



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

CRC MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 AND SPECIAL MEETING:

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 1:00 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 1:13 p.m. He reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

[LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-02](#) 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	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

ATTENTION ALL PARTICIPANTS

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ATENCIÓN TODOS LOS PARTICIPANTES

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

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4a. Public Hearing on Four DRAFT Maps and Discussion and Potential Direction to ARCBridge/Staff Regarding Map Modifications — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

In total, 31 maps were submitted to the LA County CRC website. The Commissioners approved 4 of them as initial map options for consideration. These maps are posted at: [CLICK HERE](#)

Each of the 4 mapmakers provided an overview of their maps. The PowerPoints, Esri Layer View, and ARCBridge analysis of the 4 maps are posted as supplemental materials for this Public Hearing No. 1 at: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/virtual-meetings/>

Map Options Chosen by Commissioners for Further Public Input and Discussion at Upcoming Public Hearings

 <p>Option A</p> <p>ARCBridge analysis of Option A. To view this in the ESRI layer view, click: https://redistrictin...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option A (ESRI Layer View)</p> <p>The public submitted this map using different software and divided some cities,...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option B</p> <p>ARCBridge analysis of Option B. To view this in the ESRI layer view, click: https://redistrictin...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option B (ESRI Layer View)</p> <p>Explore</p>
 <p>Option C</p> <p>ARCBridge analysis of Option C. To view this in the ESRI layer view, click: https://redistrictin...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option C (ESRI Layer View)</p> <p>The public submitted this map using different software and divided some cities,...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option D</p> <p>ARCBridge analysis of Option D. To view this in the ESRI layer view, click: https://redistrictin...</p> <p>Explore</p>	 <p>Option D (ESRI Layer View)</p> <p>Explore</p>





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Map A

Kirk Samuels presented Map A, prepared by the People's Bloc: <https://www.thepeoplesbloc.org/> He responded to a round of questions by the Commissioners. Commissioners Mary Kenney and Saira Soto requested, and he agreed to share the public comments provided to the People's Bloc as input to the People's Bloc map submitted.

Map B

Commissioner Brian Stecher presented Map B, based on LA County CRC COI input, and acknowledged its strengths, including its compactness, and weaknesses. He noted that Santa Monica and Burbank should not have been split. He viewed this map as one that the Commissioners could refine. He responded to a round of questions by the Commissioners.

Map C

Steven Ochoa, Demographer, presented Map C, prepared by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a Latino legal civil rights organization: <https://www.maldef.org/> The MALDEF map followed the freeways as part of its structure and focused on the Voting Rights Act. He responded to a round of questions by the Commissioners. He discussed the differences among majority minority districts, majority CVAP districts, and effective opportunity districts that consider voter turnout. Commissioners requested that he share MALDEF's legal assessment of Map C in terms of redistricting criteria.

Map D

Commissioner Brian Stecher presented Map D, which he described as a pie shape that took a non-partisan approach, starting with the population center of Los Angeles County. He responded to a round of questions by the Commissioners.

Priti Mathur of ARCBridge briefly presented the scorecard for the 4 maps and her initial analysis of the number and size of split cities, unincorporated areas, CSAs, and Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils. Her presentation on recently submitted Maps 32, 33, 34, and 35 was deferred to the next LA County CRC meeting in the interest of proceeding with public comments. This information is posted as supplemental materials for Public Hearing No. 1 and on the map hub on the LA County CRC website:





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Click [here](#) to view ARCBridge's Scorecard and Analysis for each of the four draft map options chosen by Commissioners to receive further public input and discussion.

Click [here](#) to view ARCBridge's presentation and split analysis of the four draft map options chosen by Commissioners to receive further public input and discussion.

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

1. Jessica Panduro
2. Steve Ortega
3. Daniela Hernandez, InnerCity Struggle & People's Bloc
4. Jamie Kennerk
5. Kanin Pruter
6. Phil Brock/Santa Monica City Council
7. Nancy Coleman, Chair, North of Montana Neighborhood Association in Santa Monica
8. Carolina Moran, CHIRLA
9. Ana Godoy, InnerCity Struggle & People's Bloc
10. Diego Rodriguez, Alma Family Services
11. Chelsea Byers
12. Sean Cazares
13. Yolanda Duarte, Alma Family Services
14. Terri Tippit, Westside NC
15. Helen Hernandez, SFV
16. Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, AME Church, Social Action Commission & Black HU
17. Austin Cyr
18. Alex Villalobos,, East LA resident/businessperson
19. Chris Rowe
20. Ruby Rivera, InnerCity Struggle
21. Steven Almazan
22. Mayor Marisela Santana, Mayor of the City of Lynwood
23. Nora Diaz, CHIRLA, AVC
24. Soila Rodriguez, CHIRLA, SFV
25. Lourdes Ansley, CHIRLA, Culver City
26. Barbara Kappos, ELAWC





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27. Michael Kodama, Glendale
28. Karen Diaz, CHIRLA
29. Ruben K, Armenian National Committee of American Western Region
30. Lourdes-Saab
31. Tim Sandoval, Mayor of Pomona
32. Maria Brenes, InnerCity Struggle
33. Mike Ai, Equality California
34. Sonia Salgado, CHIRLA, South LA
35. Saira Barajas, CHIRLA, SFV
36. Osvaldo Dominguez
37. Henry Fung
38. Miran, Woodland Hills, NC
39. Oscar Flores
40. Ishmael Castro
41. Elizabeth Alcantar, Cudahy
42. Rosa Soto
43. Constance Sullivan, Torrance
44. Reina Schmitz
45. Joseph Roth, Westside NC, Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. (HOA)
46. Toney Lewis, City of Duarte Councilmember
47. E. Abram, LA Voice and People's Bloc (call in)
48. Elida Mendez
49. John Mendoza
50. Rob Quan (call in)
51. Michael Woo, former LA City Councilmember
52. Fernando Basquez, Prima Group
53. Denise Diaz, City of South Gate Councilmember

Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda suggested that there might be a handful of corrections or "tweaks" to the four map options that were non-controversial and supported by map submitters. For example, two of the maps erroneously linked Catalina Island to a district that did not have regular ferry service to the island; those will need to be adjusted to connect the island to the correct district. In other cases, the map submitter indicated





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that it did not intend to split certain cities or communities and they would want to keep those cities/communities together.

