



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

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

**CRC MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING (Revised December 9, 2021):**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021, 3:00 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 3:03 p.m. He reviewed the process for the public to select either English or Spanish access to interpreters.

#### ATTENTION ALL PARTICIPANTS

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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	Excused	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Excused	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 minutes for:

- November 29, 2021
- December 1, 2021

Commissioners David Holtzman and Jean Franklin asked for more time to review the minutes. Co-Chair Mayeda agreed to put them on the agenda for approval at the next regular meeting, scheduled for December 8, 2021.

## 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 ARC/Bridge/Staff Regarding Map Modifications – Co-Chairs Dan Mayeda and Carolyn Williams

#### Public Input

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, LA County CRC Executive Director, explained that this special meeting was to serve as workshop for the Commissioners so they could synthesize public input and consider map modifications for the upcoming Public Hearing No. 4.

During Public Hearing No. 3, the LA County CRC received:

- 100 oral comments
- 500 written comments

Discuss	Discuss and review public input
Review	Review Ad Hoc Working Groups' suggested map modifications
Hone	Hone maps
Narrow	Possibly narrow map options





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- Staff synthesis of public input, which also highlights key changes made to the maps (posted on the LA County CRC website)

She also explained that the public input has provided greater clarity regarding COIs, particularly in terms of:

- AAPI COIs
- African American COIs in SD 2
- SFV COIs
- East LA COIs
- Southeast LA (SELA) COIs
- South LA COIs
- South Bay COIs
- Councils of Government
- Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils (NCs)

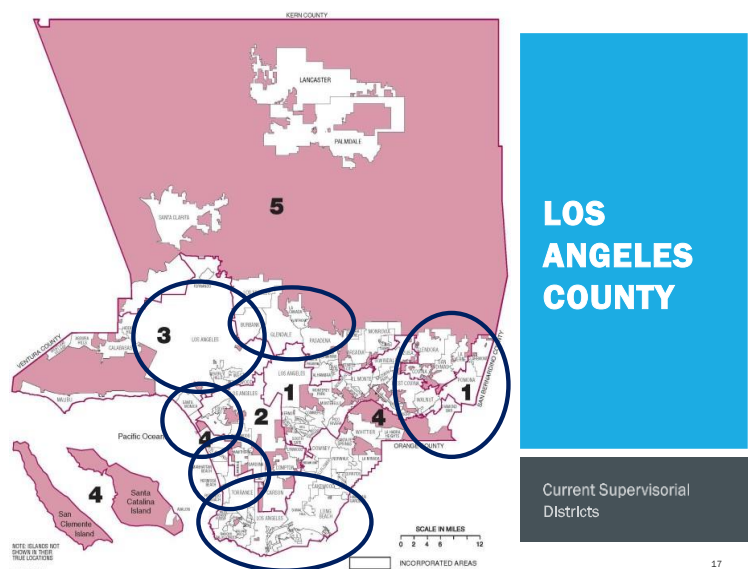
## Approach and Challenges

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough explained that two Ad Hoc Working Groups reviewed oral and written public comments for Maps B-2, F-1, and G. Both Ad Hoc Working Groups used the following approach, unless there were extenuating circumstances:

- Keep cities whole (except Los Angeles City, given its population)
- Keep unincorporated areas whole
- Keep Los Angeles City NCs whole but do not fine tune NCs until map options are narrowed

She also outlined the challenges facing the Commissioners:

- Conflicting viewpoints from the public
- Design of 5 supervisorial districts (SDs) with populations of 2 million each
- Geographically contiguous (e.g., AAPI community)
- “Ripple” effect – a change in one SD affects another SD



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- Different ways that Los Angeles City defines its communities (e.g., NCs, Community Planning areas within City Planning, community boundaries for Public Works, etc.)
- Dynamic, rapid turnaround – maps evolve between public hearings and special meetings

She displayed a map with circles to indicate where the greatest discussions and conflicting viewpoints centered to date.

## *Current Supervisorial District Census-Data Overview*

Holly Whatley, Independent Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the racial make-up of the current supervisorial districts, applying the 2020 census data for total population and 2019 ACS data for CVAP. Holly Whatley and Bruce Adelson, VRA expert, answered the Commissioners' questions of clarification.

Bruce Adelson emphasized that race is one of many factors, including COIs, historic communities, and contiguity. He emphasized that race cannot be the only factor or the Number 1 factor. A commission cannot set a goal around race. The new SDs can reflect population growth. Los Angeles County is unusual because of its large majority minority population.

## *Historical Changes in the Last 50 Years of SDs*

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough then provided an historical overview of ARCBridge's analysis of SD changes over the last 5 decades. Her historical overview explained where the major changes were made 30 years ago. She concluded with the following observations:

- The SDs are not fixed in time
- Impact of a change in one SD and the ripple effect to other SDs
- Current efforts of the independent LA County CRC to be responsive to:
  - Compliance with the criteria required for redistricting
  - Input from the public and Communities of Interest (COIs)
  - Demographic changes
  - County's diversity and complexity
- Complexity of making change

## *Maps Posted for Public Hearing No. 4 for December 7, 2021*

Map Options F-1, B-2, and G are under consideration for Public Hearing No. 4 on Wednesday, December 7, 2021. Public Hearing No. 4 is the last public hearing to be held on the map options.





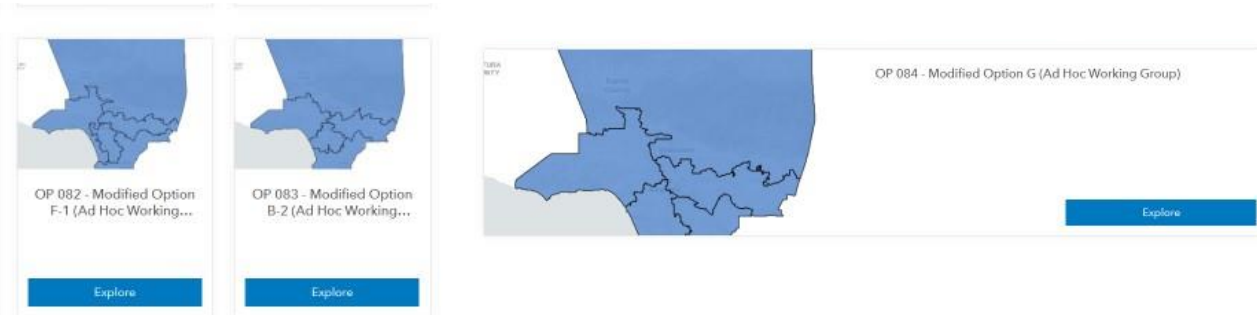
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In compliance with Elections Code section 21534, subd. (c)(4)(B)), the current map options are posted on the LA County CRC website: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov/>. They can also be found on the redistricting hub (<https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>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

**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.

### *Ad Hoc Working Groups' Modifications to the Posted Maps*

The Ad Hoc Working Groups prepared modifications to the three maps – Map Options F-1, B-2, and G – that are under consideration for Public Hearing No. 4. Here is a visualization of the modified maps:



**Map OP 082:  
Modified F-1**

**Map OP 083:  
Modified B-2**

**Map OP 084:  
Modified G**

- Co-Chair Dan Mayeda explained the changes that Ad Hoc Working Group (Map F & Map G series) made to Map Option F-1, posted on the LA County CRC website as Map OP 082
- Co-Chair Carolyn Williams explained the changes that Ad Hoc Working Group (Map B series) made to Map Option B-2, posted on the LA County CRC website as Map OP 083
- Commissioner Saira Soto explained the changes that Ad Hoc Working Group (Map F & Map G series) made to Map Option G, posted on the LA County CRC website as Map OP 084

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough shared a scorecard for the maps under consideration:







