



Welcome FROM THE CHAIR

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Welcome to the October edition of the California Citizen Redistricting Commission newsletter. Last month, the California Supreme Court ruled on the Commission's deadlines for preliminary and final maps. We have adjusted our timeline accordingly, including setting November 10th as a target date for draft maps.

After more than a year of work in a virtual environment, many commissioners and staff had the opportunity to meet in person at the end of September, as the commission transitioned to using a hybrid meeting format, consistent with state guidelines for COVID protocols.

The Commission will dedicate the next few weeks to reviewing geographic areas for potential district ideas. Using the multitude of communities of interest testimony we received throughout the summer, we are assessing how that testimony could potentially inform district boundaries and considering the tradeoffs that will need to be made in eventual maps. We welcome your input as we visualize potential community groupings for the maps we will redraw (congressional, State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization).

To further our efforts to ensure a transparent and inclusive process, our website is now available to be translated into 104 different languages with a click of a drop-down menu.

Join us next week when we return to discuss and review regional visualizations. Submit your input using a new tool that allows commissioners and the public to see feedback in real time here: <https://airtable.com/shrQDD2ta2emnSzzO>.

CA Supreme Court Decision



On September 22, 2021, the California Supreme Court ruled on the Commission's deadline for preliminary and final maps. It directed the Commission to release the first preliminary statewide maps for congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly,

and State Board of Equalization districts for public display and comment no later than November 15, 2021 and approve and certify the final maps to the Secretary of State by no later than December 27, 2021.

[Click here to read the Court's ruling.](#)



October and November Meetings

During the months of October and early November, the Commission will be reviewing visualizations, hypothetical district-based boundaries for limited geographic areas from the line drawers in response to preliminary direction from the Commission. We encourage you to share your ideas and feedback on visualizations via our input form, which can be found here: <https://airtable.com/shrQDD2ta2emnSzzO>.

Here is the schedule for these meetings.

October 4: Los Angeles County ([Zone H](#))

October 5: Coastal California & SF Bay Area ([Zones A, C, E](#)), Inland Northern and Central California ([Zones B, D, F, G](#))

October 6: Southern California ([Zones I, J, K](#)), Inland Northern and Central California ([Zones B, D, F, G](#))

October 13: Los Angeles County ([Zone H](#))

October 14: Southern California ([Zones I, J, K](#)), Inland Northern and Central California ([Zones B, D, F, G](#))

October 15: Inland Northern and Central California ([Zones B, D, F, G](#)), Coastal California & SF Bay Area ([Zones A, C, E](#))

Updated Timeline



With the announcement of new deadlines, the Commission has updated its timeline.

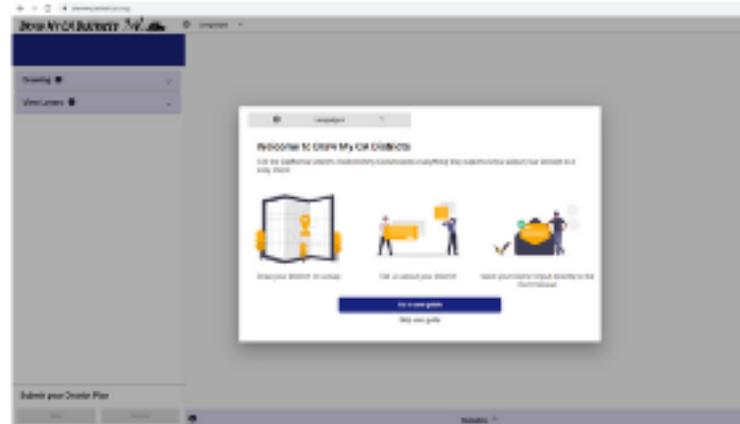
- **February - July 2021:** Education Presentations (California Redistricting Basics)
- **June - September 2021:** Public Input Meetings (Communities of Interest)
- **August 12, 2021:** Census Data Received by the State
- **September 20, 2021:** Final dataset provided to Commission and Public with People in State Custody Reallocated
- **October - November 2021:** Public Input Meetings/Line Drawing Sessions
- **No Later than November 15, 2021:** Preliminary Draft District Maps Released
 - *14 days following the release of Preliminary Draft District Maps, the Commission may not display any other maps for public comment during this period.
- **November-December 2021:** Following Release of Preliminary Draft Maps: Additional Public Input Meetings and Line Drawing Sessions
- **December 2021:** Possible additional draft District Maps Released
- **No Later than December 23, 2021:** Display of Commission Approved Final Maps
- **No Later than December 27, 2021:** Final District Maps Certified to Secretary of State



Website Language Access

In order to increase language access, the Commission has installed a drop-down menu on its website (<https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>) that allows visitors to translate all text into 104 languages. To use this feature simply visit our home page, locate the language tab on the website header, and select your language. Every page on the website will be automatically translated into the language of your choice.

Draw My CA District



The Commission and the Statewide Database released free-to-use tools to help Californians share district map input with the Commission. These are also the only redistricting applications through which users can submit their input directly to the state of California's official redistricting process. You can now draw your own districts.

Draw My CA Districts is a free-to-use online tool for creating district maps

Through Draw My CA Districts, users can create district maps throughout the state of California and submit those maps directly to the Commission. (<https://drawmycadistricts.org/>)

Draw My CA is a free-to-use plugin for the open-source GIS platform, QGIS

Through Draw My CA, users can create redistricting plans for the state of California and submit those maps directly to the Commission while having access to a full GIS platform.

The online district mapping tools (Draw My CA Districts and Draw My CA) include checks to comply with population deviation, contiguity and assignment check.

- % Deviation check - tells user if any of their districts are above or below 5% deviation from the ideal population of the distinct type they are working on
- Contiguity check - lets the user know if their districts are contiguous or not
- Assignment check - lets the user know if they have unassigned areas in their redistricting plan



Communities of Interest
Input

The Commission is still accepting Communities of Interest input. Draw My CA Community allows users to draw a map of and respond to a few simple prompts about their Communities of Interest. When finished, users can submit community input directly to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for consideration in the statewide redistricting process. (<https://drawmycacommunity.org/>)

Upcoming Meetings



For a complete list of meetings, please visit: <https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings>. Past meeting are now located on their tab on the website.

October 13, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda October 13-15, 2021](#)

October 14, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda October 13-15, 2021](#)

October 15, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

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

- [Meeting Agenda October 13-15, 2021](#)

October 20, 2021 Meeting

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Meeting Agenda October 20, 2021](#)

October 21, 2021 Meeting

(Public Input of District Maps Meeting in Sacramento)

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

- [Request for Appointment Sign up - Oct 21-23, 2021](#)
- [Meeting Agenda October 21-23, 2021](#)

October 22, 2021 Meeting

(Public Input of District Maps Meeting in Sacramento)

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

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October 23, 2021 Meeting

(Public Input of District Maps Meeting in Sacramento)

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

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October 27, 2021 Meeting

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

October 28, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting – 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. daily or upon conclusion of business

October 29, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

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

October 30, 2021 Meeting

(Line Drawing Meeting in Southern California)

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



Meet Our Commissioners

Antonio Le Mons



This month we introduce you to Antonio Le Mons, a No Party Preference member from Studio City, California. Commissioner Le Mons has more than 25 years of executive leadership experience in both the non-profit and private sector—from start-ups to mature organizations with multi-million-dollar budgets and marketing to community and economic development. He holds a Master's in community and clinical psychology from Antioch University and a BA in telecommunications with a business minor from Michigan State University. Learn more about Commissioner Le Mons [here](#).

Watch Commissioner Le Mon's video [here](#).