak, share your name and affiliation at the beginning.
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- Your Public Comment to be read aloud





4. Public Comment : General – Matters Not on the Agenda

Public Correspondence Received





5. Consent Items: Minutes

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Review and take appropriate action on:

February 24, 2021, Draft Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) Minutes





6. Action/Discussion Items

Overview of Approach

1. Item is introduced
2. Staff present staff report or PowerPoint, if used
3. Commissioners can ask clarifying questions of staff during or after the presentation
4. Public Comment on that specific item is held
5. Public Comment is closed
6. Commission discusses, debates, and votes on the item





6a. Action/Discussion Items

CRC Education – Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Education

Presentation by Justin Levitt, Esq., Loyola Law School faculty, on the Voting Rights Act



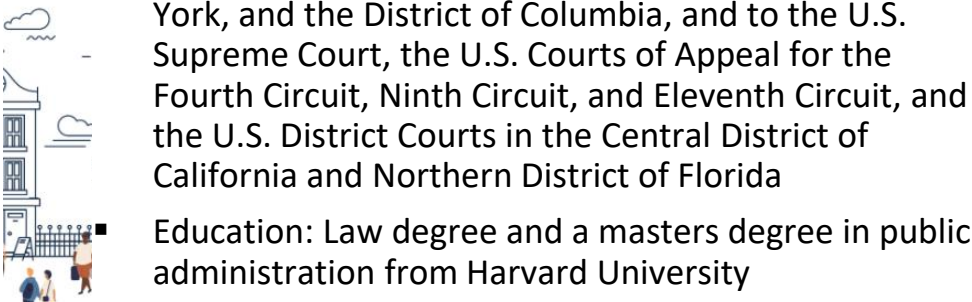
Propose: Justin Levitt, Esq., Loyola Law School faculty

Topic: Voting Rights Act

Proposed Date: March 10, 2021

Full Bio: <https://www.lls.edu/faculty/facultylistl-r/justinlevitt/>

- A nationally recognized scholar of constitutional law and the law of democracy
- Served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, supporting voting rights and protections against employment discrimination (including LGBT rights in the workplace)
- Published in the flagship law reviews at Harvard, Columbia, NYU, Georgetown, and William & Mary, the peer-reviewed Election Law Journal, and the flagship online law journals at Yale and NYU, among others
- Has served as a visiting faculty member at the Yale Law School, at USC's Gould School of Law, and at Caltech
- Received Loyola's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2013-14 and 2019-20
- Maintains the website "All About Redistricting," tracking the process of state and federal redistricting around the country, including litigation: <https://redistricting.lls.edu/>
- Admitted to the bar in California, New Jersey, New York, and the District of Columbia, and to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit, Ninth Circuit, and Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. District Courts in the Central District of California and Northern District of Florida
- Education: Law degree and a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University





6b. Action/Discussion Items

Updates from Ad Hoc Working Groups – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda





6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

- Discussion of draft slide deck for CRC presentations
- Discussion of 2 upcoming April workshops
 - **Purpose:** Inform and engage organizations in outreach and redistricting
 - **Proposed dates**
 - April 6 at 5:00-6:00 pm: Community Based Organizations (CBOs) & Faith Based Organizations (FBOs)
 - April 20 at 5:00-6:00 pm: Cities, government agencies, educational systems
 - **Format:** Presentations by different Commissioners, focusing on how their organizations can participate and assist with outreach, particularly for the upcoming 7 Public Hearings
 - **Follow up survey** with attendees for further feedback (Commissioner Orpinella-Segura)
 - Any other Commissioners interested in being involved in these workshops?

**Note: The Ad Hoc Working Group – Outreach has 6 Commissioners.
No more than 7 Commissioners can attend any workshop.**





6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

Discussion of 7 public hearings

- CRC quorum required
- Required at least 1 public hearing per supervisorial district
 - Note: Likely individuals will attend 2 or more public hearings
- Considering 6th workshop in Spanish
- 7th workshop would be general – for anyone in the County

Proposed supplemental public forums

- Held before each public hearing with break-out group discussions (discussion topics, guidelines, and templates to fill in) for greater interactions on topics of interest – to be led by Commissioners
- At the start of the public hearings:
 - Slide presentation on redistricting
 - Report out from each of the Commissioners about the issues raised at the public forum

