



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

**CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING:
Wednesday, October 20, 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 7:03 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	Late; 7:15p	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 one change. Since this meeting is a special, not a regular meeting, Co-Chair Carolyn Williams pointed out that no motion or vote could be taken on Agenda Item 5d regarding proposed amendments to the bylaws. This item will have to continued to the next regular meeting, scheduled for October 27, 2021, for such consideration.





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AGENDA ITEM 4: 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 13, Draft Minutes.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	--	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 5: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5a. Racially Polarized Voting Analysis Report— Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

Presentation by:

- Dr. Jonathan N. Katz, Kay Sugahara Professor of Social Sciences and Statistics, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology
- 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 Katz provided an overview of the methodology used for analyzing racially polarized voting patterns and then presented his findings. The Commissioners each had an opportunity to ask questions of clarification, which Bruce Adelson provided the legal perspective on.

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

1. Chris Rowe – question on the Gingles Test





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- Jesus – commented on Highland Park and Lincoln Heights being a COI for business economic development reasons

The Commissioners discussed the findings further. Commissioner Mary Kenney asked about the availability of Dr. Jonathan Katz and Bruce Adelson in going forward. Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough explained that they will be analyzing the Commissions' options and the final map before it is released.

5b. Review and Discussion of revised Communities of Interest (COIs) maps and possible direction to ARCBridge Regarding Revisions — Co-Chair Dan Mayeda

Commissioner Hailes Soto provided an update on behalf of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Mapping regarding the development of two more Community of Interest (COI) Grouping models. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough pointed out that these models should be used as reference points and reflect the different viewpoints shared at the 12 COI public hearings.

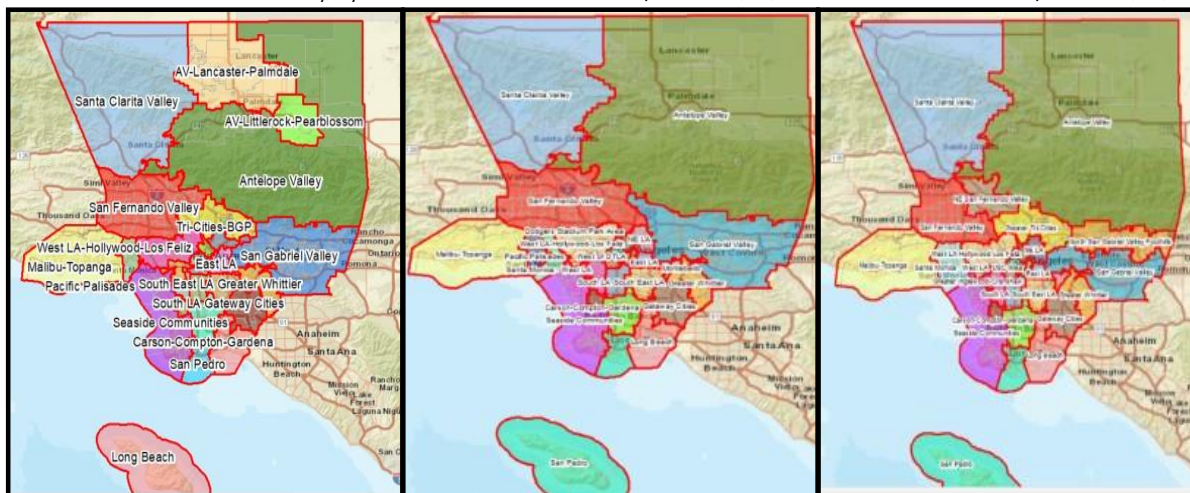
Priti Mathur of ARCBridge presented the three COI Grouping Maps and related details. Commissioners asked questions of clarification. Thai V. Le, Clerk, did a demonstration on how the Commissioners and the public can open the contents of the COI models. The COI models – along with all submitted maps – are posted on the hub on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/> The public can download them and make modifications if they would like.