After further discussion and Commissioners suggesting additional non-controversial tweaks, a motion was made, seconded and approved to direct ARCBridge to make the following listed tweaks to the four existing map options in preparation for the regular meeting discussions on November 10, 2021. The motion entailed the following map adjustments:

- A – Catalina Island with SD 4
- B – Include Bell Gardens with SE LA
- B – Keep Burbank together
- B – Put Santa Monica in its entirety into SD4 (corrected)
- C – Keep Duarte together
- C – Put POSO with Sherman Oaks
- D – Catalina Island with SD 4
- D – Include entire cities of Bell Gardens and Downey

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

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NA	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	NA	Commissioner Doreena Wong

The Commissioners discussed other map issues, which they will explore further at the regular meeting on November 10, 2021:

- A – Keep Long Beach together
- A – Lynwood should be included with NE LA and SE LA
- A & C – City of Torrance part of South Bay area
- Placement of Pomona
- As an independent commission, how to handle and consider input from elected officials





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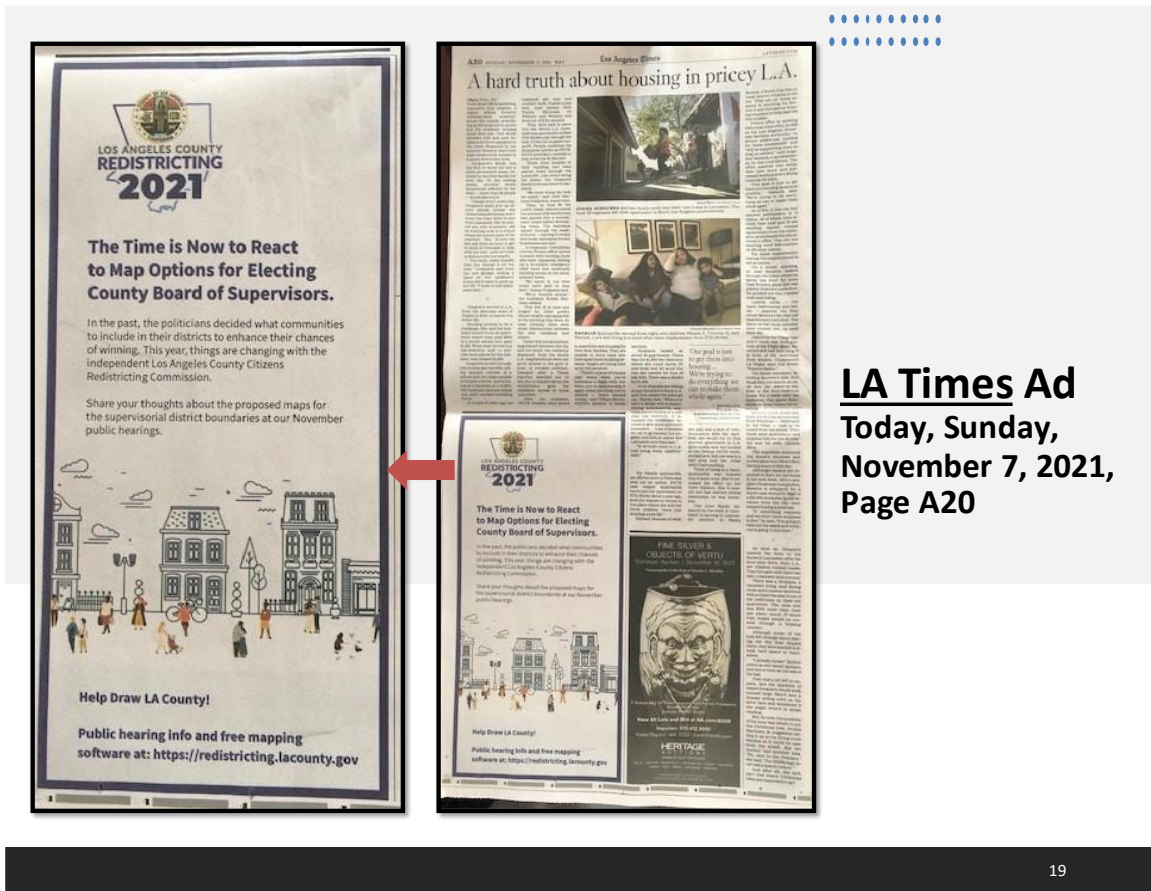
AGENDA ITEM 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Executive Director Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough reminded the public about upcoming Public Hearings:

1. Wed., Nov 10 at 7p – Regular Meeting
2. Wed., Nov 17 at 6:30p – Public Hearing No. 2/ Special Meeting
3. Wed., Dec. 1 at 6:30p – Public Hearing No. 3/ Special Meeting
4. Tues., Dec. 7 at 6:30p – Public Hearing No. 4 (Day 30)

Note for Weekdays Public Hearings: Public must sign up by 8:00p to make oral public comments

She also noted the media launch continues and displayed an ad that say in the Los Angeles Times.





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AGENDA ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DANIEL MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 6:07 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>

