



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., Report on Agenda Item 7b
for Special Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Daniel Mayeda, Co-Chair
Commissioner Jean Franklin
Commissioner David Holtzman
Commissioner Mary Kenney
Commissioner Mark Mendoza
Commissioner Apolonio Morales
Commissioner Nelson Obregon

Commissioner Carolyn Williams, Co-Chair
Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Commissioner Hailes Soto
Commissioner Saira Soto
Commissioner Brian Stecher
Commissioner John Vento
Commissioner Doreena Wong

Agenda Item 7b. Discussion of and possible approval of approach for Commissioner review of submitted Community of Interest (COI) input — Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Now that 10 of the 12 public hearings are completed, the Commission should discuss the best way to digest the Community of Interest (COI) input. The goal of this Agenda Item is to synthesize the COI input and develop hypotheses about the significant COIs and their respective contiguous communities with shared values and interests

For this LA County CRC Commissioner assignment, a hypothesis is an assumption or prediction, based on available COI input to date. The hypothesis is written so that ARCBridge can draw the COIs on a map. In this way, the COI hypotheses:

- Can be further tested to see if the public agrees
- Refined based on public input
- Guide further review of submitted or considered redistricting maps

COI Input Catalog

The LA County CRC received more than 400 comments as part of COI public input; in some cases, individuals have made public comments on multiple occasions and in different formats. The LA County CRC staff have prepared a catalog of the COI input from the 10 public hearings as an Excel spreadsheet. The Excel spreadsheet allows sorts by:





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- Date of submission (timestamp)
- Name of individual submitting
- Zip code if provided
- Zone (Note: The zones are groups of zip codes of geographic clusters that the LA County CRC used solely for COI input and do not reflect where the final lines may or may not be drawn.)
- General theme of the COI input
- Type of input (LA County CRC COI form, LA County CRC public comment, etc.)
 - Note: California CRC public comments are included and highlighted in blue; some comments are relevant to LA County and other comments pertain to the State-level redistricting efforts. In addition to the highlights in the Excel spreadsheet, public input posted that the California CRC has received by mail or email is posted at: https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/public_input
- Public input provided by completing the LA County CRC COI or California CRC forms about their communities:
 - Input
 - Community name
 - Your community
 - Nearby areas
 - More about your community
 - Other

When public testimony is provided in a language other than English, both the original language and the English translation are provided.

Commissioner Team Approach

A suggested approach is to form 5 teams of 2 to 3 Commissioners, who would focus on 3 to 4 pre-assigned zones. The table presents a draft of which Commissioners might be assigned to a team and what zones they might focus on. Efforts were made to assign Commissioners to areas that they are familiar with, as well as new areas where they may be less familiar. These assignments ensure that each zone is reviewed by two different Commissioner teams and that no single group of Commissioners have more than 4 zones to review.

Commissioners who wish to participate in teams that are reviewing other zones are welcome to join those discussions, not to exceed 6 team members.





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Commissioner	Team	Groupings	SD	City	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I Totals
					SCV	AV	SFV	Pas	Cen	ELA	SGV	SEA	LB
John Vento	1	A, B, D, I	5	Palmdale	1	1		1					4
Mark Mendoza	1	A, B, D, I	5	La Verne	1	1		1					4
Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	2	E, F, G	1	Los Angeles					1	1	1		3
Saira Soto	2	E, F, G	1	Los Angeles					1	1	1		3
Apolonio Morales	2	E, F, G	4	Whittier					1	1	1		3
Daniel Mayeda	3	B, C, G, H	2	Culver City		1	1	1				1	4
David Holtzman	3	B, C, G, H	5	Burbank		1	1	1				1	4
Nelson Obregon	3	B, C, G, H	1	Los Angeles		1	1	1				1	4
Jean Franklin	4	E, F, I	2	Long Beach					1	1			3
Carolyn Williams	4	E, F, I	2	Hawthorne					1	1			3
Hailes Soto	4	E, F, I	4	Downey					1	1			3
Brian Stecher	5	A, C, D, H	3	Santa Monica	1		1				1	1	4
Doreena Wong	5	A, C, D, H	3	Los Angeles	1		1				1	1	4
Mary Kenney	5	A, C, D, H	4	Palos Verdes Estates	1		1				1	1	4
Number of Reviews					5	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	5

Suggested Commissioner Action Steps

This approach involves the following steps:

1. Have the Commissioner teams develop COI hypotheses
 - a. Review the COI comments in detail as a team
 - b. Develop statements to describe the COIs by identifying the communities that hypothetically belong together as straw models
 - i. *COI hypothesis example 1: Keep East Los Angeles (ELA), Southeast Los Angeles (SE LA), and Northeast Los Angeles (NE LA) together, which consist of the cities and unincorporated areas of City Terrace, South Gate, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Florence-Firestone, etc.*
 - c. May need to propose multiple COI hypotheses or COI clusters in some cases when conflicting public testimony patterns are identified
 - i. *COI hypothesis example 2a: Keep San Fernando Valley (SFV) together with Mulholland on the south, 118 on the north, Calabasas on the west, and Toluca Lake on the east*
 - ii. *COI hypothesis example 2b: Split SFV along the 405. Keep Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena with the eastern half of the SFV. Keep Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Topanga, and Malibu with the western end of SFV. Maintain Mulholland as the southern border.*
 - d. Share these COI hypotheses with ARCBridge to map them and add population profiles
2. Post these COI hypotheses so that the public can provide suggested modifications





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3. Have Commissioners discuss the strengths and weaknesses of these COI maps in moving forward

The full Commission has begun reaching out to the public to submit maps for the 5 Supervisorial Districts. These COI hypotheses are informational only and may be used as building blocks for redistricting mapping purposes.

Potential Options for Commissioners' Approach for COI Review

ARCBridge is prepared to draw COI hypotheses, based on direction from the Commissioners.

1. Each Commissioner reads all COI input and the Commission collectively develop hypotheses
2. Use Commissioner teams to develop COI hypotheses, as per proposed action steps in this Executive Director Report
3. Request the Ad Hoc Working Group on Demography to develop the COI hypotheses