Community of Interest (COI) Groupings: Models A, B, C

COI Model A: Presented on 10/13/21

COI Model B: Developed on 10/18/21

COI Model C: Developed on 10/18/21





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

1. Steve Talt, Council Member, City of San Marino – San Marino should be grouped with Pasadena, South Pasadena, and La Canada (Model C)
2. Chris Rowe – wants to know population for each of the COI groupings (Note: Populations are already posted on ARCBridge’s slides.)
3. Jose de Rio III, California Common Cause – COI testimony was considered in developing the models
4. Josh R. Wheeler – expand SFV Latino area to include Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Winnetka, Lake Balboa, Canoga Park, Valley Glen, Reseda, and Mission Hills

5c. Review and Discussion of publicly submitted maps and possible direction to ARCBridge about future map considerations — Co-Chairs Carolyn Williams

Priti Mathur of ARCBridge showed the next series of 4 maps that the public submitted since the October 13, 2021, meeting. The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

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

3. Josh R. Wheeler – submitted two plans. Plan 6 is his preferred plan
4. Chris Rowe

Commissioner Brian Stecher requested that Priti Mathur provide more analysis, such as racial-ethnic demographics, of the submitted maps in the future. Commissioner Mark Mendoza also wanted to see how the proposed maps compared to the current supervisorial districts. Other Commissioners weighed in.

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams summarized that:

- Commissioners should review submitted maps (including Commissioner-prepared maps to be posted on Monday, October 25) so they are prepared to discuss them at the next special meeting on Tuesday, October 26, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- On Tuesday, October 26, the LA County CRC can determine if they want to invite any of the map makers to provide overviews of their maps on Wednesday, October 27.
- Thai V. Le will send daily alert emails to the Commissioners and ARCBridge if/when new maps are added to the hub. All submitted maps are housed on the hub on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Commissioners will need to identify maps options – at the latest by October 28 – for notification and public hearings in November





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5d. Discussion relevant bylaws and possible approval of a bylaws amendment or a media policy for the LA County CRC — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda introduced Agenda Item 5d by indicating that, as the Commission begins to develop its map options for the public hearings, the LA County CRC will likely garner more media attention. Therefore, it is important to understand the upcoming media launch and review the bylaws related to the media.

Media Launch

Carlos De Alba reviewed the media platforms as part of the media campaign – scheduled to launch this week. The platforms are different combinations of on-air messages, on-air Zoom interviews, social media, digital banner ads, streaming, radio spots, and print ads.

Platform	Language
ENGLISH RADIO- GENERAL MARKET, AFRICAN AMERICAN AND OTHERS	
KPWR-FM & KDAY-FM	ENGLISH
KJLH-FM	ENGLISH
SPANISH RADIO- HISPANIC MARKET	
KLVE-FM	SPANISH
KRCD-FM	SPANISH
KSCA-FM	SPANISH
ASIAN MARKET	
KWRM-AM (Chinese Radio)	CHINESE
KOREAN DAILY or KOREAN TIMES	KOREAN
PERSIAN / ARMENIAN RADIO	
KIRN 670 AM Socal Persian	PERSIAN
KLOS 95.5 FM HD Socal Armenian	ARMENIAN
ENGLISH PRINT- GENERAL MARKET & AFRICAN AMERICAN MARKET	
LOS ANGELES TIMES	ENGLISH
DIGITAL PRINT - GENERAL MARKET, AFRICAN AMERICAN & HISPANIC	
LOS ANGELES TIMES & LOS ANGELES TIMES EN ESPAÑOL	ENGLISH & SPANISH
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL	AFRICAN-AMERICAN/ENGLISH
SPANISH PRINT & SPANISH DIGITAL HISPANIC MARKET	
LA OPINION	SPANISH
LOS ANGELES TIMES EN ESPAÑOL	SPANISH

Commissioner David Holtzman questioned the need for a media launch at this stage of redistricting. Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura indicated that the media launch is important to let the broader community know that this is the time to provide input – if they have not already done so – and before the final maps are drawn. She also pointed out that the budget is small, and that Carlos De Alba has stretched the dollars effectively.





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Commissioner Jean Franklin asked if some faith-based media, such as Our Weekly or LA Focus, could be explored to reach the African American community beyond Los Angeles Sentinel.

Other Commissioners suggested that the banner ads promote the need for the public to provide input at the upcoming public hearings. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough offered to circulate the text to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Outreach for input.

Bylaws on Conduct and Communications

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda then reviewed the existing bylaws related to the media with the Commission. [Note: **Highlighted text** added to emphasize key points.]

