



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00 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 7:05 p.m.

Thai V. Le thanked the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall for hosting the meeting and reviewed the COVID-19 protocols.





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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.

Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused Late	Virtual	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	In Person	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Hailes Soto
No	Excused	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	In Person	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Virtual	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Doreena Wong

AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams reported that the agenda was accepted with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL – CO-CHAIR WILLIAMS

Chris Rowe made a general public comment that she has not used the LA County mapping software yet but has prepared 5 maps for the LA City CRC, using its mapping software, which she found difficult to use. The LA City software did not show the West Hills Neighborhood Council boundaries accurately. She observed Latino concentrations in downtown Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, and Palmdale.

Commissioner David Holtzman referenced a submitted written public comment from Henry Fung regarding information on how to use the LA County CRC mapping software, focusing on cities and unincorporated areas. The LA County CRC Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough pointed out that Thai V. Le and she were aware of his request and were in the process to see if they can reach out to him. It is likely that this request is something that the general public will want to know as well.





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AGENDA ITEM 5. CONTENT ITEMS – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Review and take appropriate action on the August 11, 2021, Draft Minutes

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the LA County CRC Executive Director to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

Public Comment: None

The Commissioners discussed the August 11, 2021, Draft LA County CRC Minutes. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Excused	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

Review and take appropriate action on the August 19, 2021, Draft Minutes

Public Comment: None

The Commissioners discussed the August 19, 2021, Draft LA County CRC Minutes. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Excused	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	Abstain	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong





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Review and take appropriate action on the August 22, 2021, Draft Minutes

Public Comment: None

The Commissioners discussed the August 22, 2021, Draft LA County CRC Minutes. The Commissioners made a motion and approved the minutes.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Apolonio Morales
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Abstain	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Excused	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

AGENDA ITEM 6. PRESENTATION ON CENSUS 2020 DATA AND FREE MAPPING SOFTWARE – CO-CHAIR WILLIAMS

Priti Mathur, ARCBridge, compared demographic changes between the 2010 Census and 2020 Census and presented an overview of Supervisorial District trends since the 1970s as an historical context. Commissioners asked Priti Mathur questions for clarification.

Members of the public who are interested in seeing the presentation and discussion should view the posted Recording on the LA County CRC YouTube Channel and our website.

Public comment:

- Chris Rowe requested that the San Fernando Valley be in one Supervisorial District since its population is around 2 million residents.

Thai V. Le reported that, to date, 3 preliminary maps and several COI maps have been submitted.





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AGENDA ITEM 7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7a. Updates From Ad Hoc Working Groups – Co-Chairs Carolyn Williams and Dan Mayeda

- i. Commissioner Apolonio Morales, Leader, Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Outreach – Co-Chair Williams

Commissioner Apolonio Morales announced the upcoming Press Conference on October 7, 2021, at 11:00 am in front of the Hall of Administration. He will be providing more details as the logistics get refined.

- ii. Commissioner David Holtzman, Leader, Legislation and Updates on Other Redistricting Commissions – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

- a) Commissioner David Holtzman indicated that the San Diego IRC has decided to remove the County seal from its logo.

- b) Co-Chair Dan Mayeda provided an update on SB 594 (as amended 8/16/2021), including the two LA County CRC letters submitted.

The LA County CRC had reached out to the California Senate and Assembly requesting extension of our deadline for submitting maps. Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda testified before the Assembly, requesting that the Amendment change the map adoption deadline from December 15, 2021, until January 14, 2022, which would make it consistent with the California CRC's requested deadline. The Assembly denied this request, although they were sympathetic about the crunched deadline, given the delay of the Census data. The Assembly observed that the California CRC had many more electoral bodies to redraw the boundaries and that the LA County CRC only had to deal with the 5 Board of Supervisors boundaries. The deadline remains December 15, 2021.

Public comment:

- Susan Petrus Nissman asked if the Supervisorial Districts only need minor modifications and already have two Latino majority districts, why is redistricting needed?
- Chris Rowe commented on gerrymandering in the San Fernando Valley in particular in the past and emphasized the need for redistricting. She would like to have a Supervisor who lived in the San Fernando Valley and understood their needs.

