



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

### CRC MINUTES FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST (COI) PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:30 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 6:40 p.m.

Thai Le reviewed the COVID-19 protocols, based on the West Los Angeles College (WLAC) protocols.

### 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	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	In Person	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	In Person	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	In Person	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Late; arrived 6:50 pm	Virtual	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	No	In Person	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Virtual	Commissioner Doreena Wong





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The hybrid meeting was held at the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library (9945 Flower St, Bellflower, CA 90706, Bellflower, CA), operated by the County of Los Angeles. It was also held on site of Supervisorial District 4.

This public hearing concludes the public hearings. The LA County CRC held 12 public hearings, including 5 onsite/hybrid public hearings – 1 in each of the 5 supervisorial districts. In addition, one public hearing was conducted in Spanish with English translators.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS**

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: UPDATE ON MAPPING SOFTWARE WITH OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA PUBLIC LAW DATABASE AND OTHER DATA SETS – CO-CHAIRS CAROLYN WILLIAMS AND DAN MAYEDA**

Update presentation by David Ely, Compass Demographics, and Priti Mathur, ARCBridge

David Ely presented an overview of the mapping software datasets, including the official Census data adjusted for the incarcerated population. The datasets that are being integrated into the mapping software tool to start are:

- RDUs (90,000 versus 3,000)
- Adjusted population and Voter Age Population (VAP) total and by U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) categories
- Unadjusted CVAP by DOJ categories
- 2020 Registration Total and by surname matched categories
- Socio-Economic Data (ACS)
  - Language spoken at home, just Spanish, Asian Language, and Other
  - Renter/owner occupied
  - Income Categories
  - Education Categories
  - Poverty

David Ely and Priti Mathur answered Commissioners' questions of clarification.

The official mapping software and datasets are targeted for release mid-week during the first week of October.





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**Public comment:** None

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION**

Co-Chairs Daniel Mayeda and Carolyn Williams provided an overview presentation on what redistricting is and how the LA County CRC differs from prior approaches.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: 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.

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

### ***Highlights of Speakers Providing Public Testimony***

Their testimonies are recorded on YouTube, and posted on the CRC website in the COI Input Catalog in the **ORANGE** bar, entitled:

**[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE ENTIRE CATALOG OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST \(COI\) INPUT](#)**

The COI Input Catalog allows Commissioners and the public to download the catalog of all comments as an Excel spreadsheet for sorting and analysis purposes.

Two Spanish interpreters were available for the public testimonies and related translations.

### **CHIRLA representatives**

Because the two-minute allotment (four-minute allotment if Spanish interpretation required) caused some of the speakers to wrap up their comments; we have attached submitted written comments to these minutes that were read aloud at the meeting.





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- Sebastian Ramirez (East Compton (unincorporated) (90221) – area between the 710 to the south, 105 to the east; approximately 15,000 residents) – Most of the housing is for single families and rentals. Residents travel to other cities to work. Many speak Spanish. Residents are Latinos and African Americans. Many are marginalized working class who perform manual work (construction and warehousing). Similar to South Gate, Willowbrook, Long Beach, and Lynwood.
- Maria Guadalupe Colin (Whittier, 90606 – area between the 605 and 5) – proud immigrants who speak Spanish and are Latino. Poor and hardworking. Few older residents who are retired. Some middle-class residents. Hard to afford homes – mostly small homes and apartments; most own and some rent. Most of the jobs are in warehousing, restaurants. Seeks solutions those who are poor. The city center, public libraries, and summer programs are available; however, swimming programs and football (soccer?) are expensive and only the middle-class children can attend. Wants to keep the community together. Identifies with Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, and Pico Rivera.
- Eva Aucapina (Rosemead, 91770 – Temple City to the east, between Walnut Grow Ave and Marshall) – lived there for 25 years. Population of 54,000. Mostly businesses, stores, and restaurants. Apartments and homes with 2 to 3 bedrooms. Spanish, English, and Chinese are the predominant languages spoken. Lower/working class involved in gardening, cleaning houses; biggest employers are the Post Office, Target, and Walmart. Have a library, elderly programs, and mental health programs; need health clinics. Most like El Monte, West Covina, Temple City.
- Jonathan J. William (East LA (unincorporated), 90022) – read a poem he wrote about ELA. Has lived in ELA for 22 years. Large Latino population, welcoming all languages. Has nonprofit organizations, boys' and girls' clubs. Interested in civil rights, immigration rights, worker rights; access to education, healthcare, and housing. Similar to ELA, City Terrace, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights.
- Samantha Barrientos (East LA (unincorporated), 90022 – between the 710, 60, 5) – Immigrant child, living in ELA for 18 years. Many small shops, rental homes. Mostly Latinx who speak English and Spanish. Have ELA College, CSULA, and library. Likes the current supervisor and wants to stick together politically. Similar to Belvedere, Wellington Heights, City Terrace. Different from Montebello and Monterey Park.
- Ana Miviaw (spelling of last name unclear on written COI form) (North of 10, East of the Convention Center, and between Olympic and Wilshire Blvds., 90006) – Immigrant who has lived in LA for 36 years. Area is residential and commercial. Apartment units for one family may house 3 or more families. Older buildings. Residents speak Spanish, English, and Korean; residents are Hispanic, Korean, Caucasian, and African American (smaller percent of total population). Residents are working/low class who perform a variety of





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jobs: sewing, construction, domestic work, pushcart vendors, supermarkets, and stores. The community has a library and Salvation Army (for social services and food). Similar to Pico Union. Different from El Monte, South Gate, and Silver Lake.

