



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

**CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING:
Monday, November 29, 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 7:00 p.m. He reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

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AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

[LA County CRC's Resolution No. 2021-03](#) 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	Late: 8:02 p.m.	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 no changes.

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.

Co-Chair Dan Mayeda indicated that the Commission should review and take appropriate action on the November 22, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Hailes Soto indicated that his vote should be changed to “abstain” for the November 15, 2021, and November 17, 2021, minutes. A Commissioner made a motion that was seconded to approve the minutes with those changes. The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin		
Outcome:	Approved		
November 22, 2021, Minutes			
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
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. Review and Discussion of DRAFT Map Options, including modifications made by the Ad Hoc Working Groups, Commissioners’ observations, and the public’s suggested modifications, and Potential Direction to ARCBridge/Staff Regarding Map Modifications — Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

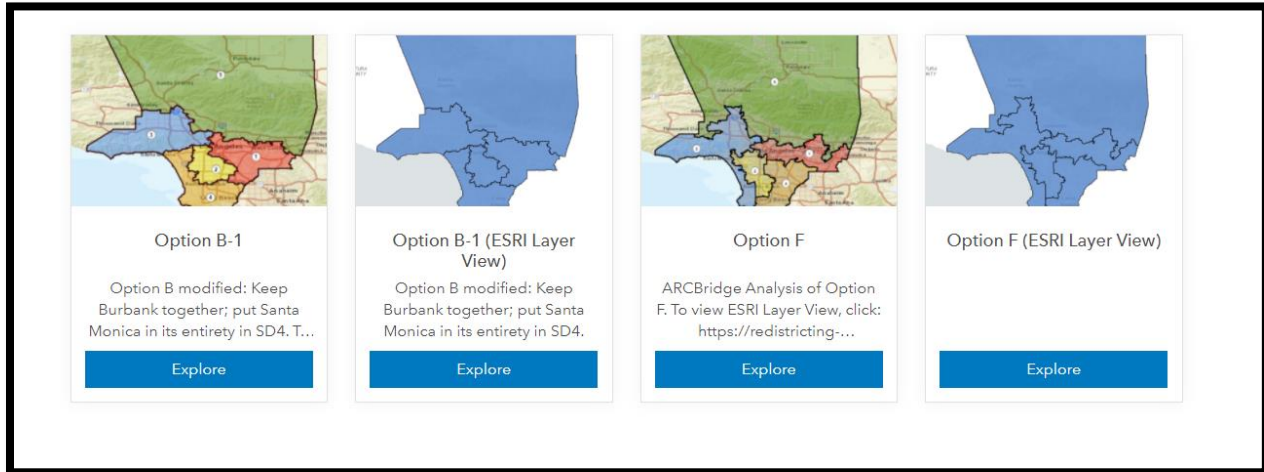
Maps Posted for Public Hearing No. 3 for December 1, 2021

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Executive Director, presented a visualization of the two current map options – Map Option B-1 and Map Option F (a modification of Map Option A-1) – that are under consideration for Public Hearing No. 3 on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.





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In compliance with Elections Code section 21534, subd. (c)(4)(B)), the current two map options (labeled as Map B-1 and Map F) are posted on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (<https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>)

Map details in a PDF format are attached to this Agenda and linked below:

- [Supervisory District Map B-1](#)
- [Supervisory District Map F](#)

NOTE: Members of the public interested in viewing submitted plans in the redistricting mapping software can follow the instructions in this [video](#) once logged into the [redistricting mapping software](#). Viewing the submitted plans in the mapping software allows for a more in-depth exploration of the plans, including identifying specific communities and cities. Members of the public can also use the software to save their own version of the draft maps, make modifications, and submit for the public and Commissioners to view. To view the map option details in the mapping software format, use these links:

- [Supervisory District Map B-1 \(Esri Layer View\)](#)
- [Supervisory District Map F \(Esri Layer View\)](#)

The [Scorecard of Map Options](#) on the map options is posted on the LA County CRC website and redistricting map hub as well.





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Ad Hoc Working Group on Maps

At the November 22, 2021, special meeting, the Commissioners approved the formation of two Ad Hoc Working Groups to refine Maps B-1 and F, respectively. The Ad Hoc Working Groups prepared draft Maps OP 064, OP 065, and OP 066 as conceptual frameworks for further refinement, public comment, and software/criteria testing.

- Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda presented an overview of the first Ad Hoc Working Group's approach and modifications to Map B-1 (new Map OP 064) with a focus on keeping cities and unincorporated areas together.
- Co-Chair Carolyn Williams provided a similar overview of the second Ad Hoc Working Group's work with an emphasis on "unsplitting" cities and unincorporated areas in Map F (new Map OP 065).
- Commissioner Saira Soto provided a conceptual overview of the changes made to Map F (new Map OP 066), including extending SD 2 to the ocean to include LAX, modifications to the NE portions of the SFV, and other modifications.

