



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 7:00 pm

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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 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

The [LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-09](#) enables the Commission to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Commission may continue to teleconference its meeting without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 because of COVID- 19 pandemic and health issues.

Thai V. Le took roll call. A quorum was present.

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused Absent	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	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 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

The agenda was accepted with no changes.





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AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment – see recordings on “VIDEO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING POSTED” at the start of the minutes:

1. Stuart Waldman, San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition
2. Bruce M. Rowe

The public were encouraged to submit written comments on Agenda items at:

<https://publiccomment.redistricting.lacounty.gov/>

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSENT ITEMS – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the Co-Chairs 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 approved the October 6, Draft Minutes with additional text added (*noted in blue*) to Agenda Item 6 from Commissioner David Holtzman:

“The Commissioners discussed if the “Clean Slate” should be labeled Option 1 or as Default. Commissioner Holtzman thought the public should only have the “Clean Slate” as an option, *at startup of the mapping software, but have access to the existing district boundaries the same way as they have access to other political boundaries. He said the existing districts were drawn by supervisors and are often considered to “belong” to supervisors, so it is difficult to have a commission that is independent of the existing supervisors if the commission gives any special treatment to the existing district boundaries.*”

Motion Made:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Outcome:	Approved

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





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AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING – PRESENTATION

6a. Review and Discussion of Communities of Interest (COIs) maps and possible direction to ARCBridge Regarding Revisions — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

- i. Overview of Ad Hoc Working Group on Mapping – Commissioner Hailes Soto
- ii. Presentation by ARCBridge of COI Maps based on COI Hypotheses

Commissioner Hailes Soto is the selected Leader of the Ad Hoc Working Group (WG) on Mapping. He provided an overview of the Ad Hoc WG meeting. The Ad Hoc WG reviewed COI maps that ARCBridge had developed, based on each Commissioner team’s hypotheses. They discussed the importance of filling in areas where no public input was provided but were surrounded by communities that had provided input. They also wanted to present to the full commission a synthesized map of COI groupings for discussion the next day.

Commissioner Hailes Solo and Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough met with Priti Mathur of ARCBridge the next morning to develop a synthesized map of COI groupings as a straw model. Priti Mathur presented the straw model.

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Commissioner Brian Stecher emphasized that the Commission should use the COI groupings for reference points and not become absorbed in over-analyzing them, given the next phase of focus will be on reviewing the public-submitted maps of the supervisorial districts.

6b. Review and Discussion of publicly submitted maps and possible direction to ARCBridge about future map considerations — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

i. Presentation by ARCBridge

Priti Mathur of ARCBridge presented an overview of the four maps of 5 supervisorial districts submitted to date. Commissioners asked questions of clarification. Thai Le showed the Commissioners and the public where the maps are housed on the hub on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

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1. Stuart Waldman, San Fernando Valley Redistricting Coalition
2. Karen Diaz, CHIRLA, regarding CVAP
3. John Mendoza

The Commissioners focused on how useful the maps were and requested Priti Mathur to work with Los Angeles County ISD and Esri to provide more details through shape files that could be shared with everyone.

The Commissioners also discussed the timing for posting Commissioner-prepared maps options. A motion was made to postpone posting Commissioner-prepared maps until October 25, 2021, so that the public has had an opportunity to submit maps without undue influence by the Commission and avoid public perception that the Commission has already made up its mind on a map. The Commissioner-prepared maps would be available prior to the Commission’s selection of map options for public hearings. The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Motion Seconded:	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Absent	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
No	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Abstain	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Abstain	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
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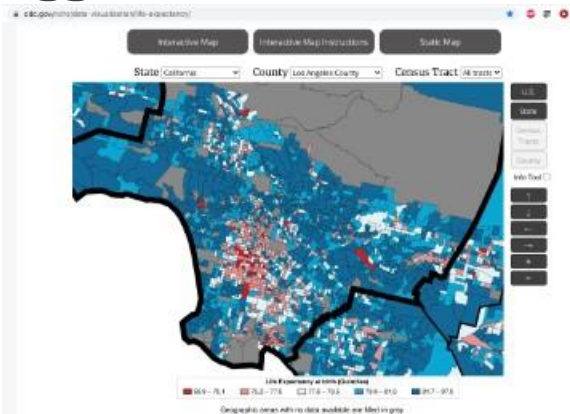
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6c. Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff regarding posting on the LA County CRC website additional published datasets for the public's use in mapping beyond the required sets in the mapping software — Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

- i. Review of requests submitted by the public to date – Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Executive Director, and Thai V. Le, Clerk and GIS/Technical Staff

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough presented an overview of dataset requests to date. Thai Le indicated where these data sets would be made available.