- Elizabeth Celz (Koreatown, 90005 – Rampart, Winchester, West Lake (between Vermont, Wilshire, and Hoover) – Salvadorian Corridor) – Immigrant in the U.S. for last 20 years; resident of Koreatown since 2001. Help as a community volunteer (giving out vaccination shots). Urban area with apartments, homes, and mobile homes. Many people were ignored during the epidemic; many have moved, died, or are now homeless. Community has not bounced back; face mental health challenges.
- Angeles Rosales (South Central, 90011 – 110 to the north, 10 to the south) – immigrant. Residential and industrial poor area of mostly apartments and town homes. 80% of the residents speak Spanish (and some English. Most are Latino. Poor, hard-working class (domestic work, sewing). Have a central library but would like more libraries. There is no work in the community. With gentrification, there is no place to go. Wants District 2 to be whole. Wants to be heard. Police acts are perpetrated on the community. Need resources. Children are adversely affected. Similar to USC, Florence. Not like Culver City.
- Antonia (El Monte, 91032 – between the 60, 605, 10 near Valley Blvd and Duarte) – Have lived there for 18 years. Community speaks Spanish and is Latino. Most work in cleaning, manual labor, gardening. Have trailer parks – only place that is affordable. Politicians are not concerned with them. Hold swap meets and “Familia” event. Lower income. No benefits. Have free lunch program; need more resources. Similar communities are Baldwin Park. Not like West Covina, Moravia.
- Jazmine Castaneda (90007, West Adams) – See text read aloud in Attachment
- Kathia Garcia (CHIRLA) – See text read aloud in Attachment

## Other public speakers

- Henry Perez, East LA (90022) – With Inner City Struggle. The COIs of Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, East LA should be unified in SD1. They share a cultural history.
- Jessica Panduro– With Inner City Struggle. She walks the neighborhood, talking to people door-to-door, in Boyle Heights and East LA (Garfield High School area). They are hard-working, young people, working to support their families. They face language and technological gaps. They need renter protection and a representative who listens to their needs. Keep the east side of SD1 together.







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- Manjusha Kulkarni, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON) of Los Angeles, and People’s Bloc member – Asians make up 15% of the County’s population. Wants to keep the Asian American/Pacific Islander population whole: Little Tokyo, Thai Town, Koreatown, Little Cambodia in Long Beach, etc. Also lives in Westchester near Loyola Marymount University – mostly a community of single-family homes. Wants to remain in SD2 with Inglewood, Mar Vista, and Compton.
- Marjorie (Antelope Valley (AV) and Palmdale) – SD5 is a large geographic area with many unincorporated areas. Lives in an unincorporated area surrounded by incorporated cities. Wants 3 supervisorial districts so each have a piece of AV. Many AV residents commute into the city. Interested in viewing a map that shows unincorporated areas in AV.
- Chris Rowe (West Hills, 93551) – She wants to submit a map. She drew a map for LA City CRC. SFV is not happy with the LA City CRC maps. SFV has a large Hispanic population.

## AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Agenda Item 7A. Consider Adopting Resolution Authorizing Hybrid and Fully Teleconferenced Meetings of the Commission for a 30-Day Period– Co-Chair Carolyn Williams and Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda

- Staff Report – Holly Whatley, Independent Legal Counsel to the LA County CRC

Holly Whatley explained that recently passed legislation allows legislative bodies to continue to conduct teleconference meetings after September 30 if certain criteria are met and findings made. This item is to consider adopting a formal resolution that includes specific findings regarding health and safety issues. Such resolution would permit the LA County CRC to conduct its anticipated October 6, 2021, meeting virtually as well as meetings within the following 30 days. The LA County CRC will need to re-adopt such findings at least every 30 days to enable the resolution to continue in effect.

Motion Made:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
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## Agenda Item 7B: Continuation of Consideration of Establishing 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

In preparation for reviewing submitted maps, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., provided an overview of three options, outlined in the written and posted Executive Director Report on this topic.

The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

**Public comment:** Chris Rowe complimented the independence of the LA County CRC. She supports the idea of an Ad Hoc WG for mapping. She suggested that there might be different small groups that focus on each supervisorial district.