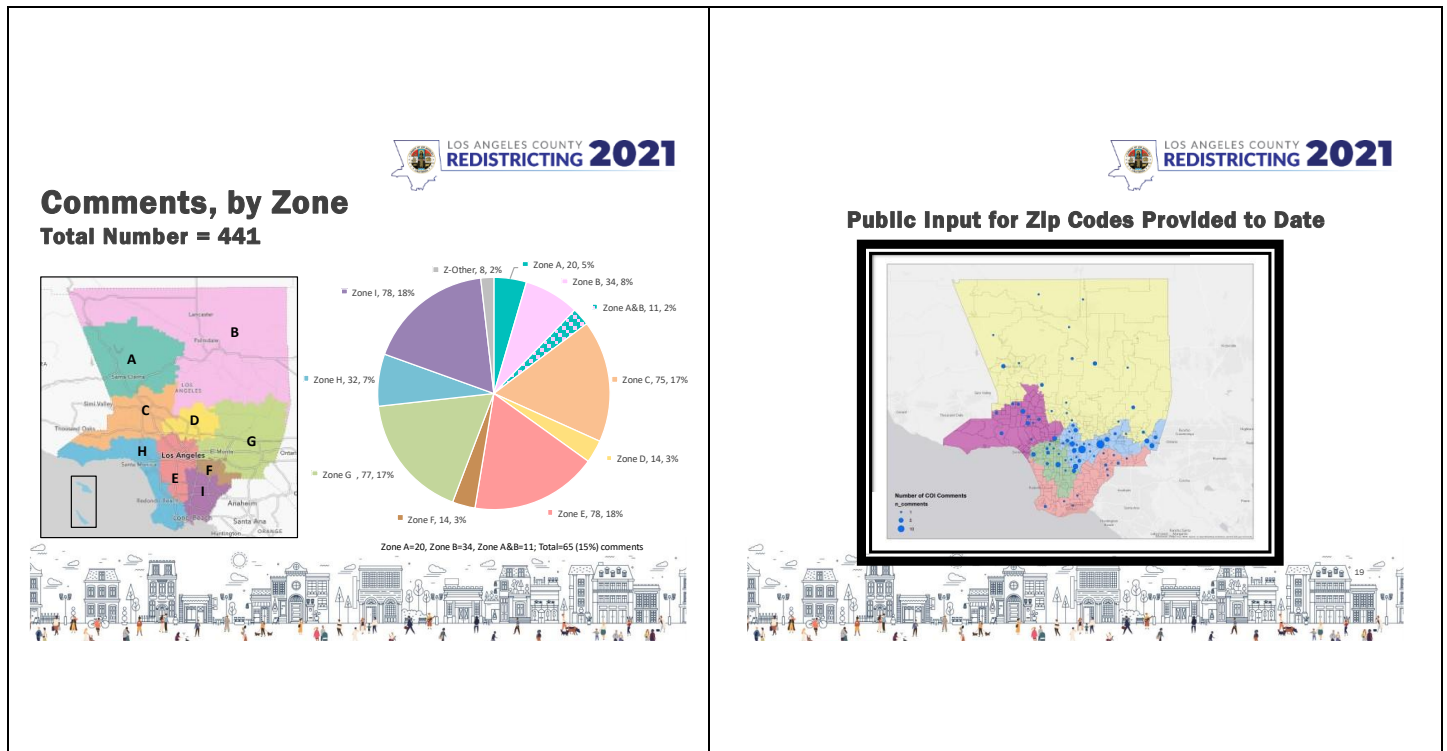




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7b. Discussion of and possible approval of approach for Commissioner review of submitted Community of Interest (COI) input — Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough presented her Executive Director Report, which included a pie chart and heat map displaying geographic locations of the 441 public comments received through August 31, 2021.



She also provided an overview of the COI information posted on the LA County CRC website and the importance for the Commissioners to analyze this public input. She proposed that the Commissioners begin to develop hypotheses (e.g., assumptions, speculations, or predictions), regarding what are COIs based on available COI input to date. In this way, the COI hypotheses can be:

- Further tested to see if the public agrees
- Refined based on public input
- Drawn by ARCBridge on a map
- Used to guide further review of submitted or considered redistricting maps
- Possible building blocks for redistricting maps





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The proposed three options and suggested the Commissioners focus on Option 2, whereby the Commissioners form 5 teams of 2 to 3 Commissioners each, 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.

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					1 4
Mark Mendoza	1	A, B, D, I	5	La Verne	1	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, D, H	2	Culver City		1	1	1				1	4
David Holtzman	3	B, C, D, H	5	Burbank		1	1	1				1	4
Nelson Obregon	3	B, C, D, H	1	Los Angeles		1	1	1				1	4
Jean Franklin	4	E, F, I	2	Long Beach					1	1			1 3
Carolyn Williams	4	E, F, I	2	Hawthorne					1	1			1 3
Hailes Soto	4	E, F, I	4	Downey					1	1			1 3
Brian Stecher	5	A, C, G, H	3	Santa Monica	1		1				1	1	4
Doreena Wong	5	A, C, G, H	3	Los Angeles	1		1				1	1	4
Mary Kenney	5	A, C, G, H	4	Palos Verdes Estates	1		1				1	1	4
Number of Reviews					5	5	6	5	6	6	6	6	5

She cautioned that the Commissioners should only participate in their assigned teams to avoid any issues that might pertain to a public perception of serial meetings with the Brown Act.

She also pointed out that the Commissioners should discuss how to ensure transparency of these proceedings – all of which her staff will compile and share at a posted CRC meeting for further discussion and public input.

