

Post-August Operations Ideas

This document summarizes input from all Commissioners who submitted ideas thus far on what activities the Commission should undertake after the maps are certified. This is intended to provoke thought and enrich our discussion. For each category, I've noted possible time periods.

Commission Functions

Short Term (through CY 2012?)

Focus on assessing appropriate structure for long-term sustainability.

- **Litigation response**—work with in-house and outside counsel and ensure Commission oversight and participation
- **Public Records Act requests**—respond to all requests promptly and accurately
- **Accurate archival**—ensure the integrity and accuracy of our records for history!
 - Create a database of "Historical" districts for each city in California for future map drawing use
 - Accurate attendance records
 - Historical media coverage

Mid-Term (through FY2012?)

- **Evaluation and assessment**—participation with Irvine Foundation study and others with the possibility of supplementing with our own internal review
 - Process improvement, what worked, what didn't
 - monitoring election dynamics/outcomes based on our maps with the goal for improving citizen participation
 - assessment of regional patterns and issues based on our map configurations
 - assessment and impact of map configurations upon and between minority groups in central LA and San Gabriel mountain region
 - Applicability of VRA to multi-racial dynamics
- **Recommendations for the next Applicant Review Panel**—based on our experiences, what should the next ARP consider?
 - applicant selection process
 - ideal qualities
- **Recommendations to the next Commission**—based on our experiences, how can we prepare the next Commission to be (more) successful?
 - Infrastructure: procedural, staffing/hiring, contracting, litigation prep, adequate budget, etc.
 - Public input: how to improve quality, prevent gaming the system
 - Personal: impacts on work, family, personal life, economic hardship, etc.

Longer-Term/Ongoing

- **Public Records Act requests**—respond to all requests promptly and accurately
- **Form 700**—each Commissioner must submit annually
- **Sexual Harassment training**—each Commissioner must complete every 2 years
- **Education and/or advocacy**— of the CRC independent redistricting model to local jurisdictions, other groups, as well as other states
- **Review of future redistricting issues**
 - post census data over/undercount review
 - selected racially polarized studies
 - prison population study
- **Identify automated (software) marketing and mapping tools**
 - Identify an improved tool to consolidate the thousands of public inputs into a meaning output for map drawing. Test said tool with our current public input.
 - Improve the current map drawing tools to automatic identification of potential Section 2 districts. Test said tool with 2010 census data.
 - Host a conference (with corporate sponsors) to discuss best practices?
- **Transition/Training for Next Commission**
 - Outreach for potential applicants
 - Transition in 2019-2020

Commission Structure

Advisory Committees

- No need for Outreach or Technical any more; reassign available Commissioners?
- Continued need for Legal, F&A, and Public Information; build on expertise/history
- Potential new committee(s)
 - Evaluation and Outcomes Assessment
 - Constitutional/Statutory Amendments
- Advisory Committee meetings?

Litigation Oversight

- Litigation Oversight Team— Ancheta and Forbes have delegated authority to coordinate and respond to outside counsel's need for timely response for short-term, day-to-day decisions
- Blanco and Filkins-Webber have delegated authority to coordinate with Chief Counsel and ensure efficient use of in-house legal resources
- Weekly (or as needed) full Commission (telephonic) meetings for regular updates

Commission Leadership

- Rotating Chair/Vice Chair
- Management Committee

- Chair/Vice Chair + Committee Leads?
- Post-litigation?

Per Diem Policy

- Need for tighter review due to limited funds, limited assignments. Existing policy at:
https://docs.google.com/a/crc.ca.gov/document/d/1uhmG89O0uLWC72wns0BCGuSIYUk61co5_O6JSaZGfe8/edit?hl=en_US
 - Same policy re: minimal 6-hour increments to claim per diem
 - Acceptable claims include:
 - Prep time as Chair, Vice Chair, Advisory Committee lead, Commissioners with delegated authority or media spokespersons pre-approved by Dir. of Communications
 - Time to respond to specific requests from attorneys, e.g. depositions or other legal discovery, PRAs
 - Commission meetings and reasonable prep and travel time
 - Required training
 - Non-reimbursable activities may include anything that does not directly benefit the state or the Citizens Redistricting Commission:
 - Education/advocacy in other states?
 - Education/advocacy locally?
 - Time to do your TECs or per diem claims
- Regular review to ensure adherence to policy by F&A? F&A+Chair? Management Committee?

Full Commission Meetings

Format

- 1-2 days in Sacramento at Commission HQ?
- Videotaped by staff
- Inexpensive transcription

Frequency

- Weekly (if needed) telephonically during litigation? In-person once per month?
- Bi-monthly afterward
- Quarterly beginning 2012?