



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING – June 23, 2021

VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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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 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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	Excused; Late Arrival	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 with Co-Chair Williams suggestion that the approval of the minutes occur after the public presents its public testimony.





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

Public comments made:

- Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate, Advancement Project and People’s Bloc, requested to increase public comment periods from 2 minutes to 3 minutes and to not adjourn the meeting for at least 90 minutes.
- Margo Reeg, League of Women Voters, encouraged the Commission to facilitate as many public speakers as possible and not adjourn for at least 90 minutes. She requested that official business be conducted before or after the 7:00 pm start time.
- Rosalind Gold, National Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, questioned Professor Barreto’s content on Slide 10 in his presentation before the Commission on June 9, 2021. She suggested the Commissioners receive education regarding the lawful considerations raised on that slide.
- Jose del Rio III, Common Cause, requested to increase public comment periods from 2 minutes to 3 minutes, regardless of turnout; not adjourn the meeting for at least 90 minutes; and move the minutes approval to after the public hearing when combined with a regular meeting.
- Karen Diaz, CHIRLA and the People’s Block, requested to increase public comment periods from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.
- Christine Louise Mills, Los Angeles River Communities for Environmental Equity (LARCEE), spoke about Elysian Valley regarding public health issues in her community (e.g., air pollution, multiple freeways flanking the communities, Metrolink maintenance yard). She requested that Supervisorial District 1 be kept intact for continuity of responsiveness.
- John Mendoza wanted to speak on Supervisorial District 1.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, pointed out that this portion of the agenda was not to receive public input about communities of interest, which is next on the agenda, but instead to receive general public comments. There were no more general public comments.

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION HELD ON JUNE 9, 2021 – HOLLY WHATLEY, ESQ.

Holly Whatley, Independent Legal Counsel for the LA County CRC, reported that no reportable actions were taken at the closed section held on June 9, 2021.





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5. 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.

6. 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 D, members of the public from other zip codes were welcomed and made public comment. Attendees were asked to complete the Community of Interest (COI) Google Forms, in lieu of speaker cards, regarding their communities of interest. The written and orally presented testimonies the public provided are summarized as COI input during the public hearing and posted on the LA County CRC for ease of access of the public. Individuals interested in learning about the public comments made can either:

- Refer to the COI Google Form summary (posted on the LA County CRC website for this public hearing)
- Listen to the YOUTUBE recording of the public hearing for the oral comments; these comments will be incorporated into the overall summary across public hearings

Speakers providing public testimony were:

- Margaret Siegel, District 1, Eagle Rock, regarding Latinx populations
- Shanna Warren, Tri-City Region of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena cities
- Christine Louise Mills, Los Angeles River Communities for Environmental Equity (LARCEE) and Elysian Valley
- Raphael C. Chagoya, U.S. Army veteran and Boyle Heights resident
- John Mendoza, Supervisorial District 1 (91768 zip code)
- Alejandra Ramirez- Zarate, Northridge and Lake Balboa area in the San Fernando Valley
- Mihra Toumajan, Zone D and Glendale area, Armenian community – also submitted a formal letter

7. 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 June 9, 2021, LA County CRC regular meeting. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.





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Motion Made:		Commissioner Saira Soto	
Motion Seconded:		Commissioner Doreena Wong	
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
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

The Commissioners discussed the minutes for the June 14, 2021, LA County CRC public hearing in Zone A. Commissioner Holtzman requested that this sentence be removed from the minutes: “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.” (page 2). The Commissioners discussed the proposed deletion. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the amended minutes.

Motion Made:		Commissioner Doreena Wong	
Motion Seconded:		Commissioner Brian Stecher	
Outcome:		Approved	
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Abstain	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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8. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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