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Maps	Max Deviation	Polsby Popper-Compactness Score	# Majority Minority Districts		Splits				Community of Interest Models					
			Based on Total Population	Based on CVAP	# CSAs		NCs		COI A		COI B		COI C	
Maximum	10%	# SDs >.20	10,047,926	6,315,311	348	99			27	27		27		
Comparison	Pass/Fail	Higher # is Better					Lower # is Better				Lower # is Better			
Denominator	10%	5	5	5	348	99			27	27		27	%	
	% Dev	# SDs	# SDs	# SDs	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Current SDs	4.36	3	2	1	25	7%	25	25%	13	48%	11	41%	13	48%
B2	6.94	3	2	2	2	1%	19	19%	9	33%	9	33%	10	37%
F1	12.16	1	3	2	5	1%	18	18%	10	37%	8	30%	10	37%
G	5.03	3	2	2	3	1%	20	20%	9	33%	7	26%	9	33%
<b>Ad Hoc Working Group's Modifications (OP):</b>														
B2 (OP 83)	7.83	3	2	2	0	0%	22	22%	10	37%	9	33%	11	41%
F1 (OP 82)	8.18	1	3	2	0	0%	17	17%	8	30%	8	30%	10	37%
G (OP 84)	8.16	3	2	2	0	0%	21	21%	10	37%	8	30%	10	37%
<b>Note: Reviewed; 3 unincorporated areas are not contiguous in the database.</b>					<b>COI Legend:</b>				<b>&lt;40%</b>		<b>41%-59%</b>		<b>60% ≥</b>	

She highlighted that Map F1 and Map OP 082 have issues with compactness. All of the map options have at least 2 majority minority districts, based on total population and CVAP. The Ad Hoc Working Groups resolved issues around split CSAs. The LA County CRC will later address the split Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles. All options are better than the current supervisorial districts in terms of being responsive to COIs.

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

### Public Comments

Although Co-Chair Mayeda proposed limiting public comments to 30 minutes. 11 individuals who signed up to make public comment had the opportunity to make public comments within the 30-minute time allotment.

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

1. Nora Garcia, City Councilmember, City of Pomona – wants Pomona in SD 1
2. Chris Rowe – supports Map 078; wants SFV to be kept whole; likes Commissioner Holtzman’s map (Map 086) that kept SFV whole
3. Lina Mira, City of Pomona – support Maps 081 and 082 with modifications that keeps Pomona in SD 1
4. Tim Sandoval, Mayor, City of Pomona – keep Pomona in SD 1; Pomona is largest city in SGV with largest Latino community
5. Jessica Panduro – against Map B-2 and G; described complexity of redistricting and work done to keep community members informed





