

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

BACKGROUND AND SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS



REDISTRICTING OVERVIEW

- Redistricting occurs every 10 years in the County to redraw the boundaries for the supervisorial districts to reflect new and shifting populations.
- In 2016, the State Legislature approved Senate Bill 958 amending the Elections Code to require an independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) to adjust the boundary lines of the supervisorial districts of the board in the year following the decennial federal census.
- The CRC must be in place by December 31, 2020.

CRC OVERVIEW

- 14-member commission
- First eight commissioners are selected at random by the Auditor-Controller
- The remaining six commissioners are selected by the eight randomly selected commissioners
- Selection is from the 60 most qualified applicants
- The political party preferences of commission members shall be as proportional as possible to the total number of voters who are registered with each political party in the County of Los Angeles
- The CRC shall reflect the County's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity

SUMMARY OF COMMISSIONER REQUIREMENTS

- Be a resident of Los Angeles County;
- Be continuously registered in the County of Los Angeles with same political party or unaffiliated with a political party, without any changes, for last 5 years;
- Have voted in one of last three statewide elections;
- Within the past 10 years, the commission member or their family (child, in-law, parent, or sibling) cannot have:
 - Been appointed, elected, or a candidate in a local, state, or federal office representing the County of Los Angeles;
 - Served as an employee or paid consultant of an elected representative at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles;
 - Served as an employee or paid consultant of a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles;
 - Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or as an appointed member of a political party central committee; or
 - Been a registered local or state lobbyist.
- Possess experience that demonstrates analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process, voting rights, and applicable state and federal legal requirements; possess experience demonstrating the ability to be impartial; and possess experience that demonstrates an appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the County of Los Angeles.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- The County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) is responsible for preparing the applications and conducting the selection of the 60 most qualified commissioner applicants. To accomplish this responsibility, RR/CC engaged media partners to solicit CRC applications during the month of August:
 - Social media ads ran across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter in 14 different languages.
 - Digital communications were made through programmatic display ads, keyword searches, and email marketing in 14 different languages.
 - Print media campaign ran ads and advertorials in multi-ethnic papers in the County.
 - Over 400 radio ads ran in 2 languages.
- RR/CC participated in webinars with non-profits, non-partisan groups.
- Ethnic Media Services hosted a virtual briefing for the County's ethnic media outlets.
- Media partners performed a mid-campaign expansion to reach Spanish minority communities by reallocating 20% of budget to Spanish social and digital ads.
- RR/CC extended the CRC application deadline to allow even more applicants to apply.

CRC APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- After the RR/CC created and solicited applications for the CRC membership, the RR/CC received 741 applications for CRC membership. 533 were eligible.
- The RR/CC verified the applicants' voter registration status, voting history, rated the eligible applications, and in accordance with the Elections Code, selected the 60 most qualified applicants.
- The RR/CC published the names and applications of the 60 most qualified applicants online at the RR/CC's website at LAVote.net for 30 days, starting on October 19, 2020.
- The RR/CC separated the applicants by supervisorial district.

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS

- On November 24, 2020, the Auditor-Controller will randomly select eight commissioners from the RR/CC-selected pool of the 60 most qualified applicants.
- The Auditor-Controller will use multi-colored balls and a rotating tumbler to perform the random selection of commissioners. There are five different colors for each supervisorial district:
 - Supervisorial District 1 is BLUE.
 - Supervisorial District 2 is PINK
 - Supervisorial District 3 is WHITE.
 - Supervisorial District 4 is YELLOW.
 - Supervisorial District 5 is ORANGE.
- Each applicant was randomly assigned a number in their respective supervisorial district color.
- The Auditor-Controller will first place the numbers for Supervisorial District 1 into the tumbler, spin the tumbler, and randomly select a number. The numbers that were not selected will be removed from the tumbler and replaced with the numbers for Supervisorial District 2 for the random selection of a commissioner for that district. This process will be repeated for all of the Supervisorial Districts.
- Once the first five commissioners are randomly selected, all of the remaining unselected numbers will be placed in the tumbler. The Auditor-Controller will then randomly select three more commissioners after spinning the tumbler.
- Altogether, this will reflect the first eight randomly selected CRC commissioners.

