



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (LA County CRC)  
CRC MINUTES FOR COI PUBLIC HEARING – Saturday, August 7, 2021 – Spanish Language  
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 10:07 a.m.

Thai V. Le, LA County CRC Clerk, explained that this public hearing is a first for commissioners because the LA County CRC was conducting the public hearing with Spanish as the primary language and English as the secondary language. The public’s patience was appreciated as the LA County CRC experimented with this new format with two interpreters to assist the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking public.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

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| 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              |

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda had no changes.

### 4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following Commissioners provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches in Spanish with English interpreters:





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- Commissioner Saira Soto
- Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
- Commissioner Apolonio Morales
- Commissioner Hailes Soto

## 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.

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:

- Sandra Flores (East LA, 90022) – Keep East LA with 1 supervisor; concerned about social justice, social services.
- Roberto (Rem) Nunez (East LA, NE LA, SE LA, 90033) – Keep East LA together with NE LA and SE LA and with one supervisor; concerned about social justice, health (pandemic).
- Diego Rodrigues, director of Operations, Alma Family Services – Keep East LA together with NE LA and SE LA with 1 supervisor; Share similar vulnerable populations with Highland Park, Mt. Washington, etc.
- Maria Elena Gonzalez (Pomona (91766) – Keep Pomona with SD 1; city of workers, working 2-3 jobs. Do more public hearings in Spanish.
- Denise Villamil – (NE LA, 90042) – Keep NE LA together; do not fragment; better collaboration





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- Jesus Villaba Gastelum (South Gate, 90280) – Keep South Gate with East LA; similar values, diverse religions, shared issues of immigration rights, workers, industrial environment
- Beatriz Sandoval (Baldwin Park, 90280) – Unincorporated area with shared languages, shared transportation with Pomona, shared homeless issues with El Monte, Baldwin Park, shared attendance at San Antonio college
- Adriana Ortega (Whittier, 90601) – Whittier is different from Pico Rivera and Montebello; has middle and upper class and others living in apartments, attend Rio Honda Community College; residents share Pioneer High School with Norwalk; shared public transportation; similar to Santa Fe Springs (which is nicer and more industrial)
- Salvador Diaz (Walnut Park, SD1) – unincorporated area with Hispanic and diversity in other languages. Surrounded by Freeways 710, 110, 5, and 60; low income with local businesses. Do not divide community because of need for resources (e.g., education, housing, economic benefits, environmental problems, grocery stores with healthy and affordable food, safety, and health clinics)
- Sylvia Diaz – Wilmington (surrounded by Freeways 110, 710, 405). Issues of air quality, housing, and immigration shared with Long Beach, Carson, and Harbor city. Not similar to coastal towns. Member of People’s Bloc.
- Norma Diaz (Walnut Park) – Keep Walnut Park together. Do not split between SD 1 and SD 2 as done in the past and was unfair. Shared issues of environmental justice, education (more schools).
- Christian Trigueros – From Trigggraphix Neighborhood – shared issues of neighborhood spirit and economic development. Involved with the Catholic Diocese to address shared issues of neighborhood development, gangs, Head Start, youth programs, etc.
- Nora Diaz (Antelope Valley, 93550) – CHIRLA and People’s Block member. Antelope Valley is not like Sylmar and Porter Ranch. Shared issues of immigration (only 1 health clinic and limited public transportation) in Antelope Valley.
- Teresa Palaccios (East LA) – Keep East LA with Maywood, Vernon, and Bell Gardens. Shared environmental problems, limited access to medical care and jobs. Do more Spanish public hearings.

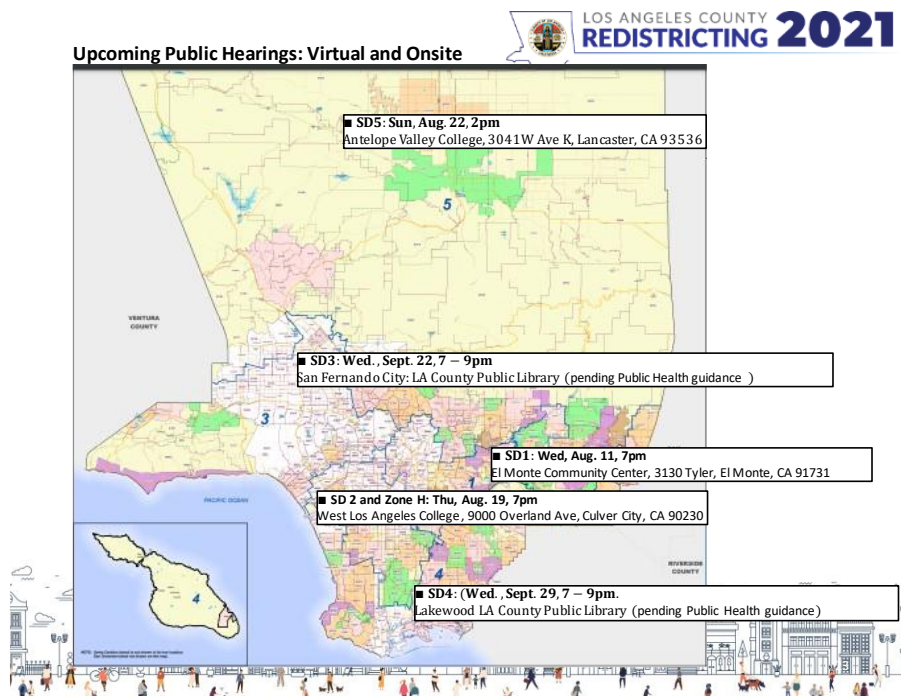




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- Patricia Tapia (Huntington Park, Bell, Vernon, South Gate (industrial) – Concerned about these communities and environmental issues in these industrial areas. Shared Spanish language, family values, and environmental justice, homelessness, and safety concerns.
- *Mireya Escobar submitted the following written comment into QA: “Mi nombre es Mireya Escobar, de la ciudad de Pomona y me preocupa que la desicion de realimitacion de los distritos sea tomada basandose en el censo. Ya que hay un numero grande de comunidad hispanohablante que no participa en el censo. Considerando esto pienso que estas comunidades no estan debidamente representadas.”*
  - *English translation: My name is Mireya Escobar of the city of Pomona and I am concerned that the decision to realign the districts will be made based on the census. There is a large number of [individuals in the] Spanish-speaking community that do not participate in the census. Considering this, I think that these communities are not properly represented.*

At the conclusion, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., LA County CRC Executive Director, announced the upcoming COI Public Hearings and targeted release of the free mapping software in late August. She encouraged the public to share the information.





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## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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

