



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)  
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – April 14, 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 7:03 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Thai V. Le, County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, 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	Excused	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

Co-Chair Williams announced that Agenda Item “6Biii. Discussion and Consideration of Process to Fill Vacancy on Commission” will be withdrawn since the involved Commissioner had withdrawn the letter of resignation.

Commissioner Holtzman noted that he was uncomfortable in having County Legislative Affairs staff present before the LA County CRC since they serve the Board of Supervisors. Co-Chair Mayeda emphasized that the LA County CRC is an independent commission that is not influenced by the Board of Supervisors and that the Ad Hoc Working Group – Education had proposed this presentation at the last two LA County CRC meetings and no objections had been raised until now.

There being no further discussions, the Agenda was accepted with the removal of Agenda Item 6Biii.





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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:** There were no public comments.

**Public written comment:** All public written comments are posted on the LA County CRC website:

<https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

- The LA County Redistricting Working Group, who presented before the LA County Commissioner this evening, submitted one written letter with a table highlighting their organizations and suggestions for modifying the public hearing and public forum dates.
- Gayle Stewart posted written comments on Agenda Items 4, 6Aii, and 6Bi.

## 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 24, 2021, LA County CRC meeting. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Hailes Soto
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Franklin
Outcome:	Approved

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
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## 6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Co-Chair Mayeda introduced the Agenda Items.





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## 6A. CRC EDUCATION– COMMISSIONER MARK MENDOZA, LEADER, AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATION – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

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

Commissioner Mendoza introduced Samara Ashley and Katrina Shoats from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), Legislative Affairs. Samara Ashley reinforced their appreciation of the LA County CRC’s independence, provided an “Overview of Los Angeles County’s Approach to Legislative Matters,” and answered Commissioner questions about the County’s process. For more information about the CEO’s Legislative Affairs activities, they provided a link to their website: <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/legislative-affairs-and-intergovernmental-relations/>

**Public speaker comment:** There were no public comments.

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

Commissioner Mendoza introduced the LA County Redistricting Working Group (formerly referred to as a “coalition”). The presenters included:

- ACLU SoCal: Julia Gomez
- Advancement Project California: Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate
- Asian Americans Advance Justice - Los Angeles: Daniel Jeon
- California Common Cause: Kiyana Asemanfar
- California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund: Samuel Sukaton
- California LULAC: Yvonne Gonzalez Duncan
- CHIRLA: Karen Diaz
- Community Coalition: Kirk Samuels
- League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County: Margo Reeg
- NALEO Educational Fund: Jacqueline Coto
- MALDEF: Steven Ochoa
- VICA: Stuart Waldman

They each presented an overview of their organizations, emphasized their commitment to partner with the LA County CRC in outreach, and answered Commissioner 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 David Holtzman, Leader, Legislation and Updates on Other Redistricting Commissions

Commissioner Holtzman provided legislative matters options, given the delay in receipt of Census 2020 data. The Commissioners discussed the options as R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5.

**Public speaker comment:** There were no public comments initially. Gayle Stewart posted two questions during the initial Commissioner discussions of the resolutions that were answered.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed approach, which is basically to obtain approval of potential legislative amendments that are under consideration. This approach would allow the Co-Chairs to indicate the LA County CRC’s position when opportune to do so or to reach out to other independent commissions, facing similar time pressure issues.

#### *(R1) Public Hearing Time Period*

The Commissioners discussed adopting a position stating that the LA County CRC advocate amending Elections Code § 21534(c)(3) as follows:

“(3) After the commission draws a draft map, the commission shall do both of the following:

- (A) Post the map for public comment on the internet website of the County of Los Angeles.
- (B) Conduct at least two public hearings to take place over a period of no fewer than ~~30~~ **ten** days.”

The Commissioners made a motion and approved the language under R1.

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

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	No	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Excused	Commissioner John Vento
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### *(R2) Extension of Map Adoption Deadline to February 14, 2022*

Changing the date to February 14, 2022, would be consistent with the California CRC’s current map adoption deadline, based on a California Supreme Court ruling and a U.S. Census Bureau announcement. The Commissioners discussed the date change:

“The LA County CRC advocates setting February 14, 2022, in law as the map adoption deadline for this decade’s local redistricting.”