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6. Mayor Bill Brand, Redondo Beach – likes modified Map B-2; has problems with Map F-1 with SFV being connected to Redondo Beach; prefers Map G over Map F
7. Roy Humphreys – complimented Commissioners
8. Jacky Contreras, Community Coalition and People’s Bloc – sees negative impact on representation in communities of color in Maps B-2 and G; vastly different communities in the beach versus neighboring SDs; prefers Map 081
9. Lee Coller, Redondo Beach Resident – likes Map B-2; dislikes Map F-1 that puts beach cities with SFV; Map G is better than Map F-1
10. Carlos Leon – likes Map F-1; opposes Maps B-2 and G; concerned about racial equity
11. Stuart Waldman, VICA (called in) – likes Map 078 for SFV; dislikes modified Map B-2 now; dislikes modified Map F-1 with SFV with Redondo Beach; submitted Map 087 for consideration
12. Jacquelyn Du-Pont-Walker (called in) – prefers Map F series versus Map B series; wants to look at historical communities with African American voice at the table
13. Phone caller in 3270 – August Fong, Chair of San Gabriel Redistricting for Asians – wants Asian SGV united; likes Map 078; puts Burbank and Glendale with SFV; Burbank and Glendale should not be with SD 1
14. Steve Ferguson, Member of the Burbank Unified School District, Board of Education – likes Map 078; wants to be with SFV, which includes the community college Burbank uses
15. Maria Brenes (call in) – consider increased Latinx data for SD 1; Latinos have worked hard for a voice at the Board of Supervisors (wants 53% Latino population)
16. Phone caller in 8575 – Carl, Panorama City, SFV – wants SFV to be united; likes Map 078
17. Beatriz Soltero -- East LA resident; wants representation; discussed Map F-1 because of impact on Latino community
18. Taylor Lee, SGV Asian Redistricting Hub – discussed Asian community; lives in Arcadia, Monterey Park, and third place; Asian community is split in SD 1; does not want to compete with Latino community; wants to be part of Pasadena community; never have had an Asian Board of Supervisor; wants to unite east vs. west SGV communities
19. Ruby Rivera, InnerCity Struggle – Lynwood resident; rejects Maps B and G because of impact of Voting Rights Act on community
20. John Mendoza, Pomona Fairplex area – supports Map B-2
21. Arsine Andrayn, Burbank librarian – likes Map 078
22. Oscar Alvarez – Westmont (unincorporated) resident; opposes Map B and G; likes Map F to protect voices of the Black community; keeps historic seaside communities together





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23. Judy St. John (technical problems so could not speak)

24. Jose Cornejo, served as a Commissioner for LA City 10 years ago – Keep SFV whole with its 1.7 to 1.8 million population but never given a chance to do that; SFV has never had a SFV Board of Supervisor

## *Commissioner Discussions*

The Commissioners did a round robin approach where Commissioners took turns to share their observations on each of the map options. They described what Map Options they were inclined to approve with modifications, as well as concerns they had about specific Map Options.

Commissioners described support for the public's desire to keep SFV whole. Commissioners would like to keep more AAPI communities together but observed challenges in creating an "Asian American district" given where Asian Americans currently live in the County and the need for each district to have 2 million residents. Some Commissioners observed that some members of the AAPI community in SGV have described the advantages of having 2 SDs who are concerned about their interests. Other Commissioners were pleased that Pomona is now part of SD 1 in the map options.

Some Commissioners thought that maps could be merged – either Map B-2 with Map G or Map F-1 with Map G. The beach communities require closer scrutiny.

Commissioners found the historical and demographic changes overview helpful, outlining the increased Latino population and changes in African American populations in SD 2.

Commissioner David Holtzman said he would give little weight to comments like "we've always been in the same district... that's why we should stay in the district." Although Map F-1 received considerable public support, Co-Chair Dan Mayeda expressed disappointment that the People's Bloc had not grappled with public input regarding concerns about their map's basic configuration, including the narrow "finger" (Dockweiler Beach) that joins the coast and SFV together. He also noted that as far as he could recall, no one from either the SFV or the beach communities has asked to be in the same SD as the other.

Commissioner Mark Mendoza described the challenges in adjusting the boundaries to achieve reasonably equal size SDs. He saw economic ties of SD 2 with LAX. He was not comfortable with Map B-2 that appears like a "land grab" to go north to UCLA. He expressed concerns with combining inner city and beach communities in SD 2 because of their different interests.

Commissioner Mary Kenney said she thought the Ad Hoc Working Groups would look at Map OP 078 and wanted to know if they did and what they thought of it. Commissioner Brian Stecher explained that the Ad







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Hoc Working Group did look at Map OP 078, but it created problems by disconnecting Pomona. Commissioner Saira Soto added concerns about how Map OP 078 handled Athens and Lennox.

The Commissioners discussed the impact of housing displacement in SD 2. Commissioners Saira Soto and Jean Franklin pointed out that the communities in SD 2 have worked hard to organize and “stay strong” within the African American communities. Gentrification and rising housing costs have had a negative impact on many communities. Co-Chair Williams pointed out that the SoFi Stadium in Inglewood has already affected the value of housing stock and the cost of housing. Some residents are selling and moving. Rents are expensive in Leinart Park for businesses. Gentrification is real. She raised concerns about economic access and its unintended consequences.

