



MINUTES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Monday, December 21, 2020
10:00 AM

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Call to Order. (20-6843)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Twila Kerr, staff for Commission Services, took roll call.

Present: Commissioner Jean A. Franklin, Commissioner David Holtzman, Commissioner Daniel Mayeda, Commissioner Nelson Obregon, Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura, Commissioner Hailes Soto, Commissioner Brian Stecher PhD and Commissioner John Vento

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Review and take appropriate action on the December 14, 2020 Draft Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) Minutes. (Continued from the meeting of 12/21/20) (20-6844)

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of December 26, 2020 for approval.

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Review of the Commissioners' evaluation of the 52 CRC applicants and selection of six additional CRC members and possible alternative members or scheduling additional meeting to complete selection by December 31, 2020. (20-6845)

Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., provided an update for the Commissioners regarding the actions they needed to take in December to select the remaining six Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) Commissioners.

In addition, she outlined the methodology that the Commissioners followed in evaluating the 52 qualified individuals remaining in the CRC applicant pool. The Commissioners evaluated all 52 applications, using a holistic approach of candidates' overall analytical skills relevant to redistricting/voting rights, State and Federal legal requirements, impartiality, and appreciation of LA County's diverse demographics and geography. Applications were evaluated on a 10-point scale; overall:

- **The Commissioners completed a total of 215 application reviews by Saturday, December 19, 2020, at 5:00 pm.**
- **Applications had an average of 4 Commissioner reviews each.**
- **Each Commissioner reviewed an average of 27 applications each.**

Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough displayed the Commissioners' evaluation scores, including various sorts of the ratings by factors that the Commissioners should consider. These sorts included Political Party Affiliation and Los Angeles County demographic and geographic diversity variables, including cities and zip codes of the Commissioners and applicants. The Commissioners reviewed the top 12 evaluated applicants and expanded their discussions to include the top 23 evaluated applicants.

Some Commissioners identified their top choices – 11 overall – out of the top 23 applicants. They requested that Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough apply the various demographic and diversity factors to these candidates, along with a GIS map plotting the zip codes of these applicants and the Commissioners for the next meeting. In this way, they can visually assess better representation by Supervisorial District and more precisely geographic location.

The Commissioners discussed the merits of identifying Alternates to complement the 14 Commissioners, in the event that a Commissioner could no longer serve.

Commissioner Holtzman shared a letter and table he had prepared regarding Political Party Preference demographics. He requested that “No Party Preference” be defined as “Not Democrat/Not Republican” and encompass:

- **Not Democrat**
- **Not Republican**
- **No Party Preference**
- **Other Party Affiliations (e.g., Green Party)**

Executive Director, Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough agreed to make that change going forward.

MOTIONS

Motion 1: Commissioner Mayeda made a motion that “we do not conduct interviews but instead grapple with the applicants based on their paper submissions.”

Motion 1 Seconded: Commissioner Soto

Motion 1 passed

Motion 2: Commissioner Stecher made a motion that “we set aside the following 4 dates and times for the next Commissioner meeting to make the final selection of candidates as necessary:

- **Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 10am – next Special Meeting to be scheduled**
- **Monday, December 28, 2020 at 10am – tentative Special Meeting**
- **Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 2pm – tentative Special Meeting**
- **Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 7pm – tentative Special Meeting”**

Motion 2 Seconded: Commissioner Franklin

Motion 2 passed

NEXT STEPS

The Commissioners agreed to spend more time reviewing the applications of the top choices of applicants and not conduct interviews.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

- 3. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission on matters not on the agenda. (20-6848)**

Public Comments:

- 1. Doreena Wong, Policy Director, Asian Resources, Inc., and CRC Applicant**
- 2. Karen Diaz, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)**
- 3. Nancy Diaz**
- 4. Alan Ehrlich**
- 5. Kimberly Fuentes, League of United Latin American Citizens**

6. Fayaz Nawabi, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Greater Los Angeles, California

Public Correspondence received and read aloud:

1. Angie Medina, President Whittier Latino Coalition
2. Jaime López, S. Whittier (Unincorporated) Resident, SEIU 721 Member
3. Sean Tan, CHIRLA Member, LA County Resident (90066)
4. Martha M. Escutia, Retired State Senator, Senate District 30
5. Yvonne Gonzalez Duncan, California LULAC State Director, Member California League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Board of Directors
6. Primo Castro, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and La Habra resident
7. Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)-Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
8. Karen Diaz, representing Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), California League of Conservation Voters, & California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund
9. Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), and Samuel P. Sukaton, Redistricting Coordinator, California League of Conservation Voters & California League of Conservation Voters, Education Fund
10. Louis R. Reyes, resident of the community of Whittier in District 4 (Supervisor Hahn)

Q&A Questions:

1. Louise Chao
2. Dr. Verda Bradley
3. Anonymous Attendee
4. Frank C.

Comments and questions read aloud at the CRC meeting from:

1. Anonymous Attendee
2. Nancy Diaz
3. Rosalinda Lugo
4. Frank C.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Matters Not Posted

4. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, for matters that required immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (20-6847)

The Commission agreed to hold the next CRC Special Meeting on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners agreed to tentative hold the dates for additional Special Meetings if necessary, on: December 28 at 10:00 a.m.; December 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm; and December 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m in the event they need more time to select the final 6 Commissioners.

Adjournment

5. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, December 21, 2020. (20-6849)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.