



## 2020 CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

**Monday, April 12, 2021**

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (or upon conclusion of business)

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

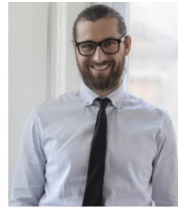
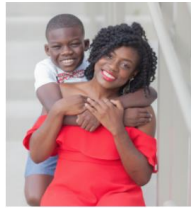
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**Chair: Commissioner KENNEDY/ Vice-Chair Commissioner  
FERNANDEZ**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;0;01:00*
2. Public Comment\*: *Please see CRC Transcript:04.12.21;1:22:00*
  - **Dylan Johnson**
  - **Alejandra Ponce De Leon**
3. General Announcements/Commissioner Updates: Items of interest to the Commission: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;9:22:00*
  - Commissioner Sinay: The League of Women's Voters in San Diego has invited Commissions Sinay and local commissioner to participate in a redistricting presentation
4. Chair Report: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;10:40:00*
  - Congratulations to staff & fellow commissioners (educational efforts)
  - Last meeting was a split meeting starting on Monday/Thursday
  - Input from public regarding 1pm meeting
  - Overview of 1pm meeting schedule
  - Ask for all colleagues and other organization to really continue to emphasize accuracy/consistency
5. Executive Director's Report, including discussion and possible action





on: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;15:21:00*

- Staffing and personnel: Formally want to welcome our Account Analyst, Anessa, Field Lead Staff position have been posted (3 applications), April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> to help conduct interviews for the two executive positions.
- Protocols for commission communications: Videography RFP: Defer to Finance and Administration committee to provide an update.

Commissioner Fernandez provide overview and current videography vendor (VSS)

*Motion: To award videographer contract to VSS (2021-04-M001):*

*Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;18:41:00*

Public Comment: *Please see CRC Transcript: 04.12.21;21:16:00*

No Public Comment

*Motion: To award videographer contract to VSS (2021-04-M001):*

*Video Timestamp: 04.12.21:24:51:00*

- Transcripts will be posted
- First all staff meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue to have meeting in the future
- Bagley-Keene training for staff (Marian & Alvaro will be creating a PowerPoint)
- Meeting with the Ms. Lisa Mclean, Executive Director of the Washington State Redistricting Commission
- Budget, contracts, and/or procurement: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21:29:54:00*
- Fiscal Director John Fitzpatrick & Executive Director Hernandez have submitted the May revised budget request to DOF
- Legislature wanted CRC to track cost related to COIV-19 & Census delays (working on submitting financials)

6. Outreach Director's Report: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;33:00:00 (Outreach Manager Ms. Kaplan)*

- Update on Outreach Activities
- Redistricting basics presentations: 107 Request, completed 49 presentations, 30 presentation are upcoming, and working to





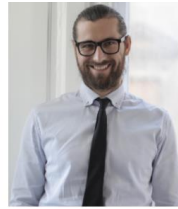
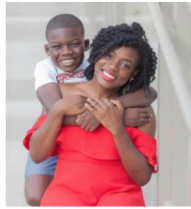
schedule the other request

- Patricia and Wanda are scheduling/coordinating presentations
- Fredy and Cecilia for promoting and updating on CRC website
- Please continue to respond to all presentation request ASAP, Patricia & Wanda are leading the request
- Working closely with the communications team to post all events, flyers, registrations links, etc.
- Flag request that are coming in for future dates: In June there is 7 requests, going into July, August and September
- Patricia has been compiling questions for commissioners: Will have an updated doc for commissioners soon
- Reminder: Redistricting Basics Presentation on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 3PM, flyer has been developed by the communications team
- Spanish presentation on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5PM (email going out on Friday, April 16, 2021)
- Working on creating social media post, Facebook event
- Commissioners, please share all events with your respected communities
- Field Team position has gone out, Patricia and Marcy have been working on onboarding, work plan, positions are in the CRC April Newsletter & social media tool kit
- Looking at how to track our outreach efforts (Field Staff supporting)
- Working w/USDR (Outreach tracking tool)
- Working closely w/Language Access Subcommittee)
- Supporting the Outreach and Engagement Committee with Statewide outreach

7. Chief Counsel's Report: Video Timestamp: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;41:41:00*

- Update on Governors announcement regarding reopening on June 15, 2021
- Commissioner Anderson: Suggested doing a hybrid engagement (in-person/virtual)
- Commissioner Kennedy: Suggested maybe our first step should



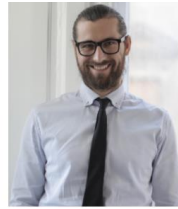
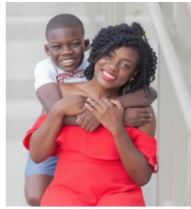


- be for the seven Northern California commissioners to gather in one spot, and seven Southern California commissioners to gather in another spot (Reduce travel cost)
- Assigned to the Design Subcommittee per Commissioner Sinay
  - Admin & Finance subcommittee will be looking at the total cost
  - Public in person meetings have been calculated in the budget
  - Commissioner Vazquez: Opportunity for CA to reshape accessibility to government. Bagley-Keene is restrictive in participation with government.
  - No updates regarding Census results

