



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)

CRC MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING – June 14, 2021

VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING NOW POSTED ON YOUTUBE:

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Thai V. Le took roll call A quorum is present.

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Absent	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
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted.

Public written comment: There was one public written comment submitted and posted on the LA County CRC website.

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Co-Chairs Carolyn Williams and Daniel Mayeda provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.





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5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Although the focus was on Zone A (Santa Clarita Valley), members of the public from other zip codes were welcomed and made public comment.

Attached is the information the public provided on the GOOGLE FORMS, in lieu of speaker cards, regarding their communities of interest. Individuals interested in learning about the public comments made should either refer to the GOOGLE FORM summary (posted after the public hearing on the LA County CRC website) or listen to the YOUTUBE recording of the public hearing:

Because Zone A was the first public hearing and only a small number of individuals spoke, we have provided a listing of who spoke and highlighted their key points; however, this listing is not a standard practice for future public hearings.

Zone A Communities of Interest

- Hunt Braly, Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of keeping the northern county communities together, including Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley (Lancaster and Palmdale) because of shared issues on transportation and affordable housing
- John Musella, Santa Clarity Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke for one district for the northern county communities.
- Marsha McLean spoke for one district for the northern county communities.

Other Communities of Interest

- Karen Diaz spoke on the Hawthorne-Inglewood area as a community of interest with concentration of Spanish-speaking residents and Asian residents in nearby Gardena, sharing similar concerns versus other nearby seaside communities, such as Manhattan Beach.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.





LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING 2021**

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To provide written public comment, you can: [Click Here](#) or go to: <https://PublicComment.Redistricting.gov>

To submit input to the public hearings, including signing up for speaking before the Commission, go to: <https://forms.gle/2SDZSxEuKNZ3ZU1KA>



Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

Name	Zip Code	Community name	About the community	Nearby areas to include or not include	Other community information	Other public comments
David Boyer	91384	Hasley Canyon, Castaic	<p>Hasley Canyon is part of the Castaic community, an unincorporated area in Northern L.A. County. We are a proud and independent group who relishes our wide open spaces, our separation from more urban densities, our high quality of schools and our recreational spaces including Castaic Lake. It is important to our community to remain separate from Santa Clarita City, yet we identify as members of the greater Santa Clarita Valley area. While we are rural, we are proud of everything the SCV represents. We share LEO with SCV and other connections historically. We do not wish to be separated or to have our district realigned.</p>	<p>I am very pleased and satisfied with the current district and do not wish to be aligned with any other area. History has shown we have great leadership thru our Supervisor Kathryn Barger. We do not wish that to change in any way!</p>	<p>Please maintain our continuity of representation. We like our Canyon the way it is!</p>	<p>Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Commission: As a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, I would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps the North County communities (cities of Santa Clarita, Castaic, Lancaster and Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated areas) in the same supervisorial district. The North County is a “Community of Interest”, as defined by the state’s County Redistricting legislation SB-958; our communities share social and economic interests, as well as relying on the county for many overlapping services and contracts. For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, various development issues, land use, public health initiatives and public safety concerns. Most of these programs impact the region as a whole and are not specific to one community. It is in the best interests of the continuity of these initiatives that the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys be able to continue to advocate as one body. The ability to communicate with a single County Supervisor is critical for our shared region. I hope you understand how important it is for the North County residents to have consistency in leadership and advocacy. I appreciate your representation and work on this commission and hope you will continue to engage with our community partners in this process. Additionally, as the elected Director for Region 3 to the Castaic Town</p>

Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

						<p>Council, I represent an area that is within the Unincorporated Los Angeles area yet reports to the Council which in total represents areas within Castaic and the northern part of Santa Clarita, including Pitchess Detention Center. To consider breaking up any portion of the area covered by the Castaic Town Council could have detrimental effects in its ability to service its respective constituents properly. I, as an individual, find working within the current alignment, to be a tested and working relationship that should not be disrupted without considerable further input from the constituents so to assure their understanding of how such realignment would affect their voice in government affairs. Regards, David S. Boyer, Resident Hasley Canyon, North L.A. Unincorporated</p>
Laura Tapia	91350	Santa Clarita	Hard working tax payers that pay your salary. You work for us	Lancaster/ Palmdale/ Tehachapi areas need to be part of zone A	Why are you reducing zone A and putting Lancaster/Palmdale in with Zone B	<p>LA County is TO [sic] BIG. Why would you geographically move Palmdale/Lancaster to zone B. Its a political shift. Hoping to get a democratic vote. The Republicans wont have a chance in zone B. You are reducing Zone A for political reasons. Zone A is shrinking considerably, which makes zone A not equal to the other zones. From Santa Clarita/Stevenson Ranch to Gorman and up the 14 fwy into Lancaster should break off and be their own county, maybe then we will have better use of our tax payer dollars. You are all criminals.</p>
Hunt Braly	91355	Santa Clarita	We are the 3rd largest City in LA County and work closely with the	Yes the Antelope Valley	-	<p>Want to strongly stress the importance of retaining our communities of interest</p>

Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

			<p>unincorporated communities which surround us. We also have similar interests with the Antelope Valley in Northern LA County</p>			
Sandy Sanchez	91355	Keep North LA County Communities Together	<p>As a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, I would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps the North County communities (cities of Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated areas) in the same supervisorial district. The North County is a “Community of Interest”, as defined by the state’s County Redistricting legislation SB-958; our communities share social and economic interests, as well as relying on the county for many overlapping services and contracts. For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, various development issues, land use, public health initiatives and public safety concerns. Most of these programs impact the region as a</p>	<p>Santa Clarita Valley should not be included with San Fernando Valley. The San Fernando Valley is part of Los Angeles, and Los Angeles will have it's own districting process to help select boundaries appropriate for Los Angeles.</p>	-	-

Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

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June 14, 2021

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission
CRC
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation, I would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps the North County communities (cities of Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated areas) in the same supervisorial district. The North County is a “Community of Interest”, as defined by the state’s County Redistricting legislation SB-958; our communities share social and economic interests, as well as relying on the county for many overlapping services and contracts.

For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, responsible for land use development, public health and public safety initiatives. Most of these programs impact the region as a whole and are not specific to one community or subregion. It is in the best interests of the continuity of these initiatives that the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys be able to continue to advocate as one body. The Santa Clarita Valley acts as its own economic subregion, and our integrated approach to economic development is a major contributor to our success. Our approach simultaneously recognizes the interconnectedness of the North County Region, and the distinct differences from other parts of the Los Angeles Region. The ability to communicate with a single County Supervisor is critical for our shared region.

I hope you understand how important it is for the North County residents to have consistency in leadership and advocacy. I appreciate your representation and work on this commission and hope you will continue to engage with our community partners in this process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly Schroeder', written in a cursive style.

Holly Schroeder
President & CEO Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation

Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

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June 15, 2021

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission
P.O. Box 56447
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Commission:

The City of Lancaster would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps the North County communities (cities of Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated areas) in the same supervisorial district. The North County is a "Community of Interest", as defined by the state's County Redistricting legislation SB-958; our communities share social and economic interests, as well as relying on the county for many overlapping services and contracts.

For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, various development issues, land use, public health initiatives and public safety concerns. Most notably for Lancaster; partnering with Antelope Valley Transit Authority on their Zero-Emission Bus Operations, and creating community events throughout the year to promote unity for our entire district. Most of these programs impact the region as a whole and are not specific to one community. It is in the best interests of the continuity of these initiatives that the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys be able to continue to advocate as one body. The ability to communicate with a single County Supervisor is critical for our shared region.

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Very truly yours,

R. Rex Parris
Mayor

Submitted Public Comments for Zone A Public Hearing

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May 12, 2021

Honorable Co-Chairs and Members of the Commission:

As a resident of the Antelope Valley Community, I would like to go on record in support of a redistricting plan that keeps the North County communities (cities of Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale, and surrounding unincorporated areas) in the same supervisorial district. The North County is a “Community of Interest”, as defined by the state’s County Redistricting legislation SB-958; our communities share social and economic interests, as well as relying on the county for many overlapping services and contracts. For decades, North County cities and communities have partnered in advancing public transportation, various development issues, land use, public health initiatives and public safety concerns. Most of these programs impact the region as a whole and are not specific to one community. It is in the best interests of the continuity of these initiatives that the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys be able to continue to advocate as one body. The ability to communicate with a single County Supervisor is critical for our shared region.

As a Chamber we have been highly supported by our district Supervisor which in turn we are able to help and share information to with our community. It would be a shame to divide the district and send us in a direction where we will not get the support that is needed for our district.

I hope you understand how important it is for the North County residents to have consistency in leadership and advocacy. I appreciate your representation and work on this commission and hope you will continue to engage with our community partners in this process.

Regards,

Sylvia S. Duarte
President, Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce