

## INFO/UPDATES on other commissions:

(for LA County CRC 3/24/2021)

STATE OF MICHIGAN — *1<sup>st</sup> time mentioned here*

- The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) comprises 13 randomly selected Michigan residents that include four Democrats, four Republicans, and five Independents. Per a representative of the League of Women Voters, “the Commission’s work thus far has been to educate themselves. They’ve been hiring lawyers and advisors and working with software companies so that they have a process in place that they can start drawing these lines.” ([The Sun Times News](#), March 23, 2021)
- Per Article IV Section 6 of Michigan’s state constitution, “Each commissioner shall receive compensation at least equal to 25 percent of the governor’s salary.”
- Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc>
- They recently voted to change their logo



- [Next meeting](#): March 25 from 9:30AM to 1:30PM PT (12:30PM to 4:30PM ET)

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

- Has issued an RFP for demographic services. (*Without knowing how much was allocated for such, per one commissioner.*)
- Had an “Industry Day” special meeting for public outreach and communication services.
- Working on asking for more money, partly because of higher-than-anticipated legal bills. They have appointed an ad hoc committee to develop a budget recommendation.
- They have an agenda item for disclosure of ex parte communications. Mainly, it seems, for noting that their online log (see [here](#)) has been updated. [Santa Barbara County’s IRC has such an agenda item, but the California CRC does not.]
- They are concerned with late Census data. Open for collaboration on the issue. The director of the county Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs spoke about Senate Bill 594 (Glazer) at 3/11/2021 meeting.
- Erin Demarest, Assistant County Clerk, is the new Clerk of the Commission.

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- The Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission has received a considerable amount of training from [National Demographics Corporation](#) (NDC; Douglas Johnson et al.).
- The county hired NDC for the commission before the full commission was seated, leading to some controversy. The full commission later voted to continue the contract. See [here](#).
- The commission still appears to be under legal threat over its selection of its final six commissioners. Two organizations claimed that the commission failed to include enough Latinos and Republicans. See the letter at the end of the 3/17/2021 agenda packet [here](#). The partisan balance controversy is the first of several discussed [here](#).
- The commission's unanimous selection of a law firm has also been a source of controversy. See [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

- The state Citizens Redistricting Commission is very busy. Some of its [meetings](#) are scheduled for more than one day, and from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. (Its committee meetings are shorter.)
  - The [next full commission meeting agenda](#) includes “discussion and possible action on:
    - Staffing and personnel
    - Protocols for commission communications
    - Budget, contracts, and/or procurement”
  - It also includes an “Update and discussion regarding impact of Census delay on CRC Calendar and Electoral Cycle.”