These new map options are posted on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (<https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>) The [Scorecard of all Maps Submitted](#) is also available there.

Modifications to Map Options B-1 and F, Prepared by Two Ad Hoc Working Groups for Further Public Input and Discussion

<p>OP 064 - Modified Option B-1 (Ad Hoc Group)</p> <p>For details on changes and reasons: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OP064.pdf</p> <p>Explore</p>	<p>OP 065 - Modified Option F (Ad Hoc Working Group)</p> <p>For details on changes and reasons: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OP065.pdf</p> <p>Explore</p>	<p>OP 066 Modified Option F (Ad Hoc Working Group)</p> <p>For details on changes and reasons: https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/OP066.pdf</p> <p>Explore</p>
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The draft Ad Hoc Working Group map options (e.g., Map OP 066) needed to be adjusted to eliminate deviations greater than 10% between the highest and lowest population districts. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough pointed out that some of the worksheets outlined changes that did not appear on the maps, such as:

- Map 064 does not incorporate Note 19, which indicated Cerritos, Gateway cities, and Norwalk were moved to SD4 to balance population among the districts and to increase population in SD4.
- Option F has Sylmar, San Fernando, and part of Sun Valley in SD 3 already. The Ad Hoc Working Group made some adjustments in that area.

The Commissioners asked clarifying questions and then Public Comments were received.

Public Comments

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

1. Stuart Waldman, VICA– prefers handling of SFV in Maps 64, 60, and 66 but not 65
2. Lawrence Murata-Shih – In Map OP 066 – questions La Habra Heights in SD 1, not part of San Gabriel Valley (near Whittier)
3. Isabel Gonzalez – SLA resident; dislikes Map B because of adverse impact on African American populations for equity and representation)
4. Sandra Guzman – SLA resident; dislikes Map B
5. Marlene Buenrostro, Active San Gabriel Valley– supports including Pomona in SD 1 in Map F; dislikes Map B
6. Ebani Abram, LA Voice & The People’s Bloc – opposes Map B; packs Black and Latino communities into SDs
7. Chris Rowe – submitted written comments; working on outreach to Los Angeles City EMPOWER LA
8. Maria Brenes, InnerCity Struggle (ICS) – Map F has elements of Map A but further adjustments needed; dislikes Map B
9. Michael Chee, City of Montebello – Prefers Map F; preserves SGV historic communities; can continue to collaborate with COIs
10. Derek Steele, Social Justice Learning Institute – works on Black/Brown youth; do not consider Map B; concerns of equity
11. Brian Saeki, City of Whittier, City Manager – Like Map F and the neighboring cities with shared resources and services with Whittier





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12. Jacky Contreras, Community Coalition & People's Bloc – Against Map B; other maps have 3 minority SDs. South LA very different from coastal communities.
13. Henry Perez – East LA resident; opposes Map B; supports Map F with revisions
14. Daniel Jimenez, ICS – Dislikes Map B for South Central LA community; disadvantaging them
15. Tim Sandoval, Mayor of the City of Pomona – Likes modified Map F; share common interests along the freeway
16. Elizabeth “Liz” Lugo, Montebello resident – family live in East LA for 60+ years; children split between LAUSD and Montebello Unified School Districts; communities closely aligned with East LA and Montebello; do not separate Montebello from SD 1
17. Alex Villalobos, BPI, East LA resident and businessperson – supports Map F; wants East LA in SD 1; Montebello should remain in SD 1 with other adjacent communities
18. Mayor Bill Brand, Mayor of Redondo Beach – trying to keep changes to a minimum; does not like SFV with Redondo Beach; Map B has 3 Latino districts; prefers Map B; keeps COIs together with less deviation
19. Roso Soto, North Whittier resident – supports Map A and process used to develop it; Map F is in the right direction; separate Hacienda Heights and Rolling Heights from La Habra Heights, not similar
20. Stephanie Shih, Rowland Heights resident – prefers Map F; opposes removing Montebello and La Habra Heights from SD 1
21. Henry Fung – Developed Map F; also developed Map 063, which is similar to Map 066; some feedback on and then make finalists
22. Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Temple City – Keep Temple City in SD 5
23. Paul Parzik, YMCA – supports Map F but with Montebello in SD 1
24. Adriana Quinones, Hacienda Heights – Keep Hacienda Heights with SD 4; our community is unique, diverse, and works on issues that are unique to this area.
25. Richard Martinez – Likes Map 66 because it keeps Pomona together with Diamond Bar
26. Kirk Samuels, Community Coalition – Do not support Map B; Hawthorne and Carson not represented where it should be; 3 SDs have 3 CVAPs where white population larger; prefer Map F
27. Ishmael Castro – against Map B (gives white voters too much power); prefer Map F
28. Jessica Panduro, ICS – oppose Map B; bring Montebello back into SD 1 in Map F
29. Ruby Rivera, ICS, Lynwood – Map F should be moved forward with some edits
30. Osvaldo Dominguez – City Terrace and East LA resident. Opposes Map B.
31. John Mendoza, Pomona FairPlex – South Pomona and Pomona are different; did not get help from supervisors; prefers Map B





