



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING – July 14, 2021

VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:36 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	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Excused	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’s suggestion that the approval of the minutes occur later in the Agenda to enable a 7:00p start time for the public testimony.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL— CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

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 Commissioners or staff members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.





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Public comments made: There was one public comment made by Barry Johnson regarding his Community of Interest (COI) in Studio City. His public comment is summarized under the Public Hearing testimonies.

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

Public written comments: Public written comments submitted are posted on the LA County CRC website: redistricting.lacounty.gov.

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING (REORDERED FROM THE AGENDA)

6A. Updates from Ad Hoc Working Groups

The Co-Chairs led a discussion of updates from the LA County CRC Ad Hoc Working Groups.

6Ai. Commissioner David Holtzman, Leader, Legislation and Updates on Other Redistricting Commissions – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

Commissioner Holtzman provided the following updates:

- San Diego County IRC – public hearing dates changed; will begin 10 public hearings in-person on August 12 and continue through October
- Santa Barbara CRC – in-person/zoom meetings began on July 7; are sharing a mapping tool with the public now
- California CRC – has retained Voting Rights Counsel; Commissioner Kenney is attending its COI input meetings and summarizing the input for Los Angeles County for the LA County CRC's use

6Aii. Commissioners Brian Stecher, Co-Leader, Demography – Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Commissioner Stecher provided an update that the LA County mapping software will probably not be available until early August 2021. In preparation, he indicated that the Ad Hoc Working Group – Demography is working on developing a training program for the roll out of the ESRI software, including training for the Commissioners and the public.

6Aiii. Commissioner Apolonio Morales, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Outreach – Co-Chair Williams

Commissioner Morales indicated that members of the Ad Hoc Working Groups in Outreach and Demographics are working together in promoting the training and roll out of the LA County mapping software.

He also announced the preparation of radio spots in English and Spanish about redistricting.





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Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, added that the Ad Hoc Working Group is considering a Press Conference in September 2021 – around the time of the launch of the software with the updated Census 2020 data (incarcerated populations) at Patriotic Hall.

Public speaker comment: There were no public comments.

The Commissioners had no further questions.

5. CONSENT ITEMS (RE-ORDERED FROM THE AGENDA)

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.

There was time before the 7:00 p.m. start time for the public hearing portion of the meeting for the Commissioners to discuss the minutes.

The Commissioners discussed the minutes for the June 23, 2021, LA County CRC regular meeting and public hearing. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher		
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	Excused	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 28, 2021, LA County CRC public hearing. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher		
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
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Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams and Commissioner Apolonio Morales provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.

8. 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.

The Zone E zip codes include:

90001; 90002; 90003; 90004; 90005; 90006; 90007; 90008; 90010; 90011; 90012; 90014; 90015; 90016; 90017; 90018; 90019; 90020; 90021; 90023; 90026; 90027; 90028; 90029; 90031; 90032; 90033; 90036; 90037; 90038; 90039; 90042; 90043; 90044; 90046; 90047; 90048; 90056; 90057; 90058; 90059; 90061; 90062; 90063; 90065; 90068; 90069; 90071; 90089; 90211; 90220; 90222; 90247; 90248; 90249; 90301; 90302; 90303; 90304; 90305; 90746; 90747; 90013; 90090; 91608

Although the focus was on Zone E, 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. 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:

- Barry Johnson, Studio City Neighborhood Council and Studio City Resident Association: Studio City is not well represented at the County level. Not combine Studio City with communities on the other side of the Santa Monica Mountains. SFV has close to 2 million residents so should have its own Supervisor





