



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC) CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – March 24, 7:04 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	Yes	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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

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: Gayle Steward raised concerns about the prior proposal to change the primary election date, given that the LA County CRC did not have such authority to make such changes. Commissioner





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Holtzman provided a brief update that the idea of potentially changing the primary election date has been dropped.

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 March 10, 2021, LA County CRC meeting. Commissioner Holtzman pointed out that he had abstained on the approval of the values and that the minutes should be updated to reflect his vote before finalization. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes with that revision.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Hailes Soto
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 Kathay Feng, Esq., National Redistricting Director, Common Cause. She presented an overview of “Redistricting 101: and answered Commissioners’ questions.

Public speaker comment: There were no public comments.





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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. The draft calendar requires refinements to accommodate the Commissioners' availability.

Public speaker comments:

- Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project California. She recommended fewer slides in the upcoming workshops and a format that is more interactive to soliciting input. She indicated that “...our groups have developed ideas for outreach and could share that with you Commissioners.”
- Kiyana Asemanfar, California Common Cause. She asked if the workshops aim were to be more educational in purpose.
- Gayle Stewart typed into Q&A after public comment period for item closed:
 - “Why schedule meeting during time when people are working why not on weekends with public forum and public meetings [sic]”
 - “Your 5p time is bad for public forum it should be on a Saturday”
 - “Each district is large you should have more than 1 place of meeting”

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

Commissioner Sridharan provided an overview of the RFP presented at the LA County CRC meeting on March 10, 2021, for retaining the services of a Demographic & Mapping Consultant. The Ad Hoc Working Group – Demography decided to separate the RFP into two RFPs because of skill set requirements and timing:

1. Demographer & Mapping Consulting Services
2. Voter Polarization Analysis (VPA) Consulting Services

Commissioner Stecher presented the proposed selection process:

1. Ad Hoc WG members review and rate proposals (assign points based on RFP criteria).
2. Ad Hoc WG Leader forwards top proposals to the full Commission.
3. Top proposers deliver oral presentations and respond to interview questions before the full Commission.
4. Commissioners rate presentations (assign points based on second set of criteria).





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5. Commissioners select highest rated proposal and award contract.

Public speaker comments:

- Giovany Hernandez, NALEO Educational Fund, requested time for the public to provide comment on the RFPs.
- Kiyana Asemanfar, California Common Cause, requested time for the public to provide comment on the RFPs since the selected consultants will shape the future of the LA County CRC’s work.
- Gayle Stewart typed into Q&A after public comment period for item closed:
 - “Steve Lynn of Arizona Redistricting Commission - the National Redistricting have issued lawsuits against Arizona so I think that you should not mess with Steve Lynn”
 - “Arizona Redistricting is in lawsuit due to Lobbyist and Trump Rally”

The Commissioners discussed the RFPs. The Commissioners made a motion, amended it, and approved the amended motion to approve the RFP – Demographer & Mapping Consulting Services. The RFP – Voter Polarization Analysis (VPA) Consulting Services will be continued and discussed for consideration of approval at the next LA County CRC regular meeting on April 14, 2021.

Motion Made to approve both RFPs:	Commissioner Vento
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mendoza
Amended Motion to only approve the RFP – Demographer & Mapping Consulting Services:	Commissioner Sridharan
Amended Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Stecher
Outcome of Amended Motion:	Approved

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LA County CRC Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., requested that any members of the public, organizations, and others who know of demographers who might be interested in bidding to let her know via email: ghartsough@crc.lacounty.gov





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

Commissioner Holtzman provided an update on legislative matters and options, given the delay in receipt of Census 2020 data. The commissioners discussed the options, including what organizations and CRCs might be “allies” for the options and the potential impact of the updated prison data. Commissioner Holtzman and his Ad Hoc Working Group – Legislation will return with recommendations at the next LA County CRC regular meeting.

6biv. Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Education

Commissioner Mendoza presented a roster of next speakers for April and May 2021.

Public speaker comment: There were no public comments.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., indicated that Thai V. Le, the LA County Clerk, and she are working with the Co-Chairs to develop a simple questionnaire for Commissioners to complete whenever they give presentations or encounter ex parte communications. Commissioner Holtzman provided some suggestions regarding the use of third person descriptions, email paper trails of ex parte communications, and the use of Google docs. A draft questionnaire will be shared at the next regular LA County CRC meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

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