**AI: Government Affairs Subcommittee/Legal Counsel/Public Input Subcommittee: A draft letter to the office of the Governor.**

8. Communications Director's Report: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;53:28:00*
  - Received Public comment and posted on CRC website
  - Updated the letter from the recommendation for selection of CRC grantees
  - Updates on interviews with Commissioners
  - CRC training video: What we want for COI info/Language Access (Final cut will be email today)
  - Still shopping around for OP ED Media outlet
  - Sent final edits to designer for business cards
  - Highlight CRC Newsletter
  - Final number of contacts: starting point 4,000/Now: 10,100
9. Line Drawer Updates/Training: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;58:27:00*
  - Hoping that position will be filled by the next CRC commission meeting
  - The Line Drawers have been working with Data Management group & Public Input Meeting Design
  - Letter from the Legislature; Commissioner Anderson is requesting that letter be brought to the Data Management Subcommittee, Public Input Meeting Design Subcommittee, Line Drawing Subcommittee.





10. Subcommittee Updates: report of subcommittee recommendations on which action may be taken: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;1:25:18*

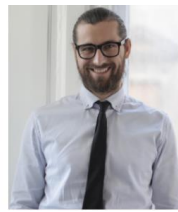
- A. Government Affairs/Census: Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo: *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;1:25:18*
- Update and discussion regarding impact of Census delay on CRC Calendar and Electoral Cycle
  - Census update: Met with Karin MacDonald/ Lori Shellenberger
  - Releasing of the Legacy data during the week of August 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Put the release of Mapping information by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> to Jan 4<sup>th</sup> (Community groups are concerned with release dates)
  - Next steps are having a secondary meeting w/all stakeholder
  - More concrete recommendations for Subcommittees
  - Requested feedback from Chief Counsel/Commissioners
- B. Finance and Administration: Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;2:34:12*
- Update on processes follows (Thank you to CRC staff)
  - Update on CRC Transcript: Make a recommendation to post transcript as is on CRC website w/disclaimer
  - Director Hernandez/Marian will work on a scrip for transcripts

**AI: Ravi will send email of correct names to Peter Petty Court Reporter**

**AI: Director Hernandez/Marian will come up with scrip and subcommittee will bring back for vote at the next meeting**

- C. GANTT Chart: Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;1:49:32*
- Update on census timeline scenarios (see handout)





Public Comment\*: *Please see CRC Transcript:04.12.21;2:25:11(General Comment)*

- **Renee W**

D. VRA Compliance: Commissioners Sadhwani and Yee: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;2:39:39*

- Working on finalizing the contracts for the VRA counsel
- Confirmed that Eric McGee (Public Policy Institute) will be presenting to commission at the Oct 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Following up on discloser items with GD

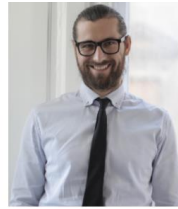
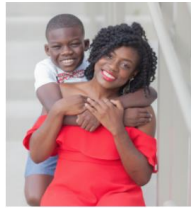
E. Outreach and Engagement: Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;2:40:54*

- Scheduled English version of the redistricting basics presentation on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 2PM
- Spanish version of the redistricting basics presentation on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM
- Presenters: 4 that speak Spanish (1 Commissioner from each group)
- Presenters: 3 English speakers
- Ask out to commission for interested in presenting (English)- Commission Akutagawa
- Interaction with California Community Colleges/Libraries
- Request from organization for zoon leads letters
- Emailed list to all commissioner's w/organizations or groups of interested contacted
- Talking points in next subcommittee meeting will be focused on curriculum and training

F. Language Access: Commissioners Akutagawa and Fernandez: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;2:55:36*

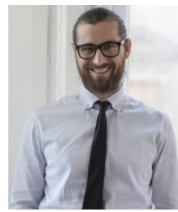
- Flyers, factsheet, and Q&A are on the website by the end of week in 12 different languages
- Redistricting Basics PowerPoint will be posted shortly
- Working w/Ms. Kaplan on the LANGUAGE Access Coordinator position
- Subcommittee has taken a look at language access letters





- Will CRC cover cost for Interpreters for non-CRC sponsored events?
  - Commission will only cover event put on by the Commission
- G. Materials Development: Commissioners Fernandez and Kennedy: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:01:03*
- Updated Redistricting presentation to include two additional slides
  - Updated the scripts that included the two additional slides
- H. Website: Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:04:35*
- Continue to elicit ideas about the website
  - Met over the brake and continued to make changes/development of the website
  - Once the finalization of the transcripts that will also be posted to the website
  - Continue to find solution for the 2010 website
  - Working on a link for visitors to be able to see the draft maps
  - Looking into setting up a tab on website for public comment/input
- I. Data Management: Commissioners Ahmad and Turner: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:08:04*
- Met w/subcommittee Line Drawing team
  - First meeting brings together both subcommittees and line drawing consul
  - Data Management job description has been referred to DGS
  - Subcommittee is still working on the design of the maps to be posted on the CRC website
- J. Grants: Commissioners Akutagawa and Le Mons: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3;13:33*
- Working with tax payer dollars/state dollars