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- 32. Punnpavin Herabat, Thai Community Development Center, resident of Thai Town – Dislikes Map B – splits Thai Town, Chinatown, Little Tokyo
- 33. Jeanette Ellis Royston, Pomona resident – likes Map F; keep Pomona in SD 1
- 34. Jack Hadjinian, former Mayor of Montebello – supports Map F; keep Montebello in SD 1

Commissioner Discussions

The Commissioners did a round robin approach where Commissioners took turns to share their observations on each of the maps. Equitable distribution of economic assets (e.g., universities, ports, LAX, etc.) and services (e.g., schools, parks) in each of the SDs were pointed out. The Commissioners wanted to be sure they do not dilute the voting power of historic minority communities.

The Commissioners discussed the Ad Hoc Working Groups’ maps. One Ad Hoc Working Group adjusted Map OP 066 (also Map G), based on public input and their own COI knowledge, so that the maximum deviation criterion was met. The following adjustments were made:

- Assigned Sylmar to SD 5.
- Assigned Commerce from SD 1 into SD 4
- Assigned Montebello from SD 4 into SD 1
- Assigned La Habra Heights and La Habra Heights Island from SD 1 to SD 4
- Assigned Palos Verdes Estate, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and unincorporated areas of Westfield from SD 4 to SD 2
- Assigned Carson and West Carson from SD 2 into SD 4

A motion was made and seconded to:

- Replace Map B-1 with Map B-2 (Map OP 064)
- Replace Map F with Map F-1 (Map OP 065)
- Add Map G (Map OP 066)

The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mary Kenney
Outcome:	Approved

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





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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

The Co-Chairs requested that the Ad Hoc Working Group for Map F meet and make further refinements on Thursday-Friday, based on public input at Wednesday’s Public Hearing No. 3 and to ensure Map F-1 and Map G meet the maximum deviation criterion.

5b. Discussion and possible formation of an Ad Hoc Working Group to review the draft year-end Technical Report (a work in progress) — Co-Chair Carolyn Williams

A motion was made and seconded to form an Ad Hoc Working Group to review the draft Technical Report. Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough has been working on the report throughout the year as a “work in progress.” She has prepared a draft executive summary, chapters that describe the LA County CRC’s year-long work efforts, and appendices of Commissioner-approved documents. The documentation of the final map vis-à-vis the criteria will require a quick turnaround to be added to the final report.

Commissioner David Holtzman made two suggestions: 1) develop a different title for the report and 2) only produce a short report that shows how the final map meets criteria as per the Election Code. Co-Chair Carolyn Williams pointed out that the title of the report can be dealt with later. Commissioner Apolonio Morales suggested the Ad Hoc Working Group include representation from each of the prior Ad Hoc Working Groups. Bruce Adelson, the LA County CRC’s legal expert on the Voting Rights Act, indicated that this kind of report that provides a document of record of the work done is a classic technical report prepared in the past and useful if questions arise later or during litigation.

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

- Chris Rowe pointed out that the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission (LACCRC) report was more than 1,000 pages.

Commissioner David Holtzman made an amendment to the motion to rename from the “Ad Hoc Working Group – Technical Report” to the “Ad Hoc Working Group – Technical Report of the Basis of the Decisions Made Based on Elections Code section 21534, subd. (b)(3)...”. The amendment was seconded but failed.

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





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Abstain	Commissioner Jean Franklin	No	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	No	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	No	Commissioner Saira Soto
No	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	No	Commissioner Doreena Wong

The Commissioners had Thai V. Le take roll call on the original motion. The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
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
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

Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams requested that Commissioners email them if they would like to serve on the Ad Hoc Working Group for the Technical Report.

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

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

- 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 need to sign up by 8:00 pm to make oral public comments.

Commissioner Jean Franklin expressed her desire for greater participation, particularly among the African American community, at our upcoming public hearings.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.





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