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of each option. Commissioner Mary Kenney suggested that the composition of such a working group should be balanced (e.g., 1 person from each SD; 1 person from each of the Commissioner COI hypotheses teams). Commissioner Mark Mendoza used the analogy of: “To go fast, you go alone. To go far, you go together.” He recognized the time issue to go fast that has to be balanced against working together to draw the five supervisorial districts. Other Commissioners weighed in.



**Public comment:** John Mendoza (Pomona, 93551) said that he has worked on redistricting with water districts. He found it was best to rely on the consultants and outside demographers.

The Commissioners will continue consideration of this topic at the next meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:18 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>





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## Attachment – CHIRLA COI FORMS

### Jazmine Castaneda (90007, West Adams)

Hello commissioners, my name is Jazmine Castaneda , and I am a CHIRLA member. I am the daughter to immigrant parents and currently reside in West Adams. I've lived in this community for 28 years.

The neighborhood is located between the mainstreets of West-Adams/Normandie on the west & Washington/Hoover on the east side. Adams/Vermont on the south side and Vermont/Pico on the north side. My community is primarily a residential and commercial area. The type of housing that's most common in my community are apartments, airbnb rentals, mobile homes, studios, small single family homes, large single family homes with big lots, and duplexes.

The languages spoken in my community are primarily Spanish and English. The predominant race and ethnicity of my neighbors is Latino, however, it's been changing due to gentrification. The type of people who live in my community are low-income, working class, upper middle class. The type of work available to the community include construction workers, domestic workers, essential workers- nurses, grocery store employees, elderly caregivers. The largest employers in my community are grocery stores such as Ralphs and Smart & Final.

The types of community services available in my neighborhood are With Love Market & Cafe, Children's Bureau, St. John's Well Child & Family Center. The types of resources that are offered through these community centers are low-cost health services, pantry boxes, and educational classes.

The higher education institutions in my community are University of Southern California and Mt. Saint Mary's University. To move around in my community I can use the LA Metro lines: 204, 754 Rapid, and 37.

We care about environmental justice, and we need access to more green spaces for the community. Another issue that I've noticed is safety, I don't feel safe walking alone in my community. We need investment in our communities, so that we can have neighborhood safety groups to increase the safety of our neighborhood.

Throughout all these years, I hadn't noticed a lot of changes in my neighborhood until 2015 when I realized houses in my area were bought by corporations like Tripalink which were then rented out to USC students primarily. It seems like nowadays my neighborhood caters more to the needs of USC students rather than individuals who have lived in the area for many years including myself and family. If it weren't for rent control, our landowner would have evicted my family and I. In the past, my landowner's middle man has in some ways harassed us to move out for no reason, and we believe they want us to move out so they can rent the duplex to USC students. Other family friends have gone through similar situations and fortunately renter rights have protected them. As you already know, housing has been an ongoing issue and I hope there's accessibility to affordable housing for low-income families and people of color.

In addition, I believe what corporations like Tripalink and Airbnb are doing is preventing individuals from becoming homeowners due to the prices of homes .

My community is similar to Pico-Union and Koreatown. My community is different from Culver City, Westwood, and Carson. Residents from these areas are lower/upper middle class and have accessibility to greener areas such as parks.

It is important that my community sticks together because we care about the following issues: Environmental justice, immigration, covid relief, homelessness, safety, access to education, access to healthcare, civil rights, housing,







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reproductive rights, worker rights.

By keeping the following neighborhoods West Adams/Pico-Union together in one district our representatives can continue to be champions for these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

#### Additional Information:

- Pico-Union/Koreatown/University Park-would like to be part of this district
- Westwood/Culver City/Carson-wouldn't like to part of this district
- Please address homelessness issue and create affordable housing in area

#### Kathia Garcia (CHIRLA)

My neighborhood is located between the 60 freeway on the East, the 710 on the west side, and 5 on the south side. A very popular street in my neighborhood is the iconic Whittier Blvd which really represents what East Los Angeles is all about. It's filled with small Latino owned businesses. This is always a busy street for families to get their fresh raspados and shop for clothes.

East Los Angeles is primarily a residential neighborhood. There are apartments and houses. The houses have added units to their property, which are rented at a price that are affordable to low-income families that live here. You see, East LA is a primarily an immigrant community where families consists of mixed status families meaning that one or more members are undocumented. My family is one of them.

The languages spoken in East LA are mainly Spanish and English with Spanish being the dominant language. The predominant ethnicity is Latino. The type of people who live in my community are low-income working class folk like my parents who have to work more than 10 hours a day to be able to make ends meet. In East LA, you see people gathered at the bus stops to drop off their kids to school and go to work very early in the morning. Although there are many small businesses around, most people that live in East LA travel to other areas for work.

#### Additional information:

- When you consider the drawing of the new district boundaries include East LA with Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, Commerce, Maywood, and Pico Rivera.
- And, don't include East LA with communities in Monterey Park, Montebello, and Chinatown.