- Working on best ways to disbursement
  - Planning on regrouping w/new information
- K. Community of Interest (COI) Tool: Commissioners Akutagawa and Kennedy: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:16:16*
- Updated was provided in the beginning of the commission meeting
  - Subcommittee will schedule Jamie to help answer questions regarding redistricting access centers
- L. Cybersecurity: Commissioners Fornaciari and Taylor: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:17:05*
- Look out for spam emails on laptops/phones
- M. Incarcerated Populations: Commissioners Fernandez and Sinay: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;3:19:24*
- Subcommittee forward a document to commissioners/posted on website
  - Adopted the recommendation in terms of those in the State facilities, incarcerated individuals

**Motion: Recommending is the commission remove the number of people incarcerated in federal custody from the institution of their incarceration. Because last known place of residence was not released to the State of California. Recommending future action, to be added to the lessons learned. The issue of federally incarcerated people in California to address further with the federal bureau of prisons to discuss the need to obtain the last known residence.**

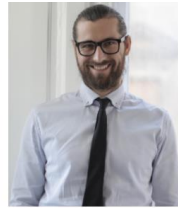
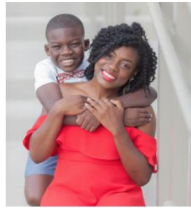
Public Comment\*: *Please see CRC Transcript:04.12.21;4:38:36(Agenda Item 10M)*

- **Renee W.**
- **Deborah Howard**

**Motion: Motion withdrawal by Commission Fernandez**

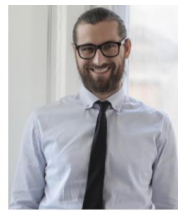






- N. Public Input Meeting Design: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;2:50:05*
- Discussion of subcommittee issues, procedures with Public Input and Line Drawing consultant
  - Request to change subcommittee name to Public Input Design
  - Last meeting focused on budget, contractual and other constraints
  - Subcommittee is working on a document as a reference guide
  - Next meeting is on Wednesday 4PM-8PM
  - Public input, submitted his input via voters first act email
  - Worked w/Director Hernandez to revise the comment that Katie reads to the public
- O. Lessons Learned: Commissioners Ahmad and Kennedy: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;4:13:46*
- Continue to send over lessons learned from subcommittees
- P. Outreach Director Recruitment: Commissioners Ahmad and Fernandez: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;04:14:15*
- Recruitment was posted on April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Ready for interview with commission
  - Recruitment for Chief Counsel is ready as well
  - 5 applications for Outreach Director position
  - Commission discussion on availability
  - Interview will be held in close session (April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>) or May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Q. Chief Counsel Recruitment: Commissioners Andersen and Toledo: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21; 04.12.21;04:27:24*
- Discussion of Chief Counsel position and possible action
  - Interview request will be held in close session (April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup>) or May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 3 Applications/Reviewing application





- R. It Recruitment: Commissioners Anderson and Fornaciari:  
Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;04:28:18
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities
  - Commissioner Anderson & Fornaciari will meet w/Director Hernandez

11. Legal Affairs Committee Update -- Commissioners Yee, Toledo and Sadhwani: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;04:25:18*

- Status of CRA and Litigating Counsel contracting
- Next meeting is April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>

12. Government Panel – Council of Governments, County Government, City Government – Individual speakers and timing to be confirmed:  
*Video Timestamp:04.12.21;04:22:32/04:12.21;04:29:21*

- Per Commissioner Kennedy no further information or action

13. Data Management: - Commissioners Ahmad and Turner: *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;04:29:26*

- Discussion of data management approach and review
- Possible actions on RFPs/agreements, if completed
- Per Commissioner Kennedy no further information or action

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Video Timestamp: 04.12.21;04:29:30*

- Per Commissioner Kennedy no need for a closed session

Pursuant to Sections 11126(c) (18), 11126(a), and 11126 (e) of the Government Code, the Commission will meet in Closed Session to consider:

- A. Data and cybersecurity issues
- B. Personnel-related issues
- C. Potential litigation

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

14. Report on actions, if any, taken in Closed Session: None





15. Discussion of future meeting dates & agenda items: *Video*

*Timestamp:04.12.21;4:29:37*

- Currently scheduled future meeting dates: April 17 (Training), April 20, April 26-27, May 4, May 13-14, May 18, May 24-25
- Committee Meeting dates: April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26
- Update regarding which commissioners are available for interview (Monday's & Tuesday's)

Public Comment\* *Please see CRC Transcript:04.12.21;4:36:53 (General Comment)*

*No comments*

*\*Note: The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment period that is not already on the agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Gov. Code §§ 11125, 1125.7(a)]*

**MEETING WILL ADJOURN:** *Video Timestamp:04.12.21;4:40:25*

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Full Commission: April 17 (Training), April 20,  
April 26-27, May 4, May 13-14, May 18, May 24-25**

**Legal Affairs Committee: April 14**

**Public Input Meeting Design: April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26**

