



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

**CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING:
Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 7:00 pm**

VIDEO FILES 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 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

[LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-01](#) 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	Yes	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	Late; 7:05pm	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: 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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for October 26, 27, and 28, 2021. Some minor modifications were made to the minutes of October 28, 2021. The motion passed to approve the Minutes, including the revised October 28, 2021, minutes.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mark Mendoza
Outcome:	Approved

October 26, 2021	October 27, 2021	October 28, 2021	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney
Yes	Yes	Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon
Yes	Yes	Abstain	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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Abstain	Yes	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Yes	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

¹ Had Internet connection issues.





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AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5a. Discussion of and Possible Approval of the Format and Process for Structuring Upcoming Public Hearings to Review and Receive Public Testimony Regarding the Four Adopted Map Options — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough presented an overview of the issues to be considered for the upcoming public hearings:

- Must post agenda with maps under consideration 7 days prior to each Public Hearing
- Public Hearing No. 1 scheduled for Sunday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. – a virtual meeting
- Number, dates, and times, and formats for subsequent meetings and Public Hearings?
 - Sun., Nov. 7 at 1p – Day 1/Public Hearing No. 1 (post map modifications by Nov. 10 for Nov. 17 public hearing)
 - Wed., Nov 10 at 7p – Regular Meeting (can advise ARCBridge to add map modifications to Nov. 17 agenda)
 - Wed., Nov 17 at 7p – Public Hearing No. 2/Special Meeting (post modified maps by Nov. 24)
 - Wed., Dec. 1 at 7p – Public Hearing No. 3/Special Meeting (can advise ARCBridge to add map modifications to Dec. 7 agenda)
 - Tues., Dec. 7 at 7p – Day 30 No. 4/Public Hearing (continued discussions of maps of Dec. 1)
- Set aside at least one hour at the end of the public hearing to discuss tweaks to maps
- Limit length of public hearings to x hours?
- Interested in December public hearings as hybrid format at Patriotic Hall?
- Interested in having the mapmakers of the 4 map options present their maps at Public Hearing No. 1?
- Suggest that the public only has their audio turned not (not the video) when making public comment – will save time and avoid problems of potential exhibitionists
- Encourage members of the public who want to show support or no support for maps to complete the public comment form online, which will tabulate responses and collate written comments
- Encourage members of the public who want to adjust the maps to either:
 - Complete the online public comment form





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- Make oral public comments on how to improve maps (adjust district boundaries, combine COIs, not split NCs, etc.)
 - Capture “tweaks” to Maps A, B, C, D on a table for the public and Commissioners to see

Thai V. Le, Clerk and GIS/Technical Support, showed the Commissioners how the maps are posted on the hub, including maps submitted before and after October 28, 2021.

The Commissioners asked questions of clarification.

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

1. Henry Fung
2. Chris Rowe
3. Barbara Broide

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of different approaches in a round robin format. The public is to use QA to sign up to make oral comments and submit written public comments using the Public Comment Form. Commissioner Holtzman, however, requested that Barbara Broide’s suggestions submitted on QA be read into the record:

- *“Regarding multiple commenters: Sometimes the LA City Council, when faced with a roomful of people who have been brought in by a particular group or are planning to read the same public comment, they seek to create a way for that group to identify themselves-- sometimes [sic] by asking them to all stand up together In the absence of that option now, perhaps you [sic] could ask if an organization would like to have a primary speaker and then create a way for all of their supporters who wish to be recorded as being in favor of that speaker's point of view, could sign in as speaking in favor of that map/position. Some people actually do not like to speak and would welcome an opportunity to weigh in without speaking.”*
- *“Regarding identification of presenters. The City usually seeks to make a distinction between those speaking before Council who are PAID to represent a party. It would seem to be a reasonable distinction to make between a paid expert/staff person/lobbyist and a general public member who participates as an unpaid citizen.”*
- *“An option to a hybrid meeting would be to have a couple of different locations set up where a person can come to speak before a monitor and participate. Many will not come out in person now due to pandemic and to travel at night. I am opposed to an all in person meeting”*





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The Commissioners discussed the added complexities of conducting virtual and hybrid meetings.

A motion was made Co-Chair Dan Mayeda and seconded by Commissioner Mary Kenney. A number of Commissioners made friendly amendments to the motion, which Co-chair Mayeda and Commissioner Kenney accepted. The proposed motion became:

For virtual public hearings and meetings only:

- Do not close public comment on Sunday, November 7, 2021
- Start the weekday public hearings at 6:30 p.m.
- Have the public sign up to make oral public comments by 8:00 p.m.; ensure the Commissioners have a quorum to hear all of the individuals who had signed up to make public comments
- Have breaks at least once every 1-hour 45 minutes; the breaks should last at least 10 minutes
- Suggest that the public only has their audio turned not (not the video) when making public comment – will save time and avoid problems of potential exhibitionists
- Encourage members of the public who want to show support or no support for maps to complete the public comment form online, which will tabulate responses and collate written comments
- Encourage members of the public who want to adjust the maps to either:
 - Complete the online public comment form
 - Make oral public comments on how to improve maps (adjust district boundaries, combine COIs, not split NCs, etc.)

Commissioner Doreena Wong proposed an Amendment to keep the same points in Co-Chair Mayeda’s motion but extend the time for the public to sign up to 9:00 p.m.

- Have the public sign up to make oral public comments by **9:00 p.m.**; ensure the Commissioners have a quorum to hear all of the individuals who had signed to make public comments

Commissioner Saira Soto seconded the amendment. The Commissioners discussed the amendment and then took a vote. The amendment failed.





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Amended Motion

Amendment Made:	Commissioner Doreena Wong
Amendment Seconded:	Commissioner Saira Soto
Outcome:	Failed

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

Original Motion

The Commissioners then voted on the original motion. The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Dan Mayeda
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mary Kenney
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	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	No	Commissioner Doreena Wong

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

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough reported that the media launch was ramping up, including banners on the Los Angeles Times website and two radio interviews scheduled with Co-Chair Carolyn Williams.

She indicated that the Executive Office has requested that she fill out a form indicating the Commissioners' vaccination status. The Commissioners had received letters regarding this matter from the Executive Office as well. Commissioner Holtzman questioned the need to comply with this request since it is in response to an order from the Board of Supervisors and this LA County CRC is independent of the Board of Supervisors, similar to the Sheriff's independence.





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Spanish interpreters are booked for the upcoming public hearings.

Thai V. Le indicated that the district numbers on the Option Map C have been fixed and are now accurately posted on the website.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DANIEL MAYEDA

Commissioner David Holtzman asked to be recognized to make a comment “for the good of the order.” Commissioner Holtzman then reviewed the highlights of a 6-page statement he prepared stating that the County’s retention of KH Consulting Group violated the statutory conflict of interest provisions applicable to the Commission and that the County has failed to provide accurate 2020 Census data in the mapping software. Co-Chair Williams ruled the comments were not properly agendized and were out of order. Some Commissioners questioned the merits of the statement. Commissioner Holtzman stated he would send the full statement to the Commission’s Clerk.

Co-Chair Mayeda then adjourned the meeting at 9:30 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>