Bylaws Section 4.04 pertains to reinforcing “...the public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process.”

Bylaws Section 4.04

Article IV. Rules of Membership

Section 4.04 Conduct. Commissioners shall conduct themselves in a manner that **reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process** and shall apply Elections Code sections 21530 21535 in an impartial manner. (Elections Code section 21533, subd. (a).)

Bylaws Section 4.08 pertains to Communications. Co-Chair Mayeda suggested that the words “**or predictions**” be added to the Bylaws under (c)(2).





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Bylaws Section 4.08 Communications

b) Representing the Commission. The Co-Chairs are the only official spokespersons for the Commission **unless this responsibility is delegated in writing by the Co-Chairs** or by a vote of nine (9) Commissioners. Except as provided in this paragraph, **no Commissioner shall make any statement or take any action taken on behalf of or in the name of the Commission.** This does not prevent Commissioners from disseminating information in the name of the Commission regarding the time, place, or agendas of upcoming Commission meetings or hearings.

c) Communications Outside of Open Meetings or Hearings.

c.2) Prohibition Regarding All Other Parties. Except during a public meeting, workshop or hearing, **a Commissioner shall not intentionally communicate with a member of the public, organization, or interest group regarding the specific placement or predictions of supervisorial district boundaries in Los Angeles County.** A commissioner shall promptly summarize and report any such communication that arises unintentionally to the Clerk of the Commission. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting a Commissioner from communicating outside of a public meeting, workshop or hearing with a member of the public, an organization, or an interest group regarding best practices, accessibility, education, and outreach.

c.3) Reporting Requirement for Other Communications. Except during a public meeting, workshop, or hearing, if a Commissioner directly communicates with anyone other than another Commissioner, LA County CRC staff, legal counsel, consultants retained by the Commission or experts to learn about general redistricting principles, regarding a redistricting matter that might come before the Commission other than the specific placement of district boundaries (which is covered in subparagraph (2) above), **the Commissioner shall promptly forward originals or copies of all involved written or electronic communications to the Clerk of the Commission.** For unrecorded verbal or other communication, **a Commissioner shall promptly prepare a written summary of the communication and transmit the summary to the Clerk.**

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Co-Chair Mayeda indicated that e) under Bylaws Section 4.08 addresses “Internet/Social Media,” but not other forms of communication.



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Bylaws Section 4.08 Communications (cont'd)

(c)(5) Log of Communications. The Clerk of the Commission shall keep and post on a Commission-approved website a log of all substantive communications regarding redistricting or administrative matters received by the Commission or Commissioners outside of public meetings or hearings. This log shall include at least the following: the name of the person or organization communicated with, date of communication, and a general description of where the communication or a summary thereof can be located on a Commission-approved website.

e) Internet/Social Media. Commissioners should keep in mind the provisions of Section 4.04 and are encouraged to use caution when communicating about redistricting on any internet platform or social media website, including the use of any digital icons that express emotion.

The proposed revision to e) is:

CURRENT BYLAW LANGUAGE

e) Internet/Social Media. Commissioners should keep in mind the provisions of Section 4.04 and are encouraged to use caution when communicating about redistricting on any internet platform or social media website, including the use of any digital icons that express emotion.

PROPOSED DRAFT REVISED MEDIA POLICY LANGUAGE

e) Internet/Social Media-Media. Commissioners should keep in mind the provisions of Section 4.04 and are encouraged to use caution when communicating about redistricting on any internet platform or social media website, including the use of any digital icons that express emotion. **all media platforms. Non-interactive media examples are television, newspapers, magazines, and radio. Particular caution should be exercised in the use of interactive media, such as social media, virtual reality, electronic newspapers, electronic newsletters and bulletins, blogs, and apps** including the use of any digital icons that express emotion.

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

1. Chris Rowe – suggested media sources CityWatchLA.com and Valley News

This agenda item will be continued at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.





