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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION: LAUNCHES FREE MAPPING SOFTWARE

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) wants your ideas about where to draw the lines for electing the Board of Supervisors for the next decade.

Details about the free mapping software and training on it are at: CLICK HERE

"We want the process of drawing the Supervisorial District lines to be transparent. We will be making all submitted maps available for the public's review," stated LA County CRC Co-Chair Carolyn Williams.

This mapping software enables individuals and organizations to draw maps, using the 2020 Census data and other data sets, to ensure their Communities of Interest (COI) are identified in terms of their geography. The mapping software also allows the public to draw the 5 Supervisorial Districts and verify that their submitted maps have:

- District populations that are reasonably equal in population (about 2 million population each)
- Districts that are geographically contiguous, while considering topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda points out that, "We've received extensive input regarding COIs through written letters, public testimonies, completed COI forms, and emails. We will be integrating that input with the public's recommended maps."

Every 10 years, after the U.S. Census Bureau publishes updated census information, Los Angeles County must redraw the boundaries of its supervisorial districts so that the population is evenly allocated among the 5 districts. In the past, the Board of Supervisors appointed an advisory committee to study proposed changes and could make revisions before adopting the final districted boundaries. Today, the LA County CRC is <u>independent</u> of the Board of Supervisors as a result of California legislation that passed in 2016.

For more information, visit: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/

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