The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

Public comment:

- Mary Sue Mauer is the Mayor Pro Temp of the City of Calabasas and a member of the Council of Governments (COGs), which consist of Calabasas, Agoura, Hidden Hills, Topanga, Westlake Village, and the lands that extend west of Los Angeles County to Ventura County. These communities are not part of the City of Los Angeles. They contract with Los Angeles County for the Sheriff and Fire services. They share fire risk and are part of the same Las Virgenes School District and Water District. She provided a hard copy of her letter with more details on her 7 points.





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The Commissioners discussed the Executive Director’s report. Commissioner Brian Stecher moved to adopt Option 2 to form the Commission teams as described in the staff report with the goal of preparing our COI hypotheses by noon on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner John Vento
Amendment Made to change the date to noon on October 1, 2021:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Amendment Seconded:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Modification to Amendment Made to record the meetings and later share with the public as part of transparency:	Co-Chair Dan Mayeda
Modifications to the Amendment Agreed To:	Commissioner David Holtzman Commissioner Doreena Wong
Outcome:	Approved to adopt Option 2 to form the Commission teams as described in the staff report with the goal of preparing our COI hypotheses by noon on October 1, 2021, and that the team meetings will be recorded for later sharing with the public as part of transparency.

No	Commissioner Jean Franklin	No	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Excused	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

The Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on October 6, 2021, to discuss the synthesized list of COI hypotheses and receive public comment.

7c. Consider Dissolution of Certain Ad Hoc Working Groups Who Have Completed Their Tasks – Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

The purpose of Ad Hoc Working Groups is to meet short-term needs of the LA County CRC. Two of the Ad Hoc Working Groups have completed their charges.

- i. Ad Hoc Working Group on Education – Co-Chair Dan Mayeda





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Co-Chair Dan Mayeda thanked Commissioner Mark Mendoza for his leadership role in implementing a successful educational program for the Commissioners in collaboration with Commissioner John Vento. Commissioner Mendoza shared his appreciation and acknowledged Commissioner Saira Soto for her valuable input to Commissioner Vento and himself.

Ad Hoc Working Groups members were: Commissioner Mark Mendoza. Leader, Commissioner John Vento.

ii. Ad Hoc Working Group on Demography – Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams thanks Co-Leaders, Commissioners Brian Stecher and John Vento, and their team members for leading the Ad Hoc Working Group on Demography and completing their charge in selecting demographers. Commissioners Brian Stecher and John Vento also shared their appreciation.

Ad Hoc Working Groups members were: Commissioners Brian Stecher and John Vento, Co-Leaders, with Commissioners David Holtzman, Doreena Wong, Nelson Obregon, and John Vento.

Public comment:

- Chris Rowe suggested that the teams in Agenda Item 7b might be new working groups. She also reported that she did not think they needed to be recorded.

7d. Consider Establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group or Subcommittee to Discuss and Review Maps Submitted and Organize Them for Commission Consideration – Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

Given the late time of the evening, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough suggested that this Agenda item be continued to the next meeting. She provided a brief overview of her Executive Director Report to prep the Commissioners on the agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

This is the time for Commissioners to request items be placed on future agendas. No such requests were received.





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AGENDA ITEM 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided details and a visual of where the Press Conference will be held.

She outlined other outreach efforts entailing cross-promotional efforts, leveraging of promotional networks, and release of two press releases on the mapping software and COI input to date. The Los Angeles Times also had a recent article on Los Angeles County redistricting, focusing on the number of Supervisorial Districts.



Executive Director’s Report

Outreach Press Conference:

- When: Thursday, October 7, 11a
- Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

She also reinforced the tight timeline in the coming weeks and coordinated efforts with other Esri redistricting customers to develop an expedient solution for the uploading of the updated 2020 Census data for the incarcerated population:

Free mapping software: Launched August 27, 2021

Mapping software training– Held September 9, 2021, 11:00 am, with ARCBridge

2 mapping software phases

- Preliminary maps – submit/review September
- Official maps with adjusted 2020 Census data for incarcerated population – submit/review October

California Coalition of Esri Redistricting Customers

CRC Commissioner deadlines

- October last week – Commission draws its map options to be posted for 7 days
- November – at least 2 public hearings 30 days apart
- December 15 – final maps

The LA County CRC has two remaining public hearings on:

- SD3: Wed., Sept. 22, 7-9pm: San Fernando Library, 217 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando, CA 91340





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- SD4: Wed., Sept. 29, 7-9pm: Clifton M. Brakensiek Library, 9945 Flower St, Bellflower, CA 90706, Bellflower, CA

Holly Whatley, Esq., Independent Legal Counsel to the LA County CRC, pointed out that, on September 10, 2021, the California legislature approved an emergency bill to extend the hybrid format for Brown Act meetings. This emergency bill is in the queue for the Governor to sign.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

To sign up for receiving future LA County CRC notices, go to: redistricting.lacounty.gov

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