NOVEMBER 24, 2020 LIST OF APPLICANTS WITH NUMBER ASSIGNMENT

Random #	First Name	Last Name	District	Random #	First Name	Last Name	District	Random #	First Name	Last Name	District
1	Rosalina	Lugo	1	23	Teresa	Wheatley-Humphrey	2	51	Louise	Chao	4
2	Mona	Field	1	24	Elizabeth	Johnson	2	52	Stevan	Colin	4
3	Molly	Greene	1	25	Nyanza	Shaw	2	53	Linda	Timmons	4
4	Sara	Eastwood	1	26	Christine	Walker	2	54	Vinod	Kashyap	4
5	Christopher	Castaneda	1	31	Charles	Lindenblatt	3	55	Jia Lin	Sayers	4
6	Nancy	Diaz	1	32	Brian	Stecher	3	56	Hailes	Soto	4
7	Saira	Soto	1	33	Margaret	Milligan	3	57	Apolonio	Morales	4
8	Priscilla	Segura	1	34	Joseph	Roth	3	61	David	Holtzman	5
9	Adela	Barajas	1	35	Luis	Claro	3	62	John	Merguerian	5
10	Manuel	Gonez	1	36	Doreena	Wong	3	63	Carmen	Gonzalez	5
11	James	Toma	1	37	Dan	Woods	3	64	John	Vento	5
12	Nelson	Obregon	1	38	Constance	Boukidis	3	65	David	Coher	5
13	Ricardo	Mireles	1	39	Avo	Babian	3	66	Gloria	Medel	5
16	Verda	Bradley	2	40	Tim	Forest	3	67	Thomas	Baxter	5
17	Jean	Franklin	2	41	Jose	Avila	3	68	Mark	Mendoza	5
18	Patricia	Don	2	46	Todd	Hays	4	69	Theresa	Fuentes	5
19	Charlotte	Williams	2	47	Mary	Kenney	4	70	Marisa	DiDomenico	5
20	Daniel	Mayeda	2	48	Arturo	Adame	4	71	Jose Luis	Benavides	5
21	Lawrence	Harris	2	49	Maria	Williams-Slaughter	4	72	Alan	Ehrlich	5
22	Carolyn	Williams	2	50	Victor	Manalo	4	73	Priya	Sridharan	5

CRC SELECTION OF REMAINING SIX COMMISSIONERS

- The eight randomly selected commissioners will then choose six more commissioners from the remaining pool of qualified applicants based on:
 - Relevant experience, analytical skills and ability to be impartial;
 - Race, ethnicity, gender, geographic and gender diversity to ensure the CRC reflects the County's diversity; and
 - Political party preference being as proportional as possible to political party registration in the County at the last statewide election.
- The 14-member CRC must be in place by December 31, 2020.

DRAWING THE MAP

- CRC shall establish single-member supervisorial districts for the board pursuant to a mapping process using the following criteria, in the following order of priority:
 - Comply with the United States Constitution and each district shall have a reasonably equal population to other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the law;
 - Comply with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. § 10101 et seq.);
 - Districts shall be geographically contiguous;
 - Respect the geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, or local community of interest in a manner that minimizes division to the extent possible without violating the priorities above; and
 - Draw districts to encourage geographical compactness without conflicting with the priorities above.
- Incumbency, candidacy and political party cannot be considered by the CRC when creating a map.
- CRC must file a final map with the RR/CC and issue a report explaining why decisions were made by December 15, 2021.

CRC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.).
- Hold public hearings:
 - Seven (at least one per District) **before** maps are drawn; and
 - Two **after** maps are drawn, and post maps on County's website for public comment.
- Publish a calendar of all public hearings
- Post agendas seven days in advance of public hearings
- Provide live translation in any applicable language when timely requested
- Encourage County resident participation in the process. Options include, public outreach, coordination with community organizations, and posting notices and updates on the CRC website.

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Make available to the CRC a complete and accurate computerized database for redistricting;
- Provide public access to the equivalent computer software and redistricting data; and
- Provide reasonable staffing and funding to the CRC.