Commissioner David Holtzman described his commitment to civil rights and noted that the LA County CRC cannot consider the census undercount. He cautioned against relying on projections based on observed trends. Commissioner Wong indicated that many of the Commissioners consider themselves to be social justice advocates. When the communities say they want to stay with their current Supervisors, such viewpoints may reflect that they have been working hard to have their voices heard and do not want to lose the headway they have made.

### *Commissioner Motions*

A motion was made and seconded to elevate Maps 082, 083, and 084—which are versions of Options B-2, F-1 and G, respectively, as modified by Working Groups—to become the new Map Options B-3 (083), F-2 (082), and G-1 (084) for the upcoming public hearing. The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mary Kenney
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
No	Commissioner David Holtzman	Excused	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
Abstain	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong





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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.

A motion was made and seconded to eliminate Map F-2 (OP 082). The motion failed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Mary Kenney
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin
Outcome:	Failed

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

Commissioner David Holtzman made a motion to elevate Map 086 for the upcoming public hearing. His motion did not receive a second. He withdrew his motion.

Commissioner David Holtzman made a motion that was seconded to elevate Map 085 for the upcoming public hearing. The motion failed.

Motion Made:	Commissioner David Holtzman
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin
Outcome:	Failed

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

Co-Chair Carolyn Williams made a motion to eliminate Map G-1 (OP 084). Her motion did not receive a second. She withdrew the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to:





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- Have the existing Ad Hoc WG on Mapping (F series) refine Map F-2 (082).
- Have the other existing Ad Hoc WG on Mapping (B series) look at combining Maps B-3 (083) and G-1 (084)

The motion passed.

Motion Made:	Co-Chair Carolyn Williams
Motion Seconded:	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda
Outcome:	Approved

Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Excused	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Abstain	Commissioner David Holtzman	Excused	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Mary Kenney	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Co-Chair Daniel Mayeda	Left early	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 Groups meet on Monday or Tuesday to make any further refinements for public input at Tuesday’s Public Hearing No. 4.

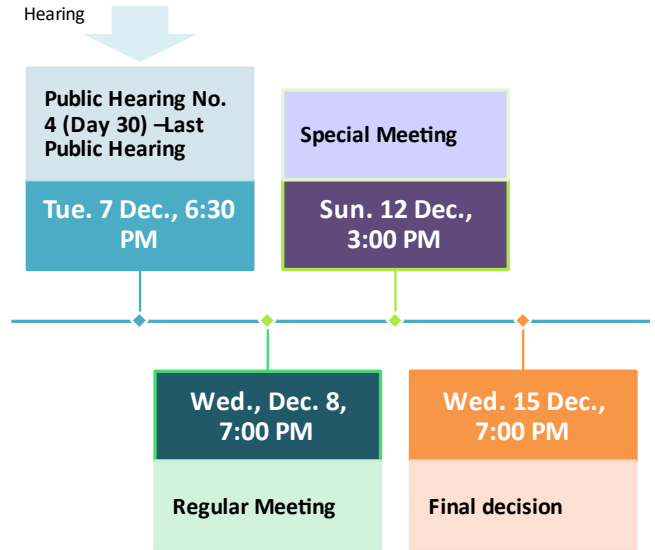
## AGENDA ITEM 6: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GAYLA KRAETSCH HARTSOUGH, PH.D.

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough outlined the upcoming public hearing and meeting dates and times. She reminded the public that the LA County CRC wanted to hear from them, noting that they need to sign up by 8:00 p.m. to make oral public comments at Public Hearing No. 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

## AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT – CO-CHAIR DAN MAYEDA

Co-Chair Mayeda adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

**Note: We want to hear from you!** Sign up by 8:00 pm to make oral public comments at Public Hearing





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