



## Welcome FROM THE CHAIR

Linda Akutagawa  
Chair, 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission



Welcome to the August edition of the California Citizen Redistricting Commission newsletter. The Commission has enjoyed listening to the diverse communities across California during the Phase II Communities of Interest input meetings. We invite you to provide your input at an upcoming meeting or online at: [DrawMyCACommunity.org](https://DrawMyCACommunity.org).

After thoughtful deliberation, the Commission voted to petition the California Supreme Court for a January 14, 2022 deadline. This deadline will allow for the holiday break and should allow for a minimal effect on the 2022 elections. We will continue to update you on the status of this request.

We recently shared a digital toolkit with all the resources necessary to engage your audiences in the state's redistricting process. Please help us get the word out so we can reach a wider audience.

## **Timeline Adjustment**



The Commission unanimously voted (14-0) to petition the California Supreme Court to make January 14, 2022 the deadline to submit final maps to the Secretary of State. The motion seeks an order from the CA State Supreme Court confirming that the calculation of the “additional federal delay” as used in the Padilla decision is to be based upon the date that the Statewide Database is able to reformat the legacy dataset into a usable format for building the statewide redistricting database, with a request for an additional extension of the deadline for approval and certification of the final maps to January 14, 2022 to allow for meaningful public input to account for the annual holiday period.

We listened to community members who expressed concern over lower participation rates during the winter holidays, as well as election officials concerned about the deadline's impact on the 2022 elections. The Commission's legal counsel team is working on the petition to the court.



The California Citizens Redistricting Commission has created a digital toolkit to help us get the word out about redistricting. The toolkit includes:

- General information about the Commission
- Recommendations for how to provide Communities of Interest public input
- Ways to participate in the state redistricting process
- Ways to engage your constituency and neighbors
- Links to useful resources and information
- Sample social media posts
- A sample newsletter article
- All marketing and educational materials

We welcome you to share far and wide to help us engage Californians in the process that will determine the new district maps for congressional, State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts.

[Click here to access the toolkit.](#)

## Phase II Continues



The Commission continues to host Communities of Interest input sessions. This information will help commissioners respect the boundaries of your communities to the best of our ability during the redistricting process and minimize their division. Join one of our upcoming [COI input meetings](#).

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for all remaining COI input meetings and other languages have been identified for specific meetings. More information is provided at <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings>. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.



## COI Tool Tutorials

Our partners at the Statewide Database have added to their video tutorials meant to help you provide COI input to the Commission. Their [YouTube page](#) has added the following tutorials in Spanish:

- [Capas de Dibujo](#)
- [Describe Su Comunidad](#)
- [Enviar](#)
- [Herramientas de Dibujo](#)

Esperamos que estas herramientas le ayuden a participar en el proceso.

## Splitting Counties on DrawMyCACommunity.org



During COI input meetings several speakers mentioned not being able to split counties while drawing their COI map. The Statewide Database has created a tutorial on how to split counties. To access the video, [please click here](#).



## Upcoming Meetings

For a full list of meetings, please visit the 'meetings' page on our website: <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings>.

### **August 9, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone B--Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda August 9, 2021 Meeting](#)
- [Input Registration/Information](#)
- [English Flyer](#)
- [Spanish Flyer](#)

### **August 10, 2021 Meeting**

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda August 10, 2021 Meeting](#)

### **August 12, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone H--Los Angeles\)](#)

Spanish, Armenian, Farsi and Khmer interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda August 12, 2021 Meeting](#)
- [Input Registration/Information](#)
- [English Flyer](#)
- [Spanish Flyer](#)

### **August 13, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone K--Imperial, San Diego\)](#)

Spanish, Tagalog and Arabic interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda August 13, 2021 Meeting](#)
- [Input Registration/Information](#)

### **August 16, 2021 Meeting**

Public Input Design Committee Meeting – 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

### **August 19, 2021 Meeting**

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

### **August 20, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone G--Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

### **August 21, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone D--El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

### **August 23, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone A--Del Norte, Humboldt County, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, Trinity\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

### **August 24, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone C--Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano\)](#)

Spanish, Mandarin, Russian and Cantonese interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business



**August 25, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone F--Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

**August 27, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone E--Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Ventura\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 3:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

**August 30, 2021 Meeting**

[\(Zone I--Riverside, San Bernardino\)](#)

Spanish interpretation will be provided automatically for this meeting. Other languages must be requested by email at [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov), on the registration form or by calling our offices at (916)323-0323.

Communities of Interest Public Input Meeting – 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

**August 31, 2021 Meeting**

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

## Meet Our Commissioners

Neal Fornaciari



This month we introduce you to Neal Fornaciari, a Republican from Tracy, California. Commissioner Fornaciari worked as a researcher and manager at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore for 27 years prior to retiring in 2017. After retiring, Mr. Fornaciari spent a year as Foreperson of the 2018-2019 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury. [Learn more about Commissioner Fornaciari here.](#)