The Commissioners made a motion and approved the language under R2.

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

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
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### *(R3) Postponement of the Primary Election Day*

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of postponing the primary election day; specifically:

“The LA County CRC supports postponing the primary election day currently scheduled for June 7, 2022, to a later date, as a method of allowing more time for redistricting, if doing so would not interfere with proper administration of the general election scheduled for November 2022.”

The Commissioners made a motion to support postponing the 2022 primary election day as a method of allowing more time for redistricting.

The motion failed to muster the required supermajority vote. Some commissioners were interested in specifying a date beyond which the postponement would be too long. No one offered a specific date, however, largely because it would have been difficult to identify or choose such a date during the Commission meeting.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Holtzman
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Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Stecher
Outcome:	Failed

No	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	No	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	No	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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### *(R4) and (R5) Options*

The Commission did not take up whether to take a position on these two other issues ((R4) and (R5)) that had been noticed for possible consideration at the meeting.

- (R4) pertained to the discontinuity in state law for calculating the map adoption deadline based on the next regular election date. (For elections through June 2022 the deadline is 174 days beforehand, but for elections on July 1st or later the deadline is 205 days beforehand, so postponing an election could make the deadline earlier.)
- (R5) pertained to the public notice period specified in State law for mandated hearings.

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

Commissioner Sridharan provided an overview of the Request for Proposal for Voter Polarization Analysis (VPA RFP) Consulting Services, which were discussed at the March 24, 2021, meeting. The proposed selection process would remain the same as for the RFP for Demographic & Mapping Consulting Services.

**Public speaker comment:** There were no public comments.

The Commissioners discussed the VPA RFP. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the issuance of the VPA RFP.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Wong
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Stecher
Outcome:	Approved

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





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### 6biii. Discussion and Consideration of Process to Fill Vacancy on Commission – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

This Agenda Item was removed under Agenda Item 5, “Consent Items.”

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

Commissioner Morales provided an update about the 2 April workshops:

- The April 6, 2021, Workshop for Community Based Organizations (CBOs)/Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) was well-received.
- The April 20, 2021, Workshop will focus on cities, other governmental agencies, and educational enterprises.

Co-Chair Williams requested that Commissioners not attend these workshops without coordinating with the LA County CRC Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., to ensure no violations of Brown Act because a quorum was present.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided the results of a survey on Commissioners’ availability for proposed Public Forums and Public Hearings. Not all of the dates had the required quorum for the Public Hearings. She suggested to defer the start of the Public Hearings to June and to discuss further potential format and dates with the Ad Hoc Working Group – Outreach, combined with input from interested CBOs/FBOs. This item will be continued for further discussion at the next LA County CRC regular meeting.

**Public speaker comment:** There were no public comments.

### 6bv. Commissioner Mark Mendoza, Leader, Education

Commissioner Mendoza presented a roster of next speakers for April 24, 2021, and May 2021.

**Public speaker comment:** There were no public comments.

## 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.





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## 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., provided several updates:

- **Commissioner-led PowerPoint presentations.** The Ad Hoc Working Group – Outreach did an excellent job with their presentations at the April 6, 2021, workshop. All of them are skilled and ready to make presentations about the redistricting process on their own before interested organizations. The PowerPoint slides are available for Commissioners to use to educate the public about redistricting. She encouraged them to make presentations about the redistricting process and initially to team with Ad Hoc Working Group – Outreach members when making such presentations to support each other and familiarize themselves with the content. Once the Commissioners are comfortable with the slides, she will arrange to have them translated into the County's threshold languages for future use at the Public Hearings.
- **Social media.** At the request of the Ad Hoc Working Group – Outreach and as outlined in the LA County CRC's Public Outreach Plan, she has set up the following LA County CRC social media venues:
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RedistrictingLACounty> (she also encouraged Commissioners to "friend" the website)
  - Twitter: #RedistrictingLACounty
- **Presentations-Ex Parte Communications Reporting Form.** She requested Thai V. Le, LA County CRC Clerk, to walk through the draft "Presentations-Ex Parte Communications Reporting Form." Co-Chair Williams helped in providing the type of information to be reported, based on her recent experiences in conducting a presentation with Commissioner Franklin.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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