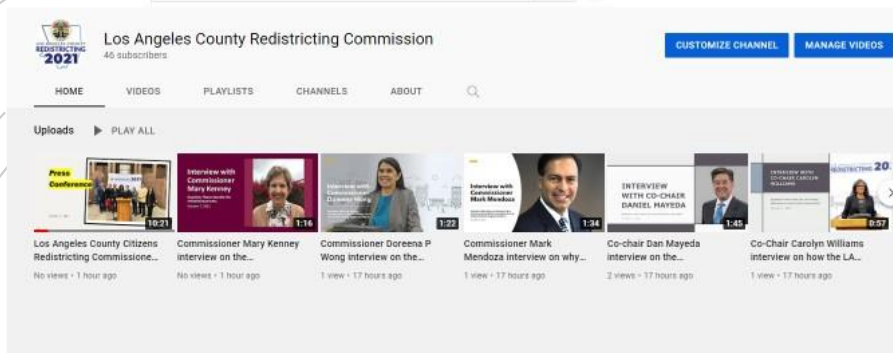
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AGENDA ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough let the Commissioners know that there is a new tab on the website now, called "REDISTRICTING IN THE NEWS," which contains articles about the LA County CRC.



She also explained that there will be a new bulletin going out tomorrow that highlights the Commissioner interviews after the Press Conference on October 7, 2021. They are also posted on the LA County CRC YouTube channel:



Recent Commissioner Interviews on YouTube

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/LACountyRedistricting>





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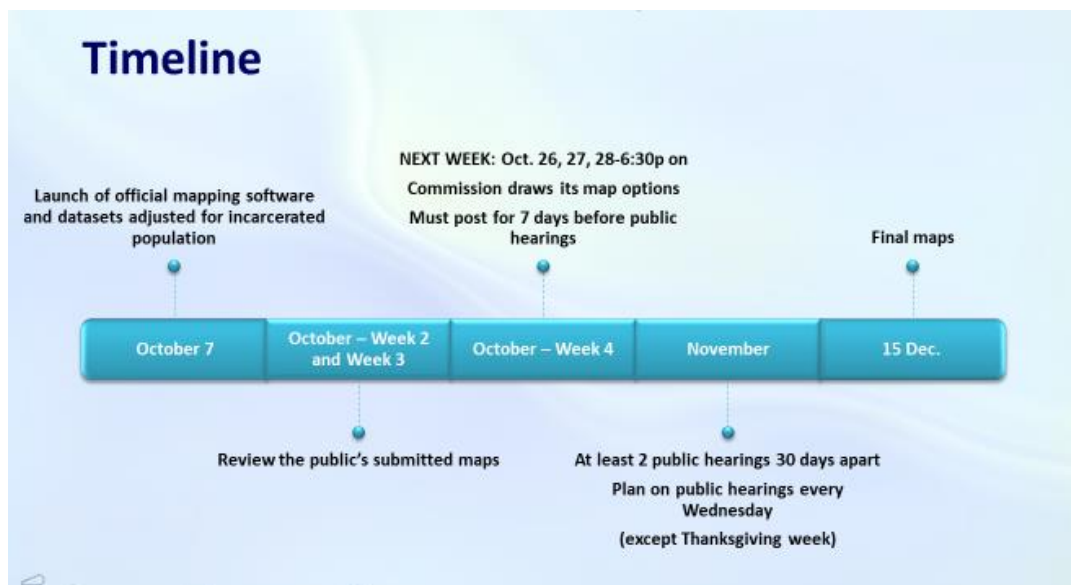
Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough mentioned that she would be doing a workshop tomorrow/Oct 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to review with the public:

- LA County CRC timeline
- Process for submitting maps
- Communities of interest (COI) input to date
- Upcoming public hearings on the Commission's map options in November
- How to find information on the LA County CRC website

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough also provided an overview of the tight timeline and next steps. Upcoming meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. She advised the Commissioners to plan on:

- Meeting October 26, 27, and 28 at 6:30 pm to identify map options for notification and public hearings in November
- Meeting every Wednesday evening up until December 15

Commissioner Mary Kenney asked if the meetings would be virtual or hybrid. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough pointed out that that question will be on the agenda next week regarding whether to extend Resolution No. 1 beyond October 29, 2021. At that time, the Commissioners can decide on the format for the public hearings, which may likely include hybrid as the public hearings progress and public interest increases. The in-person portion of the hybrid meetings would be at Patriotic Hall.





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AGENDA ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:38 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>

