



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Revised on September 24, 2021: Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., Report
on Agenda Item 7b for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Meeting

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Agenda Item 7b. Consider Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group or Subcommittee to Review Maps Submitted, Organize Them for Commission Consideration, and/or Develop Working Drafts of Maps for Full Commission Debate — Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Note about the revision: This Executive Director Report is slightly revised from the earlier version submitted at the September 14, 2021, meeting for “Agenda Item 7d. Consider Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group or Subcommittee to Discuss and Review Maps Submitted and Organize Them for Commission Consideration.” The revision provides the Commissioners with the opportunity to consider having this Ad Hoc Working Group or Subcommittee to also possibly “Develop Working Drafts of Maps for Full Commission Debate.”

The primary mission of the LA County CRC is to draw the final Supervisorial District maps. The goal of this Agenda Item is to:

- ***Ensure that all Commissioners feel as if they can fully participate in map-related decisions*** – whether as a member of an Ad Hoc Working Group (Ad Hoc WG) or by providing input to an Ad Hoc WG as a non-member
- ***Establish a process that moves the Commission forward toward map options*** and solicits the public to provide input on those options
- ***Ensure transparency as much as possible*** in how the LA County CRC conducts its business
- ***Assist the LA County CRC by initially narrowing the number of submitted maps to a manageable number*** for consideration by the full Commission





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Role and Responsibility

ARCBridge will initially review the submitted maps for validity as per LA County CRC's criteria (posted on the website) and instructions and group similar valid maps together.

This Ad Hoc WG's role would be advisory only; it would be responsible for:

- Review of submitted and grouped maps
- Determination of a smaller set of maps (e.g., all or many of the maps that keep the San Fernando Valley intact; all or many of the maps that divide the north county area in a north/south fashion; etc.) to present to the full Commission for further discussion, public input, and refinement
- Develop working drafts of maps for full LA County CRC Commissioner debate and public input

Shared Hub of All Map Submissions

All submitted maps will be available for the Commissioners and the public to review in a shared hub because Commissioners and the public will likely:

- Want to know what other maps or map ideas were submitted but not put forth to the full Commission
- Request people or organizations who submitted maps to make public comments regarding their specific maps or map ideas

In addition, Commissioners will likely prepare and submit their own maps for consideration as they become conversant at using the mapping software and more of them will have their own ideas and proposed maps.

Potential Options for Commissioners' Approach for Reviewing Submitted Maps

Below are options for the LA County CRC Commissioners to consider. None of the options supplant or usurp the responsibility and authority of the full Commission to adopt the final map. The Ad Hoc WG would:

- Prep a selection of map options to begin the conversation with the full Commission
- Develop working drafts of maps for full Commission debate

Note: The LA County CRC Bylaws, Section 6.07, places a cap of 6 Commissioners on Subcommittees or Ad Hoc Working Groups. If the LA County CRC would like more than 6 on the Ad Hoc WG, it will need to amend the Bylaws. The Co-Chairs are responsible for appointing Ad Hoc Working Group membership.





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Options	Number of Commissioners	Focus of Ad Hoc WG in October 2021
1. Establish a new Ad Hoc WG on Mapping to perform this task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Permit participation of up to 7 CommissionersCommissioners interested should let the Co-Chairs know of their interestMembers to be selected by the Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October: Ad Hoc WG works with ARCBridge to define themes and prepare groups of maps, along the lines of the themes, for consideration before the full Commission and to solicit public input.Last week in October: Ad Hoc WG develops or proposes redistricting mapping options for the full Commission's consideration. ARCBridge draws the options.
2. Establish a new Ad Hoc WG on Mapping to perform this task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Permit participation of up to 7 CommissionersCommissioners interested should let the Co-Chairs know of their interestMembers to be selected by the Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October: Ad Hoc WG works with ARCBridge to define themes and prepare groups of maps, along the lines of the themes, for consideration before the full Commission and to solicit public input.Last week in October: Full Commission develops redistricting mapping options for ARCBridge to draw.
3. Use the full Commission to perform this work at regularly posted meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All 14 Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">October: Have ARCBridge bundle the maps according to themes for the full Commission to consider and solicit public input.Last week in October: Full Commission develops redistricting mapping options for ARCBridge to draw

In all three options:

- November:** Full Commission conducts public hearings to solicit public input on the redistricting mapping options; it requests ARCBridge to refine the options, based on public input.
- By December 15, 2021:** Full Commission adopts final map.





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Commission's Ultimate Authority and Future Dissolution of the Ad Hoc WG

The Ad Hoc WG does not have the authority to approve any maps. It can only make recommendations to the Commission as a whole as to which maps to propose as options or adopt. Once this Ad Hoc WG has performed its initial duties of reviewing submitting maps and/or developing mapping options for the full Commission's deliberation and the public to react to, it can be dissolved (e.g., late October). At the point, future directions on mapping would come from the full Commission to the Demographer/ARCBridge and LA County CRC staff.