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- Carlos Leon (zip code 90044), Community coalition and People's Bloc, regarding South Los Angeles (SLA) with a "black-brown" population facing discrimination/pandemic, a vital community with LA Trade Tech and other community resources
- Timothy Watkins (zip codes 90002 and 90059 north), Watts Labor Neighborhood Coalition, regarding Watts (1st St to 99th St.) and 100 years of gerrymandering, short life spans, lack of response from the Board of Supervisors; should not be part of Long Beach or San Pedro
- Kristie Hernandez (zip code 90063 and 90022), regarding East Los Angeles – unincorporated, shared values, multigenerational. Join East LA with Southeast LA (South Gate, Lynwood) and Northeast LA (El Sereno and University Hills)
- Elia Partida (zip code 90022), People's Block, CHIRLA, presented in Spanish (refer to Attachment for Spanish presentation and English translation) – concerns regarding homelessness, smoke shops influence on children and youth
- Elizabeth Alcantar (zip code 90201, Zone I), Vice Mayor of Cudahy, regarding keeping the Southeast LA communities (Bell, Bell Gardens, South Gate, Commerce, Huntington Park) together in SD 1; large percentages of the population are immigrants, Latino, poor, lack Internet access
- Lisseth Flores (zip code 90201), Bell Gardens City Council, regarding keeping the Southeast LA communities together (Cudahy, Bell Gardens, and Lynwood); shared issues of COVID-19
- Jose Miguel Ruiz (zip code 91733), Executive Director, CULTIVALA Inc., regarding SD 1 (El Monte, Baldwin Park, South El Monte); concerns about great needs/nutrition so operates an urban farm
- Maria-Isabel Rutledge (zip code 90044), Community coalition, regarding South Central LA; greater needs for children, elderly, families, outdoor spaces/parks, senior centers
- Denise Diaz, Council Member, regarding keeping Southeast LA together (Cudahy, Bell Gardens, South Gate, Lynwood)
- Marisela Santana, (zip code 90262), Mayor of Lynwood, regarding keeping Southeast LA together (Maywood and Lynwood – once part of the original Rancho San Antonio); surrounded by the 710 freeway and related environmental injustices
- Robert Montalvo (zip code 90280), regarding South Gate (to be included with Lynwood)
- Kirk Samuels (zip code 90044), Community Coalition and People's Block, regarding keeping South LA together; concerns about racial equity, social justice, affordable housing, police reform; has important human capital who take pride in the community (The Arts, Taste of Soul); similar to Compton, Watts, South LA





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- Ali Saleh, Councilmember with the City of Bell, regarding keeping Southeast LA together (Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Vernon, Lynwood, etc.)
- Oralia Y. Rebollo, Vice Mayor, City of Commerce, regarding keeping Maywood and Lynwood together in SD 1; share environmental injustices
- Sherry Jones (zip code 90044), Community Coalition, regarding the history of unrest and its adverse impact on the community (homeless, seniors' needs, parks for children) in South Central LA
- Lourdes Saab (zip code 90042), Highland Park, regarding keeping SD 1 together and the northeast part of SD 1 with East LA
- Mary E. Porterfield (zip code 90806), Long Beach, asked the CRC to define communities of interest; she has a podcast on the voter turnout gap and sees redistricting linked to economic and political power
- John Mendoza, (91768 zip code), SD 1 and North Pomona near the Fairplex, regarding pollution, no voice in SD 1, no accountability to North Pomona residents
- Elida Mendez entered the following written comment into the CHAT BOX: "Hello commissioners my name is Elida Mendez I live in The Green Meadows Community CD9 joining the CD8 boundaries and having the representation of council member office CD8 which is Marquece Harry Dawson. The issues that we have we always struggle trying to get help because although Dawson represent us there is the excuse that is not his district. I want the redistricting this area to make Green Meadows Community only CD9 and joining Neighborhood Council that will be a territory exclusive only for CD9 for council member office Curren Price."
- The following individuals chose not to make public comment although initially indicated a potential interest in doing so:
 - Carmen Taylor Jones (submitted a COI Form)
 - Cesia Romo
 - Ahtziri Esqueda (submitted a COI Form)

The public hearing portion of the meeting ended at 8:36 p.m. The Commissioners took a break and returned at 8:41 p.m.





