



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) PUBLIC HEARING:

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 2:00 pm

Live Virtual and In-Person Combination (Hybrid Format)

VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED AT: [CLICK HERE](#)

Agenda

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Thai V. Le, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (LA County CRC) Clerk, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Thai Le reviewed the COVID-19 protocols, based on the protocols developed for other community colleges.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20, as an emergency measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Executive Order allows local and state agencies to hold virtual meetings via teleconference and make meetings accessible electronically despite open meeting requirements in the Bagley-Keene and Brown Acts. The Governor signed this Executive Order in March 2020 and extended it through September 30, 2021.

The LA County CRC held a hybrid meeting format where Commissioners can attend either in person or virtually and count toward the quorum. Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

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| Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Jean Franklin | Excused | | Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura |
| Yes | In Person | Commissioner David Holtzman | Yes | In Person | Commissioner Hailes Soto |
| Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Mary Kenney | Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Saira Soto |
| Yes | In Person | Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda | Yes | In Person | Commissioner Brian Stecher |
| Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Mark Mendoza | Yes | In Person | Commissioner John Vento |
| Yes | In Person | Commissioner Apolonio Morales | Yes | In Person | Co-Chair Carolyn Williams |
| Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Nelson Obregon | Yes | Virtual | Commissioner Doreena Wong |

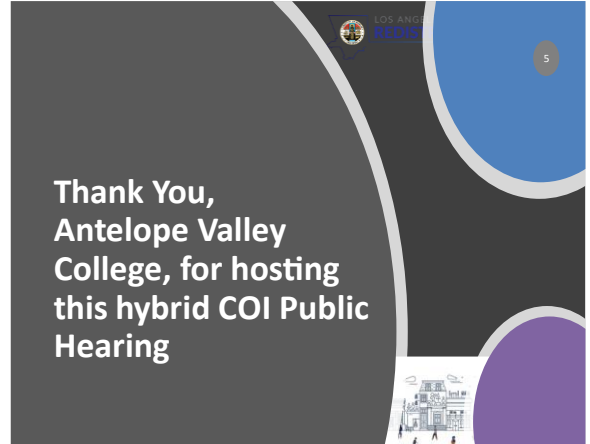




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Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, thanked Antelope Valley College for hosting the hybrid COI Public Hearing in their Performing Arts theatre with its excellent staff and technology to make the meeting possible.

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda extended a special thank you to Commissioner John Vento for making the introductions at the College to use the facility.



AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION

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

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) INPUT

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 B zip codes include:

91042; 91759; 92397; 93243; 93510; 93523; 93532; 93534; 93535; 93536; 93543; 93544; 93550; 93551; 93552; 93553; 93563; 93591





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Although the focus was on Zone B, 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 in person or by Zoom were:

- Michael Rives – 93534 zip code: Antelope Valley (AV) is not similar to Pasadena or other parts of the LA County (ocean, central LA). Concerned about gerrymandering in the past. The County is largely minority.
- Jacqueline Ayers – 93510 zip code: In the past, the power went to populated, not rural, areas. The North County has little influence with the Supervisors who do not understand the unique needs of the North County (e.g., snowplows). The one Supervisor for the North County always gets outvoted. Proposed a North-South configuration where all 5 SDs had part of the North County.
- Giovanni Christian Pope – 93536 zip code: Concerned that AV has not had representation in government. Wants equity in government. Has lived in both Pasadena and AV, which are both in SD 5 and both have different needs (e.g., snowplows for AV). AV has aerospace. Proposed AV with Santa Clarita, Newhall, and Sylmar in the SFV.
- Betsy Haslett – 93551 zip code: Has lived in AV for 4 decades. AV has a variety of ethnicities. AV is an unwanted stepchild, used for trash dump. Residents travel Route 14 for work. Sheriff spent money to address people who are homeless and lacks necessary funding when residents in eastern AV get threatened.
- Chris Mitchell, Pear Blossom Rural Town Council: Pear Blossom is part of Southeast AV with Sun Valley and Little Rock. The northside of the mountain is a stepchild. Four of the 5 supervisors have never lived in AV and never visit AV and do not understand their needs (e.g., snowplows). Supports the idea of North-South districts where each Supervisor has a rural area. Today the Supervisors are too influenced by urban, not rural, ideas. Other parts of LA County are dissimilar from North County, a big desert where residents have large acre lots for their own recreation (e.g., horses, off-road vehicles). Eastern AV has a large Hispanic





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population (he's Hispanic and Celtic). Does not want urban ideas forced on them. SD 5 interests are never heard, which includes many rural minorities in LA County.

- Marcos Alvarez – 93550 zip code: AV resident who ran for the Palmdale School District board. Large Latino growth in east Palmdale. Interested in how to engage the Latinos to get involved.
 - Marcos Alvarez entry into QA: “Hello, My name is Marcos Alvarez living in East Palmdale, CA 93550. Have been living here since ‘96. I have seen a major growth of Latino population since. After reviewing the Census, it was said that many canvassing experienced no answer in our area. However, there are many Dems registered voters. How many Latino voters are there in the East side of Palmdale?” [typos corrected]
- John Vidic – 93510 zip code: The AV rural areas are not represented. Although railroads respect quiet zones in the more urban sections of LA County, they do not apply quiet zones in AV. Coastal areas are unique and have multiple SDs. AV has only one SD. AV needs more than 1 Supervisor to be heard.

Other entry into QA were:

- Dave Bowman: “who is it that is looking at what effect the redistricting will have on the AV? This is vital as the AV constitutes 60% of the land mass of LACO and will experience massive population shift (urban to rural) in the next 20 years. Statistics note that Hispanics and Latinos are now the majority and seek equity in selecting their representation at the county level. [typos corrected]

The Commissioners discussed the input at this public hearing regarding the Antelope Valley’s special needs.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PRESENTATION ON RACIALLY POLARIZED VOTING ANALYSIS – CO-CHAIR WILLIAMS

Commissioner John Vento introduced the two speakers, who gave a formal presentation on “Law of Race and Redistricting” and answered questions from the Commissioners:

- Bruce Adelson, Esq., Federal Compliance Consulting LLC; Instructor of Family Medicine, Georgetown University School of Medicine; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- Dr. Jonathan N. Katz, Kay Sugahara Professor of Social Sciences and Statistics, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology





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The YouTube contains the presentation and Commissioners' questions and discussions regarding voter suppression, endogenous versus exogenous elections, regression analysis, voters versus potential voters, etc. The PowerPoint is posted on the LA County CRC website.

Public Comment: None

AGENDA ITEM 7. DRAFT CRC LETTER OPPOSING SENATE BILL 594 – COMMISSIONER DAVID HOLTZMAN

Commissioner David Holtzman presented a draft letter opposing SB 594 (as amended 8/16/2021) for consideration and approval. He viewed the SB 594 Amendment as another opportunity to ask the legislature to extend our Map Adoption Deadline from December 15, 2021, to January 14, 2022. He explained that the California CRC is pursuing date extension through the courts, but the LA County CRC (as well as the San Diego County IRC) can only request such extensions through legislation.

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda further noted that since we were going to use this bill to ask for a deadline extension, we should also request an amendment to the relevant statute to clarify that the bill's proposed changes do not alter the authority of the LA County CRC to draw district maps completely independent of the Board of Supervisors.

The Commissioners discussed the letter, a motion was made and seconded.

Public Comment: None

The motion passed.

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| Motion Made: | Commissioner Brian Stecher |
| Motion Seconded: | Co-Chair Carolyn Williams |
| Outcome: | Approved |

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AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 4:22 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>

