



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR COI PUBLIC HEARING – July 20, 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 7:03 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
Excused	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Excused	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Late (7:08p)	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 had no changes.

#### 4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams and Commissioner Hailes Soto 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.

The Zone C zip codes include:

San Fernando Valley: 91040; 91301; 91302; 91303; 91304; 91306; 91307; 91311; 91316; 91324; 91325; 91326; 91330; 91331; 91335; 91340; 91342; 91343; 91344; 91345; 91352; 91356; 91361; 91362; 91364; 91367; 91401; 91402; 91403; 91405; 91406; 91411; 91423; 91436; 91601; 91602; 91604; 91605; 91606; 91607

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:

- Bob Anderson, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (founded 1964) with 500 attendees. Sent letter with maps on July 2, 2021. Keep Sherman Oaks together, including Part of Sherman Oaks (POSO) and a sliver west of the 405) whole in SFV. Share interests with LA Metro and Sepulveda Pass.
- Ann O'Connor, Team Leader with Part of Sherman Oaks (POSO). Keep Sherman Oaks together, including POSO. Sent email and letter on June 30, 2021. Share interests with movies in the park, library, airplane noise, and LA Metro.
- Stuart Waldman, President, Valley Industrial Commerce Association (VICA), which represents SFV. SFV should be 1 district (it is now 2 districts which do not represent a majority of SFV residents). ACS data show diversity of SFV (42% Latino, 43% White, 11% Asian, etc.)
- William Slocum, Kagel Canyon Civic Association, an unincorporated area of the SFV (91342). Keep Kagel Canyon with SD 5; shared infrastructures. Shared communities of Sunland, Tujunga, Lakeview Terrace, Santa Clarita, etc.





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- Issam Najm, Porter Ranch, former Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council. NW SFV in SD 5. Shared COI in terms of the economy, transit, public health (Aliso Canyon gas leak), wildfires, etc.
- Christine Rowe (91307, West Hills). Keep SFV whole: Simi/Agoura Hills to the North/West and Mulholland Dr. to the South. Agrees with VICA. Share Orange Line
- Jeremy Payne (90004, North Hollywood). LGBTQ+ community of 60,000 members. Keep North Hollywood, Valley Glen, Studio City, Toluca Lake, and Valley Village together. Will submit a map.
- Carmen Taylor Jones (Watts, Zone E). Involved in Black Women of Wellness. Watts has been ignored and has a Black majority. Shared culture, banking institutions. Nothing like San Pedro or Wilmington to the South. It has a population of 35,000 in a 2.1 square mile area (LA City should not continue splitting it between two Council Districts).
- Barry Johnson, Studio City Neighborhood Council and Studio City Homeowners Association: SFV is a stepchild and should be one distribute; now very diverse. DFV starts south of Mulholland Dr.
- Kip Drabeck, President of a Chatsworth organization and an unincorporated area. SFV is a stepchild. Unincorporated *Chatsworth is a stepchild of SFV. Chatsworth is rural and more like SD 5, not SFV.*
- *Brandon Morino (Studio City) submitted the following written comment into QA: "In LA County, COVID has ravaged the Hispanic [sic]/Latino communities, with perhaps many deaths occurring [sic] after the end of the Census count. Has this been factored into the redistricting plans, to prevent minority communities from being undercounted?"*

The Commissioners answered questions from the public, which is available in the YouTube recording and posted with this meeting's proceedings.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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