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9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

There were no items to be placed on future agendas.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided the following updates:

- The Los Angeles County Executive Office is current mailing LA County CRC business cards to the Commissioners and staff.
- The Los Angeles County Counsel is preparing declarations to pursue reimbursements for unfunded State mandates.
- Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough shared locations for August hybrid meetings and discussed the possibility of 2 additional hybrid or in-person public hearings for September and October. The Co-Chairs requested that she survey the Commissioners to determine their availability for dates for such additional public hearings.
 - See highlighted locations on graphic on next page.
- She also indicated that Patriotic Hall will be the site for the Fall CRC meetings.
- She also proposed a format for building a database to catalog public input from the COI Forms, written comments/letters, and public testimony – from December 14, 2020, (the start of the LA County CRC) on – to make it easier for Commissioners and the public to review and identify patterns.





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Help spread the word about upcoming Public Hearings for Communities of Interest

Public Hearing Zones	
A - Mon., June 14, 7pm	
B - Sun., August 22, 2pm	
C - Tue., July 20, 7pm	
D - Wed., June 23, 7pm	
E - Wed., July 14, 7pm	
F - Wed., July 28, 2pm	
G - Wed., August 11, 7pm	
H - Thu., August 19, 7pm	
I - Mon., June 28, 7pm	
Countywide Public Hearing in Spanish – Sat, August 7, 10am	

Zone B:
Antelope Valley College
3041 W Ave K
Lancaster, CA 93536
Sun, Aug. 22, 2pm

Zone G:
El Monte Community Center
3130 Tyler
El Monte, CA 91731
Wed, Aug. 11, 7pm

Zone H:
West Los Angeles College
(tentative)
9000 Overland Ave
Culver City, CA 90230
Thu, Aug. 19, 7pm

Fall Meetings:
Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, 1816 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90015

11. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

To sign up for receiving future LA County CRC notices, go to: redistricting.lacounty.gov

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





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ATTACHMENT

No one requested a translator prior to this public hearing. Elia Partida (zip code 90022), People's Block, CHIRLA, made the following presentation in Spanish by. A translation into English follows.

Spanish presentation – Elia Partida:

Las personas que vivimos en mi comunidad somos gente trabajadora. La mayoría somos latinos y el lenguaje preferido es el español.

Algunos de mis vecinos trabajan en una tortillería local, otros en restaurantes de comida rápida, muchos son vendedores ambulantes venden frutas, raspados. Por la calle Whittier Blvd muchos miembros de la comunidad se ganan la vida trabajando en trocas de comida vendiendo tacos, birria hot dogs y pupusas lo cual me preocupa por la sanidad y frescura de los alimentos pero de algún modo tenemos que sobrevivir y llevar dinero para nuestra renta y bills que tenemos que pagar.

Por la calle Whittier Blvd están abriendo muchos negocios de smoke shop lo cual está al acceso de muchos jóvenes que pasan cuando van y vienen de la escuela Ford Blvd Elementary, Humphreys, Griffith Jr High y Garfield High School. Esas son muy buenas escuelas públicas, pero caminar por la Whittier Blvd es imposible con las tiendas que sacan los productos en las banquetas, los indigentes que están por donde quiera.

Hay muchos servicios disponibles para mi comunidad, algunos de esos servicios están disponibles en East LA College, la clínica Edward R Roybal (clínica de colores) ayudan a la comunidad a aplicar para salud médica como medicina de emergencia a la comunidad inmigrante. En la clínica también se refieren a otras organizaciones sin fin de lucro donde ayudan a pagar la renta y bills atrasados especialmente ahora con COVID.

Para los niños y jóvenes tenemos la librería de East Los Angeles Library y parques que son muy conocidos como el Obregón park, Belvedere park, Salazar park. Pero con tantos smoke shops y indigentes no me siento segura para los niños/jóvenes.

Aunque no es un recurso un lugar muy conocido en mi comunidad es el cementerio El Calvario que es una parte importante del vecindario. Muchos vecinos corren y caminan a su alrededor.