Public and Commissioner Suggested Data Sets



- CalEnviroScreen(CES):
 - <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/draft-calenviroscreen-40>
 - CES scores and other data, by census tract: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/maps-data/download-data> (for the current official version, 3.0, 2018)
 - <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/draft-calenviroscreen-40> (for the current draft, CalEnviroScreen 4.0; public comment period closed on May 14, 2021)
- AFFH for housing (e.g., housing precarity) <https://affh-data-resources-cahcd.hub.arcgis.com/>
- AFFH Supplementary data about flood plains because of climate change
- CDC life expectancy at birth data (e.g., impact on communities affected by lead acid battery smelters, air pollution, etc.) <https://www.naphsis.org/usaleep>

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough indicated that they would post such requested data sets if they were from reputable sources; her proposed criteria for posting entailed published data from governmental agencies, universities, non-partisan nonprofit organizations.

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1. Bruce M. Rowe





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2. Grace Peng, Director, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles
3. John Mendoza

AGENDA ITEM 7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided a quick update on the Press Conference:



Press Conference

October 7, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

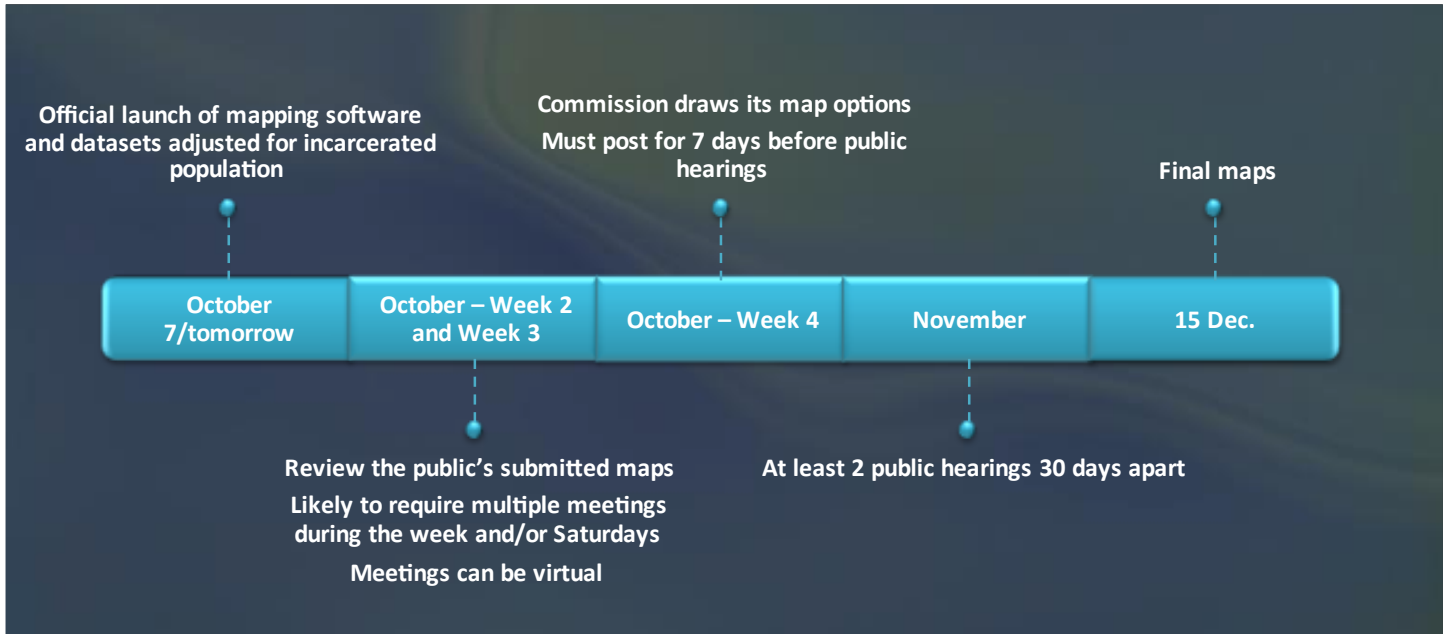


Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough also provided an overview of the tight timeline and next steps:





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Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided an update on mapping training and the report on the impact of the adjusted U.S. Census data for the incarcerated population, which is posted on the LA County CRC website.





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Mapping Updates



Tomorrow, Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 11:00 am: ARCBridge training on mapping software in English

Last Friday, October 8, 2021 : Mapping software training in Spanish – recording available on:

- YouTube
- LA Count CRC website

Report on impact of adjusted U.S. Census data for the incarcerated population posted on LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2021/10/LA-County-CRC-Press-Kit211007-v3-all.pdf> (pages 4-7)

AGENDA ITEM 8: NEXT SPECIAL MEETING (TO BE DETERMINED) – CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough advised the Commissioners to plan on:

- LA County CRC meeting every Wednesday evening up until December 15
- Special meetings at 7:00 pm for October 26, 27, and 28 to identify map options for notification and public hearings in November

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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>

