



LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING 2021**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC) CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING – May 19, 2021 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 Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	N.A.	Vacant

A quorum is present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted. (Note: For special meetings, there are no Agenda items for General Public Comment or Consent Items.) Two written public comments had been submitted by the deadline (5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 18, 2021).





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6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6A – Swearing in of Commissioner Mary Kenney

Commissioner Mary Kenney took the Oath of Office, administered by Twila Kerr of the Los Angeles County Executive Office.

6B – Redistricting Mapping & Demography – Co-Chair Williams – Continued Discussion and Selection of Demographics & Mapping Consulting Services Bidder

Co-Chair Williams announced that National Demographics Corporation (NDC) had withdrawn its proposal. Therefore, of the two finalists, ARCBridge Consulting & Training Inc. (ARCBridge) was the remaining finalist under consideration.

Independent Legal Counsel Holly Whatley explained Proposition 209, as a context for Commissioners discussions. Proposition 209 was approved by voters in 1996 and prohibits governmental agencies in California from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, ethnicity and gender in, among other things, public contracting decisions except in very limited circumstances. At tonight’s meeting and in all future meetings when considering retaining a consultant, she pointed out that the Commissioners should ensure compliance with Proposition 209 and focus their comments and evaluations of proposed consultants on their qualifications and considerations other than race, ethnicity or gender.

The Commissioners each had two rounds of opportunities to present their viewpoints and comment on ARCBridge. This discussion is available on the recorded YouTube link provided on page 1 of these minutes.

Public speaker comment: There were no public comments.

A motion was made and seconded to award the contract for Demography & Mapping Consulting Services to ARCBridge. The motion passed.

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

No	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
No	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento





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Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

6C – Redistricting Mapping & Demography – Co-Chair Williams – Discussion and Selection of Voter Polarization Analysis Bidder

LA County CRC only received one bidder – The Maroon Society – to the Voter Polarization RFP. Drs. Aaron Celious, Roland Brown, and Khari Brown presented before the full LA County CRC. Their 10-minute presentation was followed by a series of structured questions from the Commissioners on the Ad Hoc Working Group – Demographics, and additional comments from the other Commissioners.

Public speaker comments: Robert van de Hoek spoke about the geographic diversity of Los Angeles County (his comments are available on the recorded YouTube link provided on page 1 of these minutes).

The Commissioners each had two rounds of opportunities to present their viewpoints and comment on the Maroon Society. This discussion is available on the recorded YouTube link provided on page 1 of these minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to revise the RFP, reissue the RFP, and ask Maroon Society to rebid. The Commissioners requested that Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, to explore if:

- ARCBridge would respond to the revised RFP
- Insurance requirements were a barrier and if her firm, KH Consulting Group, could assist with those County requirements
- Others in academia or at other firms would consider bidding

The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Mayeda
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mendoza
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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8. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

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