Antes de COVID la celebración más famosa en mi vecindario es Christmas parade normalmente que empieza en la Eastern y Whittier y termina en la Whittier y la Atlantic. Es muy especial para los niños porque se emocionan al ver a Santa Claus.





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Las autopistas principales en mi comunidad son el freeway 710 hacia Long Beach. Este se conecta al freeway 5 a Santa Ana y el 110. Para moverme en mi comunidad puedo usar los siguientes sistemas de transporte público: el bus 18 viene de Garfield y va a downtown. También tenemos el metro red line y el tren. Localmente hay un shuttle que pasa de la Olympic hasta la César Chavez.

Es importante que mi comunidad se mantenga unida porque necesitamos un representante que se enfoque en asistir a la comunidad sin hogar (homeless) y en la falta de vivienda. Por falta de vivienda y porque el costo de las viviendas es muy alto hay muchas personas que viven en RVs en nuestra comunidad o que no tienen hogar. Cuando se camina en las calles de East LA hay muchas RVs parqueadas en la calle. Necesitamos a un líder en la comunidad que se comprometa a resolver la homelessness y que entienda que el aumento de Smoke Shops que se han establecido en la comunidad hace que el vecindario no se sienta seguro de caminar.

Por concluir, les he compartido un mapa con mi testimonio escrito por email para detalles de los límites del mapa de mi comunidad.

Gracias por la oportunidad de compartir el día de HOY

English Translation:

Hello, my name is Elia Partida, and I am a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) and of the People's Bloc. I have lived in the East LA community for 61 years.

The people who live in my community are hardworking people. We are a majority Latino, and our preferred language is Spanish. Some of my neighbors work in a local tortilleria (where they make and sell tortillas), others in fast food restaurants, many are street vendors who sell fruit and shaved ice. On Whittier Blvd., many members of the community make a living working in food trucks selling tacos, beer, hot dogs, and pupusas which worries me because of the quality and the freshness and nutritional value of the food concerns me, however, we must make a living somehow in order to take money home to pay our rent and bills.

On Whittier Blvd., there are many smoke shops opening and they are accessible to many young people who pass by these on their way to and from schools including Ford Blvd Elementary, Humphreys, Griffith Jr High and Garfield High School. These are very good public schools but walking down Whittier Blvd is impossible with the shops that display their products on the sidewalks, and the high number of indigent individuals everywhere.

There are many services available to my community; some of those services are available at East LA College, the Edward R. Roybal Clinic (also known as clinica de colores) and they help the community apply for medical





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health and provide emergency medical care to the immigrant community. The clinic also refers clients to other non-profit organizations that help pay rent and overdue bills, especially now with COVID.

For children and youth, we have the East Los Angeles Library and parks that are very well known as Obregón Park, Belvedere Park, Salazar Park. But with so many smoke shops and indigent populations, I am concerned for the safety our for children/youth.

Although it is not a resource, a very familiar place in my community is the El Calvario cemetery, which is an important part of the neighborhood. Many locals walk and run around (the cemetery).

Before COVID the most famous celebration in my community was the Christmas parade which normally starts at Eastern and Whittier and ends at Whittier and Atlantic. It is very special for children because they get excited to see Santa Claus.

The main highways in my community are the 710 Freeway to Long Beach which connects to Freeway 5 in Santa Ana and 110. To move about in my community, I can use the following public transportation systems: bus 18 comes from Garfield and goes downtown. We also have the metro red line and the train. Locally, there is actually a shuttle that runs from the Olympic to César Chavez.

It is important that my community maintains united because we need a representative who can focus on assisting the unhoused community and with the lack of housing. Because of a lack of housing and because the cost of living is very high, there are many people who live in RVs in our community or who do not have housing. When walking through the streets of East LA, there are many RVs parked on the street. We need a leader in the community who commits to resolving homelessness and who understands that the increase in Smoke Shops that has been established in the community makes walking in the neighborhood feel unsafe.

To conclude, I have shared a map along with my written testimony by email in order to provide details of the limits of the map of my community.

Thank you for the opportunity to share TODAY.

