



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

**CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING:  
Wednesday, November 10, 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. He reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

#### ATTENTION ALL PARTICIPANTS

#### You must select your preferred language!

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#### ATENCIÓN TODOS LOS PARTICIPANTES

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  2. Elija Inglés o Español
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#### 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.



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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





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

The agenda was accepted with one change with no objections. Co-Chair Carolyn Williams suggested moving Agenda Item 5, “Consent Items,” involving the approval of the minutes to after Agenda Item 6 so that:

- The public could make their comments earlier in the evening as part of Agenda Item 4
- East Coast consultants could make their presentations earlier in the evening as part of Agenda Item 6

## AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL— CO-CHAIR CAROLYN WILLIAMS

This is the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to state law, the Commission may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda, except Commissioners or staff members may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

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

1. Jamin Garcia, InnerCity Struggle (supports Map A)
2. Alicia Ortiz (supports Map A)
3. Maria Brenes, InnerCity Struggle, Executive Director (supports Map A)
4. Beatrix Soltero, Lucha Del Pueblo (supports Map A)
5. Rosa Soto, North Whittier (supports Map A)
6. Sandra Guzman (supports Map A)
7. Sean Cazares (spoke on foothill communities and map preferences)
8. Maria Ruiz (supports Map A)
9. Kristie Hernandez, East Los Angeles Maravilla Community Advisory Committee, Chair (supports Map A)
10. Chris Rowe (supports Map B and Map D; boundary should be at Sunset Blvd for Santa Monica)
11. Kimberly Fuentes, Policy and Communications Director, California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (supports Map C)
12. Areli Hernandez, CHIRLA (supports Map C)
13. Alejandra Castro (supports Map A)
14. Ruby Rivera, InnerCity Struggle (supports Map A)
15. Ismael Castro (supports Map A)
16. Daniel Jimenez, Lucha Del Pueblo (supports Map A)
17. John Mendoza (supports Map C)
18. Anna Parra (supports Map A)
19. Jessica Panduro, InnerCity Struggle (supports Map A)





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20. Ana Godoy (supports Map A)
21. C. Perez (supports Map A)
22. Yolanda Murrieta, Chair, Boyle Heights (supports Map A)
23. Osvaldo Dominguez (supports Map A)

Note: The supporters for Map A talked about the importance of keeping the eastside of Los Angeles in SD 1.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6a. Racially Polarized Voting Analysis Report on Current 4 Map Options— Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

The following individuals did a presentation:

- 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 N. Katz, Kay Sugahara Professor of Social Sciences and Statistics, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology

Bruce Adelson emphasized the importance of a full, robust record of how mapping decisions are made. In court, redistricting decisions prevail if “The record bears out this conclusion.”

The Commissioners asked clarifying questions in a round robin format. Jonathan Katz and Bruce Adelson answered Commissioners’ questions about the Voting Rights Act, racially polarized voting, Census data, and the shortcomings with the American Community Survey. Bruce Adelson emphasized the importance of keeping discrete, historical communities together. Bruce Adelson warned about justifying decisions based solely on race.

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

1. Steven Ortega
2. Jessica Panduro
3. Barbara Broide
4. Chris Rowe
5. Toney Lewis, City Council Duarte
6. Joseph Roth, Westside NC





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6b. Review and Discussion of public input on map options and submitted maps, including Commissioners’ observations and suggested modifications, and possible direction to ARCBridge to prepare modified or new maps for future consideration — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda discussed the simple “tweaks” made to the four map options – mostly corrections – that the Commission had approved at the November 7, 2021, Public Hearing. Since then, ARCBridge has made those adjustments to the maps. These adjustments involved:

Map Options	Commissioners’ Requested Modifications
A	Catalina Island with SD4
B	Include Bell Gardens with SE LA
B	Keep Burbank Together
B	Put Santa Monica in its entirety in SD4
C	Keep Duarte together
C	Put POSO with Sherman Oaks
D	Catalina Island with SD4
D	Include Bell, Bell Gardens and Downey

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

1. Bejan Atashkar
2. Chris Rowe
3. Jacky Contreras

The Commissioners had no further discussion. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the modified Maps as Maps A1, B1, C1, and D1 in lieu of Maps A, B, C, and D for consideration at Public Hearing No. 2.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin
Called the Question:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Abstain	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher





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Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Abstain	Commissioner Doreena Wong

## AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSENT ITEMS – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA (REORDERED ON THE AGENDA)

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.

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda indicated that the Commission should review and take appropriate action on the November 3, 2021, and November 7, 2021, Draft Minutes.

Commissioner David Holtzman proposed alternative language to the minutes for Agenda Item 7 pertaining to the summary of his statement for “the good of the order.” He moved to approve the November 3, 2021, minutes as amended with his new language. The motion was seconded. The Commissioners voted. The motion failed.

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

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

The Commissioners made a motion that was seconded to approve the minutes for November 3, 2021, and November 7, 2021.

Commissioner David Holtzman made a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes. His motion did not get seconded. Commissioner David Holtzman elaborated further on his suggested modification of the language to Agenda Item 7.

The Commissioners voted; the motion passed.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda
Motion Seconded:	Commissioners Mark Mendoza and Priscilla Orpinela-Segura





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Outcome:	Passed
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Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	No	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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## AGENDA ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough announced the upcoming public hearing dates and times:

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

She reminded the public that the LA County CRC wanted to hear from them, noting that they to sign up by 8:00 pm to make oral public comments.

## AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:41 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>