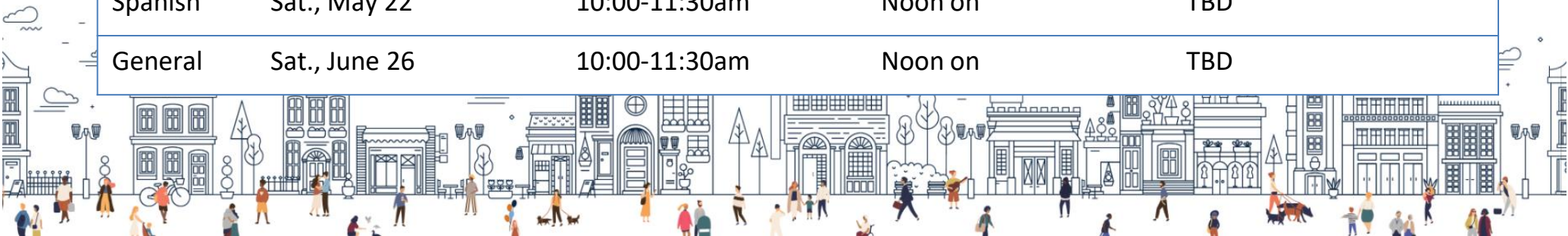




6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

	Dates	Public Forum (No More than 7)	Public Hearing (Need Quorum of 9)	Engage Commissioners from their SDs
SD 1	Wed., May 5	5:00-6:30 pm	7:00 pm on	Nelson Obregon Priscilla Segura Saira Soto
SD 2	Wed., May 19	5:00-6:30 pm	7:00 pm on	Daniel Mayeda Jean Franklin Carolyn Williams
SD 3	Wed., June 2	5:00-6:30 pm	7:00 pm on	Brian Stecher Doreena Wong
SD 4	Wed., June 16	5:00-6:30 pm	7:00 pm on	Hailes Soto Apolonio Morales
SD 5	Wed., June 30	5:00-6:30 pm	7:00 pm on	David Holtzman John Vento Mark Mendoza Priya Sridharan
Spanish	Sat., May 22	10:00-11:30am	Noon on	TBD
General	Sat., June 26	10:00-11:30am	Noon on	TBD





6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

- Presentation of the Ad Hoc Working Group – Demographics Work Plan
- Discussion of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Demographer Consultant
- Request for demographers interested in bidding to send resumes and contact information to the LA County CRC Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, at ghartsough@crc.lacounty.gov





6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

Tasks for Selection of a Demographer and Mapping Consultant	Target Dates
1. Prepare RFP/SOW	March 2021
2. Define a review and selection process, including criteria, interview questions, and rating forms	March 2021
3. Submit RFP/SOW and selection process to LA County CRC at a regular meeting to solicit their input and approval	March 24, 2021
4. Identify demographers to distribute RFP/SOW	March-April 2021
5. Issue RFP/SOW and receive proposals	April 1, 2021
6. Review submitted proposals	April 28, 2021 (due date)
7. Develop a short list of demographers to invite to present before the full LA County CRC	May 12, 2021
8. Solicit LA County CRC Commissioners' approval of a selected demographer	May 26, 2021
9. Receive input from the public at the 7 public hearings	May-June 2021
10. Enter into contract with the selected demographer so that work can begin	June 1, 2021





6b. Action/Discussion Items

6biii. Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Education

- Proposed Honorarium Schedule
 - Will endeavor to secure speakers who are willing to donate their time
 - If not au gratis, can pay honorarium up to \$1,000 per speaker
 - No payments, honorariums, or donations to nonprofit organizations





6b. Action/Discussion Items

6biii. Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Education

Upcoming Speakers/Educators

- March 24: Kathay Feng, Esq., National Redistricting Director, Common Cause
Topic: Redistricting 101
Full Bio: <https://www.commoncause.org/people/kathay-feng-2/>
- Proposed Upcoming Education Presentations
 - April 14:
 - County representative on legislative process, given delayed delivery of 2020 Census data (30 minutes)
 - LA County Redistricting Coalition group presentation (30 minutes total: 15 minutes present and 15 minutes Q&A)
 - April 28: LA County mapping software, data sets, and efforts to date
 - May: Potential panel on 2011 BRC experiences and lessons learned





6d. Draft Values

6div. Commissioner John Vento, Leader, 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: We will create and foster a true sense of belonging by being purposeful, deliberate, and effective in comprehensive public outreach, engagement, and feedback.





6b. Action/Discussion Items

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

Discussion of legislative options and potential partners



7. Future Agenda Items

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Commissioners, do we have any “Matters Not Posted”
to be placed on a future agenda?





8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D.

REMINDER: Request for demographers interested in bidding to send resumes and contact information to: ghartsough@crc.lacounty.gov



9. Adjournment

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda



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